

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)  
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**Meeting:** Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Quarterly Meeting

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Monday, March 18, 2019, 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**Location of Meeting:** Grace E. Simmons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Members Present = 24:**

1. Marcus Castain, At-Large Community
2. Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit Community-Based Organization, District 4
3. Hon. Peter Espinoza, Office of Youth Diversion and Development (DHS/DOR)
4. Jason Hasty, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
5. Dr. Denise Miranda, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
6. Christi Frey, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (DA)
7. Dana Garcetti, Board of Supervisors (BOS), Representing Supervisor Janice Hahn
8. Lt. Adrian Gonzalez, City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
9. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization, District 3
10. Emilio Mendoza, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
11. Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community
12. Sheila Mitchell, Probation Department
13. Jackie Mizell-Burt, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
14. Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization, District 1
15. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Court (JC)
16. Winston Peters, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (PD)
17. Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community
18. Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community
19. Mercy Santoro, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation
20. Patricia Soung, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization, District 2
21. Anne Tremblay, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office
22. Lt. Ryan A. Vienna, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)
23. Dr. Elizabeth Norris-Walczak, Department of Health Services (DHS)
24. Felipe De La Torre, Alternate Public Defender (APD)

**Minutes Prepared By:** Sharon Hawkins

- I. **Welcome and Introduction** – Chief Deputy Mitchell welcomed everyone and indicated they had a full Agenda and a significant meeting regarding the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) Taskforce lead by co-chairs Patricia Soung, Non-Profit, CBO, District 2, and Kim Bowman, FUSE Fellow, to redesign the plan. Chief Deputy Mitchell asked for a show of hands by the members of the CMJJP Taskforce. She thanked them for their work on the plan

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and add that it is challenging to create a forward-leading document that includes doing right-sizing base funding. It also includes growth funds which are for one-time programs. She spoke with Patricia at the Probation Reform Implementation Team (PRIT) meeting, and Patricia said it's not perfect, but it's the collective mind from the Taskforce members that is forward thinking about today and where we will be in years to come. She was thankful for Patricia and Kim who wrote the plan, as well as coordinating council members and all of the participants who continue to show interest and do work our youth in the community.

- II. Approval of Minutes** – Approval of JJCC Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2018.

**Motion Passed**

- III. Old Business**

Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) Task Force Update

Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, District 2, thanked Chief Deputy Mitchell for her opening comments. It was safe to say for the entire Taskforce that the task they were undertaking was an ambitious scope of work in a truncated timeline. The document was far from perfect with a lot of homework to be done to follow up on what they set forth. During the November 16, 2018 JJCC meeting, they adopted a set of guiding principles which became the framework for the new spending plan. They situated the plan is a positive youth development framework.

- IV. New Business**

- a. Presentation of Revised CMJJP and Recommended Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Budget for 2019-2020.

Kim Bowman, FUSE Fellow provided the presentation of the Revised CMJJP Plan. This county adopted a plan in 2001 and it remained essentially unaltered since that time. He provided an overview of the CMJJP and provided a definition of both Growth funds and one-time funding. He indicated the structure provided at the November 16, 2018 JJCC meeting approved the mission and guiding principles serve as a bedrock of the plan. Upon which they build the framework which is made of a Youth Development Continuum, Community Based Operations (CBO) capacity building and evaluation and infrastructure for the actual JJCPA. In addition, there is a service strategy and the actual annual budget. This document includes new process on a yearly basis to consider both the CMJJP as well as the annual budget it supports. Evaluation of programs and projects

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annually that are being funded by JJCPA and by asking the same sets of data no matter what program it is. They would all get a fair shake by a non-partisan evaluator. Kim Bowman, FUSE Fellow covered the percentages of spending. He covered the budget and the primary prevention number and growth funds, and base funds is 38% instead of 40%. The Taskforce came together as a group with varied interests and backgrounds and it was hard earned. The primary prevention number growth funds as proposed is 38% which is almost to the 40%. The numbers are not quite where you want them and it's going to take years to phase in the changes and the Taskforce realized it. He provided two choices. Option 1 was to amend or adopt the document before them. Or option 2, they could say they cannot reach a decision on this document. They cannot accept the changes and would have to have the JJCC hold another meeting likely on April 1, 2019 if unsuccessful that day.

