



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
WORKGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 18, 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)  
Wales, Alison, Rape Crisis Center

**Members Absent/Unrepresented:**

Katsapis, Charlie, Santa Barbara Police Department  
Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's Office  
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office  
Wageneck, Frann, Santa Barbara Unified School District

**Guests Present:**

Grossi, Dana, Probation Department  
Klotther, Marjorie, Probation Department  
Meza, Ben, Probation Department  
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department  
Small, Shawn, Probation Department  
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 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  
Alison Wales

Absent

Charlie Katsapis  
Mag Nicola  
Lea Villegas  
Frann Wageneck

**2. Public Comment**

- None

### **3. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by Alison Wales and seconded by Ethan Bertrand to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCCWG) meeting.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCCWG members present.
    - Ayes: 7  
(Holly Benton, Ethan Bertrand, Shana Burns, Adolfo Garcia, Amy Krueger, Sol Linver, Alison Wales)
    - Nays: 0
    - Abstention: 0

### **4. Shared Safety – Holly Benton**

- A Shared Safety presentation was provided.
- Ethan Bertrand stated this builds off of the Reimagining Juvenile Justice process and complements what we are already doing, reminds us to focus on the survivors in the beginning, and bringing the community into the conversation.

### **5. Development of the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Brian Swanson, Shana Burns, Dana Grossi, Karyn Milligan**

- A presentation was provided on the FY 2021 22 CMJJP including funded programs and services.
- Ethan Bertrand asked what happens with individuals referred to but not enrolled in the Youth Empowerment Service (YES) program. Brian Swanson advised the key part of the YES program is to divert youth as early as possible from the juvenile justice system. Once the referral is submitted to the provider Probation is no longer involved. However, there are some challenges with the information that is gathered by law enforcement; sometimes contact information and addresses are not current or accurate, which results in youth not enrolling because the Department can't reach them. The YES team has discussed how to improve the accuracy of information and is working with law enforcement agencies on the issue.
- Holly Benton stated that the CMJJP will be sent out to the voting members for feedback about a week before the next workgroup meeting. At the March 18<sup>th</sup> JJCCWG meeting the members will vote to move the CMJJP to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> JJCC meeting for approval.

### **6. Juvenile Justice Realignment – Holly Benton**

- A presentation was provided on the Juvenile Justice Realignment draft plan.
- The group discussed and provided feedback on the direction of the plan. Feedback included ensuring programming for male sexual assault victims and to ensure robust programming available to change behavior and reduce recidivism while focusing on how to best serve youth and their family.
- Amy Krueger stated that it is important to consider the larger systemic issues that these youth/families face and to advocate where feasible for improvements across all systems. Holly Benton stated that many system involved youth have complex trauma, which can be difficult to overcome. Collaboration and wrapping youth in services is an important part of addressing this.

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

- A reminder that the JJCC is looking for applications for a community member with a preference for formerly juvenile justice involved youth. Workgroup members were encouraged to help to get the word out.

**8. Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) Redesign Update** – Holly Benton

- A presentation was provided regarding the LPBC redesign.
- The group discussed the program name change and the options that are being considered.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Professional Melanie Davis