



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
WORKGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 21, 2021  
11:00 a.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)  
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office  
Wageneck, Frann, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Wales, Alison, Rape Crisis Center

**Members Absent/Unrepresented:**

Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's Office

**Guests Present:**

Grossi, Dana, Probation Department  
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department  
Sibley, Christina, Probation Department  
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.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  
Lea Villegas  
Frann Wageneck  
Alison Wales (11:03)

Absent

Mag Nicola

**2. Public Comment**

- None

### **3. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by Ethan Bertrand and seconded by Frann Wageneck to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCCWG) meeting.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCCWG members present.
    - Ayes: 8  
(Holly Benton, Ethan Bertrand, Shana Burns, Adolfo Garcia, Amy Krueger, Sol Linver, Lea Villegas, Frann Wageneck)
    - Nays: 0
    - Abstention: 0

### **4. Development of the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Brian Swanson**

- A presentation was provided that included goals, objectives and juvenile justice strategies for the FY 2021 -22 CMJJP.
- Sol Linver asked about the success of the South County Youth Project and is there anything comparable in the north county? Holly Benton stated that the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) is doing the analysis but it is too early, as the measure is based on successful program completion. There is not a comparable program specific to the north county, but north county youth have been referred to the YES program as it serves youth countywide. Ethan Bertrand stated it would be good to have a community engagement workshop in the evening to get their voice heard prior to the CMJJP being presented to the JJCC. Frann Wageneck stated lots of work is being done, there seems to be a disconnect with the information being provided to the community.
- Lea Villegas stated she can see the changes happening in the juvenile justice system over the last several years, as there are less youth in the system. She agreed it would be good to share the information with the community.
- Lea Villegas asked about the planning for the closure of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Holly Benton advised that statutorily, a subcommittee of the JJCC is responsible for the development of the DJJ plan. Work has been done to develop the draft plan pending the modification of the JJCC By-Laws to create the JJCC Subcommittee.
- Amy Krueger asked if the goal was to get information out to the public about the CMJJP or about violence in the community which is larger than just Probation. Holly Benton agreed it is two different types of information, and additionally the transformational work done by Probation is a third component, which is part of the CMJJP, but the plan is broader than Probation's work
- Amy Krueger stated that Child Welfare is working with the State on the Family First Prevention Act which is very prevention focused and built on evidence based programs and practices. It is difficult and expensive for programs to build up to fidelity. Going forward it will be important to work together to identify gaps, as there are many overlaps in the population.
- Holly Benton stated there are multiple ways to approach community engagement and she will discuss with Chief Heitman to determine how best to proceed.

### **5. Chair Comments – Holly Benton**

- Presentations are being scheduled for upcoming JJCC meetings on the juvenile data mining, Reimagining Juvenile Justice, the DJJ plan, Los Prietos Boys Camp redesign, as well as data presentation from the partners.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Professional Melanie Davis