Patricia Soung, Non-Profit, CBO, District 2, stated she wanted to cover three programs they wanted to flag for later review. The truancy program run by the District Attorney's office (Abolish Chronic Truancy (ART)) raised questions for the Taskforce. The concerns included the training and the background of the staff working with young people because young people in general, best practices indicate youth should avoid system contact. The Mental Health Court raised questions because it is costly and that they do not know enough. School-Based Probation raised questions because the sheer allocation already exceeds their target. In addition, the trends changed, and caseload levels dropped. They wanted to commit to reviewing the three programs on an accelerated time frame.

Chief Deputy Mitchell, stated if you viewed the slide that covers projected JJCPA spending by the continuum category and look at the preceding chart which cover the model allocation, in the desired state, what is conceived is that Primary Prevention would be 40% of the allocation and today it's 38%. In terms of Focus Prevention and Early Intervention it is perceived that should be 25% instead it is 11%. If you look at Intervention 39% that should be lowered to 25%. Capacity Building is 1.3% and should be 5%. Evaluation is 9.7% and should be 5%. The model allocation is directionally terms of where we want to be in future years of JJCPA spending allocation. When the model allocation was adopted by the taskforce, it made sense because we want to invest our funding upfront. That's what we have done in the last few years. Regarding ACT, Mental Health and School-Based Probation, we would look at the model shows 11 million and should be at 7 million and how we would look at right-sizing that number. When we talk about ACT, it's not the District Attorney's office, it's working with parents, not children and is highly effective. And we want to know more about Mental Health court. Each one of these program areas require more in-depth program

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analysis. Our commitment is we would look at some mid-year adjustments, if need be. As Patricia's describing the plan as intended and plan in front of JJCC today, the dollars are not the same as the model allocation.

**b. Motion to approve updated language for the Guiding Principles adopted on November 16, 2018.**

Kim Bowman, FUSE Fellow, provided the original language and the proposed language on a power point slide and read the two versions for all to hear.

Voter Comments were taken with questions from multiple JJCC members regarding the budget as well as the presentation.

Public Comments were received by multiple audience members regarding the budget as well as the presentation.

**On Motion to approve updated language for the Guiding Principles adopted on November 16, 2018. Motion made by Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, District 2, and seconded by Dana Garcetti, BOS representative was made**

**Motion passed**

**c. Presentations for Proposed for growth funds**

**i. Los Angeles County Public Library**

Presenters included Debbie Anderson Assistant Director of Education and Engagement and Chief Deputy Yolanda De Ramus along with other staff who provided a presentation of Los Angeles County Library Programs and provided a handout entitled LA County Library JJCPA Funding proposal for all.

**ii. Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation**

Presenter Mercy Santoro, Regency Director, provided a presentation of Arts and Innovation Labs and provided a handout.

**iii. Juvenile Assessment Intervention System (JAIS)**

Jennifer Kaufman, Senior Director Probation, stepped in for La Carla Williams, Bureau Chief, Probation. She provided information regarding an update of JAIS.

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iv. Public Private Partnership for Youth Development

Jai Phillips provided a presentation of an overview on contacts in four different areas.

Voter Comments multiple voter comments regarding presentations and budget

Public Comments multiple public comments regarding presentations and budget

**d. Motion to Adopt CMJJP and JJCPA Budget 2019-2020**

**On amended Motion to Adopt 2019 CMJJP through item C on page 33, with the exception of section D, on page 33 and 34 and Appendix C with the intent of final submission on May 1, 2019, by Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Community, seconded by Johnie Drawn, Non-Profit CBO, District 4**

**(i.e. approving the CMJJP through page 33, and Appendix A and B, but not subsection D on pages 33 and 34, or Appendix C)**

**Motion approved**

**Ayes: 22** Chief Deputy Sheila Mitchell, Probation, Dana Garcetti, BOS, Felipe De La Torre, APD, Emilio Mendoza, DCFS, Alternate, DMH, Elizabeth Norris-Walczak, DPH, Jackie Mizel-Burt, DPSS, Christi Frey, DA, Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Court, Jason Hasty, LACO Parks and Recreation, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Lt. Adrian Gonzalez, LAPD, Winston Peters, PD, Anne Tremblay, City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO, District 1, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, District 2, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, District 3, Johnie Drawn, Non-Profit CBO, District 4, Robert Davis, Non-Profit CBO, District 5, Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Community, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community

**V. Other Comments/Public Comment**

One public comment about the budget

**VI. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 P.M.**