



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
WORKGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 16, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Santa Barbara Probation Department  
2121 Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria**

*Participation was held by Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)  
at the following location:*

**Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara**

**Members in Attendance:**

Ballard, S.E., Public Defender's Office  
Benton, Holly, Probation Department  
Bertrand, Ethan, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative  
DeAlba, John, Probation Department  
Garcia, Adolfo, Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM)  
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services  
Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)  
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department  
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office  
Wales, Alison, Rape Crisis

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 p.m. The group provided self-introductions.

**1. Public Comment**

- None

**2. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by S.E. Ballard to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCC Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved with Sol Linver abstaining.

**3. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda**

- Ethan Bertrand recommended the Council members read *Human Targets: Schools, Police and the Criminalization of Latino Youth* written by a University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Professor Victor Rios.

**4. Work Plan for the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Brian Swanson**

- A presentation outlining the CMJJP and a work plan schedule for the 2020-21 CMJJP was distributed and discussed.

- Alison Wales stated there has been a change in the number of youth participating in HART Court and she is not sure why. Holly Benton agreed it is important to look into the reasons in order to have a broader discussion about those services.
- S.E. Ballard stated there has been a lack of competency services. Holly Benton stated Judge Garcia has formed a competency workgroup to develop the county protocol required by recent legislation, and has reached out to county partners and departments for the representatives to sit on that group. S.E. Ballard indicated the Public Defender's Office want to be involved in the discussions. Holly Benton stated it is important to have Behavioral Wellness at the table for these discussions also.
- An inventory of current juvenile programs is available on the Probation Department website. Karyn Milligan compares the programs to the clearing house to see whether the program is evidence-based, and what its outcomes are, and that research is included on the inventory.
- Ethan Bertrand requested a goal to include those involved in the justice system to ensure their basic needs are met.
- Lea Villegas asked if there a way to bridge services for those youth that turn 18 and then have adult probation. Holly Benton shared that the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) has prepared Elevate Justice legislation, which includes changing the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include 18-19 year old. This legislation hasn't been enacted yet, but will address many of these issues if passed.
- At the February JJCC Workgroup meeting, there will be a review of services and programs funded through Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG).
- The final CMJJP will be presented at the March JJCC Workgroup meeting and then reviewed at April JJCC meeting for final approval.

**5. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Project Coordination – Holly Benton**

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group; the chart has been updated with the December JJCC Workgroup discussion. The workgroup is being tasked with determining which strategies are feasible/viable, timeline necessary to be accomplished, and agency lead.
- All of the strategies can't be tackled at once and the Workgroup needs to determine the timeline and who will lead.
- The chart will be shared with the JJCC at their February meeting. As a reminder, the document is a work in progress and will continue to be updated.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Office Professional Melanie Davis