



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
WORKGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 17, 2021
11:30 a.m.
Zoom**

Members in Attendance:

Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Representative
Burns, Shana, Department of Behavioral Wellness (BW)
Garcia, Adolfo, Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM)
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services
Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's (DA) Office
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Wales, Alison, Rape Crisis Center

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office
Wageneck, Frann, Santa Barbara Unified School District

Guests Present:

Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Blevins, Janet, Lompoc Unified School District School Board Member
LaChaine, Emily, Probation Department
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Sibley, Christina, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. and attendees provided self-introduction.

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

Present

Ethan, Bertrand
Shana Burns
Adolfo Garcia
Amy Krueger
Mag Nicola (11:17 am)
Shawn Small
Alison Wales

Absent

Sol Linver
Lea Villegas
Frann Wageneck

2. Public Comment

- None

3. **Approval of Minutes** – All

- A motion was made by Ethan Bertrand and seconded by Amy Krueger to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCCWG) meeting.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCCWG members present.
Ayes: 6
(Ethan Bertrand, Shawn Small, Shana Burns, Amy Krueger, Alison Wales, Adolfo Garcia)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

4. **Juvenile Justice Realignment** – DCPO Shawn Small

- Senate Bill (SB) 823 prohibits the commitment of youth to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), with some exceptions, as of July 1, 2021. The first year Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan (JJRP) was submitted to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 18th. The Second year JJRP will need to include more details and is due to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) by January 1, 2022.
- Deputy Chief Kimberly Shean is lead on developing the second year JJRP and will begin the process at the August JJCC Workgroup meeting.
- Efforts to develop the JJRP will be a collaborative effort involving stakeholders and will further detail secured commitments to the Secured Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) and possible lesser secure step down program descriptions.
 - Currently, the main services sections to be detailed in the JJRP are generally categorized as vocation/education, cognitive behavioral therapies, and mental wellness. The plan will include a variety of programs, such as Seeking Safety, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Gang Intervention, Drug/Alcohol Abuse Treatment, prosocial activities, recreation, organized sports and activities, positive exposure and awareness events.
- Probation has existing internal working groups that are researching and reviewing a variety of topics, and will coordinate with created external stakeholder groups.
- The final draft of the JJRP will need to be approved by the JJCC Subcommittee and BOS in December, which leaves August - October for the substantive work to be done by the JJCC Subcommittee and identified working groups.
- Public engagement is a critical piece, specifically engaging the public in a meaningful way where individuals have a greater opportunity to participate, i.e. meetings in the evenings, weekends, etc. In addition to normal meetings posting and notices practices, we will be working on messaging the meeting and request for public participation in different venues and medias as possible.
- Ensuring that we include youth voice is another critical piece.
- Ethan Bertrand shared he appreciated including the community engagement and youth voice and is looking forward to participating.
- Alison Wales appreciated the opportunity to garner youth voice and have it included in our plan.

5. **Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHSD) Truancy** – DCPO Shawn Small

- At the May JJCC Workgroup meeting there was a presentation from the SMJUHSD regarding truancy concerns.
- Regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 901, the intent of the legislation, which is Probation's position, is that truancy not be criminalizing and to identify alternative approaches. Research shows that criminal justice involvement deepens the youth involvement in the system, which is counterproductive to youth and the Community.
- Research also suggested involving CBOs is a recommended strategy to address the causal issues of truancy

- The Probation Department has met with the DA's Office and mutually agree that Probation's role involving truancy is not what it was historically. It is not clear what Probation's role will be going forward that will align with the latest evidence based practices and positive youth development approaches. Probation will continue discussions with the DA in the hopes of identifying a role that both find beneficial to the overall program and goals.
- Probation has not had the opportunity to engage with the SMJUHS administration, but the Chief is eager to meet with them to better understand any ideas they have and to identify common goals.
- Mag Nicola stated that the message was not to get truant youth involved in the justice system, but that Probation Officers were influential and could assist with positively impacting the youth.
- Ethan Bertrand stated he agrees with the legislation to not draw youth further into the system. If there are other issues going on with the youths lives in the realm of the Probation's role, Probation Officers could work in conjunction with the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) process but not specific to truancy. DCPO Small agreed that under the right circumstances Probation may be able to assist with areas that are not truancy related but affecting the youth.
- Amy Krueger stated that Social Services is good with participating in meetings but if there are ways to improve the current process they support that.

6. Public Comment

- None

7. Chair Comments – Shawn Small

- At the next JJCC Workgroup meeting community engagement and youth voice will be added to the agenda.
- If other JJCC Workgroup members have items they would like to discuss and added to the agenda, please share them with Shawn Small or Melanie Davis.
- The meeting format, video conference versus in-person, may change as we transition out of COVID. The Department is monitoring the guidelines and we will keep the group informed if Brown Act meeting requirements return to requiring in-person meetings.
- The JJCC will be implementing an orientation packet and scheduling an orientation. DCPO Small will conduct orientation meeting with new members to assist them in transitioning into the Council and understanding the role and legal requirements.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Professional Melanie Davis