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December 21, 2015

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STATUS MEMO REGARDING INTERAGENCY WORKGROUP ON JUVENILE PROBATION OUTCOMES STUDY (ITEM NO. 2, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2015)

Pursuant to a September 15, 2015 motion by Supervisors Kuehl and Solis, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Probation Department (Probation) to: (1) review the *Juvenile Probation Outcomes Study* and establish an interagency workgroup comprised of various entities in order to build on the report's findings; (2) create a mechanism to implement the report recommendations and ensure continued systems improvement and monitoring of youth outcomes; and (3) direct the CEO to report back to the Board in 90 days.

BACKGROUND

The goal of this Workgroup is to support Probation in its ongoing development and implementation of best practices in juvenile justice. Specifically, this group is expected to focus its efforts on:

- Maximizing service integration;
- Strengthening coordination between County Departments and community-based service providers;
- Ensuring a data-driven, transparent and accountable juvenile justice system; and
- Improving information sharing within Probation and across County Departments.

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As directed by the Board motion, Dr. Denise C. Herz, Ph.D. of California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) has been engaged to lead the Workgroup efforts. Since the passage of the motion in September, Dr. Herz has worked closely with Probation to identify members for the Workgroup and launch the first Workgroup meeting. This report provides an update on the Workgroup's progress to date.

WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP

Representatives from all entities listed in the motion were invited to participate in the Workgroup and to date, each entity has indicated their intent to participate (see Attachment A for a list of members). We are in the process of identifying youth and parents and should have them confirmed in time for the next meeting. In addition to the representatives listed in the Board motion, several additional key stakeholders were invited to participate (note: three additional community-based organizations are still pending). We currently have a total of 61 participants, which is large but manageable and important to provide the expertise and perspective necessary to ensure maximum investment in the final task plans produced by the Workgroup.

MEETINGS AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

The first Workgroup meeting was held on November 18, 2015 at City Terrace Park. This meeting was attended by 36 members and successfully launched the mandated work in the motion. Dr. Herz presented background information, an overview of the Workgroup and a proposed process for accomplishing the tasks listed in the motion. The following plan was agreed to:

1. Full Workgroup meetings will be held every other month on the third Thursday of each month—the next meeting will be held on January 21, 2016.
2. In between Workgroup meetings, Ad Hoc Committees will be formed to spearhead work on a particular task.
3. Documents produced by the Ad Hoc Committees will be reviewed, discussed and finalized by the Workgroup.
4. All information from meetings will be posted on Drop Box for members and Justice Deputies for easy access.

NEXT STEPS

The next step (Task 1) is to produce a working draft of a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Strategy. Dr. Herz and her colleague, Kristine Chan, will synthesize as many current documents related to a comprehensive strategy as possible in advance of the

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January meeting. Workgroup members will be asked to review, discuss, and edit this document. This working draft in turn will form the foundation from which to address the remaining tasks.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, you or your staff may contact Sheila Williams, Public Safety Cluster, at (213) 974-1155.

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Attachment

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County Counsel
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Workgroup Members

Researchers	
Denise Herz	CSULA, School of Criminal Justice & Criminalistics
Kristine Chan	CSULA, School of Criminal Justice & Criminalistics
Carly Dierkhising	CSULA, School of Criminal Justice & Criminalistics
Jorja Leap	UCLA, Department of Social Welfare
Emily Putnam-Hornstein	Children's Data Network
Probation Representatives	
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Felicia Cotton	Probation Department
Dave Mitchell	Probation Department
Sharon Harada	Probation Department
Benny Chacko	Probation Department
Sandy Woods	Probation Department
Angela Walker	Probation Department
Scott Sanders	Probation Department
<i>Pending***</i>	Line Staff/Union Representative
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Marybeth Walker	Probation Department--CCTP
Felicia Davis	Probation Department--RBS
Jennifer Owen	Probation Department--RTSB
Carol Mayes	Probation Department--IGSP
Margarita Leyva	Probation Department--Regular Supervision (NEJJC)
Guadalupe Mendiola	Probation Department--School Based (SGV)
Walter Galdamez	Probation Department--PCTS
Thida Van	Probation Department--ISB
Laurence Lau	Probation Department--ISB
Phuong Lam	Probation Department--ISB
Court and County Department Representatives	
Kerry White	District Attorney
Jennifer Mayer	Public Defender
Gregory McCambridge	Public Defender
Maureen Pacheco	Alternate Public Defender
Marlene Gerson	Panel Attorney
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Gail Blessi	Department of Mental Health
Karen Streich	Department of Mental Health

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Erika Torres	Los Angeles Unified School District
George Paccereili	Department of Public Social Services
LaShonda Diggs (<i>Alternate</i>)	Department of Public Social Services
Josie Marquez	Community and Senior Services
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Sil Orlando	Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services
Danny Oaxaca	San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps
<i>Pending</i> ***	Community –Based Organization
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Jacquelyn McCroskey	Commission on Children and Families
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Denise M. Grande	Los Angeles County Arts Commission
<i>Youth and Family Representatives</i>	
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<i>Pending</i> ***	Youth
<i>Pending</i> ***	Parent/Family Member
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