



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
WORKGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 16, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Zoom**

**Members in Attendance:**

Benton, Holly, Probation Department  
Bertrand, Ethan, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative  
Burns, Shana, Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Garcia, Adolfo, Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM)  
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services  
Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)  
Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's Office  
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office  
Wageneck, Frann, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Wales, Alison, Rape Crisis

**Members Absent/Unrepresented:**

Katsapis, Charlie, Santa Barbara Police Department

**Guests Present:**

Flores, Pete, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District  
Fuentes, Michael, One Community Action  
Segura, Ray, One Community Action  
Spicuglia, Rebekah, parent

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 p.m.

**1. Roll Call of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCC Workgroup)**

**Members**

Present

Holly Benton  
Ethan, Bertrand  
Shana Burns  
Adolfo Garcia  
Amy Krueger  
Sol Linver  
Mag Nicola  
Lea Villegas  
Frann Wageneck  
Alison Wales

Absent

Charlie Katspis

## **2. Public Comment**

- None

## **3. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by Frann Wageneck and seconded by Sol Linver to approve the minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCCWG) meeting.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCCWG members present. Ayes: 9  
(Ethan Bertrand, Sol Linver, Holly Benton, Shana Burns, Lea Villegas, Amy Krueger, Alison Wales, Frann Wageneck, Adolfo Garcia)  
Nays: 0  
Abstention: 1 (Mag Nicola)

## **4. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda**

- Ethan Bertrand stated that Supervisor Hart's office has been contacted regarding youth being out of school and an increase in violence in the community. DCPO Benton stated that the Probation Department has scaled back the majority of non-essential field contacts. However, officers continue to make community contact as needed with those youth with gang terms, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) youth, and those with a history of family violence in their home. The Probation Department is in communication with Law Enforcement regarding youth on Probation. We are working with the families in the communities as feasible. The work is ongoing and it is a challenging and evolving time. Officers are coming to work and are working their caseload.

## **5. Positive Outreach Redirection Violence Interdiction/Intervention Drugs Alcohol (POR VIDA) Presentation – Pete Flores & Michael Fuentes**

- A PowerPoint presentation was provided to the group on the POR VIDA program.
- Karyn Milligan stated that one of the lessons learned in the adult realm was to be specific in our language, as programs may be evidence-based in cultural competency but not in reducing recidivism.
- Lea Villagas asked how youth are being engaged during COVID. Michael Fuentes stated they have kept the same schedule and check in with the youth and are conducting Zoom meetings with parents.
- Frann Wageneck asked what the biggest challenges were during implementation. Pete Flores stated the biggest challenge can be to convince people to give the program a try, to do something different, and funding.
- The group thanked Pete Flores and Michael Fuentes for the presentation and Ray Segura and Rebekah Spicuglia for sharing their insight.
- Rebekah Spicuglia asked all to watch the POR VIDA video which is available on the website.

## **6. Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Holly Benton**

- The CMJJP was provided to the group for review.
- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Alison Wales to approve the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 CMJJP for presentation at the May JJCC meeting.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCCWG members present. Ayes: 9  
(Sol Linver, Mag Nicola, Holly Benton, Shana Burns, Lea Villegas, Amy Krueger, Alison Wales, Frann Wageneck, Adolfo Garcia)  
Nays: 0  
Abstention: 0

**7. JJCC Workgroup FY 2020-21 Meeting Calendar – Holly Benton**

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Amy Krueger to approve the meeting calendar for the time period of July 2020 through June 2021.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCCWG members present. Ayes: 9  
(Sol Linver, Mag Nicola, Holly Benton, Shana Burns, Lea Villegas, Amy Krueger, Alison Wales, Frann Wageneck, Adolfo Garcia)  
Nays: 0  
Abstention: 0

**8. Chair Comments – Holly Benton**

- Holly Benton expressed appreciation for everyone's efforts and participation in the workgroup. Probation continues to work and we are available if you need us during these challenging times.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Professional Melanie Davis