

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
Thursday, May 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Location of Meeting: Virtual Meeting - WebEx

Members Present = 26

1. Johnnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO), Supervisorial District 4
2. R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO), Supervisorial District 5
3. Jewel Forbes, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
4. Gloria Janet Gonzalez, At-Large Community Representative
5. Regina Goree, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
6. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO), Supervisorial District 3
7. Yanira Lima, Department of Public Health (DPH)
8. Jeanette Lomeli, At-Large Community
9. Lt. Roberto Medrano, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD)
10. Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative
11. Dr. Denise Miranda, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
12. Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider
13. Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department (JJCC Chair)
14. Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO), Supervisorial District 1
15. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Court (JC)
16. Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community Representative
17. Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative
18. Luis J. Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (PD)
19. Cesar Sanchez, Alternate Public Defender (APD)
20. Mercy Santoro, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (LACO Parks and Recreation)
21. Chavon Smith, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
22. Hilda Solis, (Alternate Esther Lim), Board of Supervisors (BOS), Representing Supervisor
23. Patricia Soung, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO), Supervisorial District 2
24. Karen Streich, Department of Mental Health (DMH)
25. Refugio Valle, Office of Diversion and Reentry, Office of Youth Diversion and Development (ODR/OYDD)
26. Reginald Zachery, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office **Audio Time Stamp: 7:24-11:57**

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Not Present: Lt. Hayley Smith, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Alisa Blair, District Attorney's Office (DA)

Minutes Prepared By: Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

(JJCPA Administration Note: Prior to the Roll Call, JJCPA Administration included the information regarding the process to make a public comment. The audience was directed to the Notice and Agenda that included the process to provide public comments during the live virtual meeting. Additionally, recurring issues were covered to provide clarity to assist those wishing to make a public comment.)

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call of JJCC Voting Members** *Audio Time Stamp: 6:07–11:57*

II. **Welcome and Introductions**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, welcomed everyone and introduced himself as the new JJCC Chair and mentioned that he looked forward to working with everyone. He indicated they had a robust agenda that included discussion of the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Annual Plan (FY 2021-22) that was prepared by the JJCC's JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. He stated the JJRBG Annual Plan (FY 2021-22) would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, a February Board Motion required a 20-Day Report due on March 6, 2021 followed by a 120-Day Report that was in process of completion to be submitted with the JJRBG Annual Plan (FY 2021-22). *Audio Time Stamp: 11:57-14:56*

III. **Approval of JJCC January 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Attachment: Handout: JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes 1-14-21 (5-27-21 Meeting)

Motion to approve made by R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 5, 2nd by Jewel Forbes, LACOE *Audio Time Stamp: 15:11-15:31*

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, Cesar Sanchez, APD, Karen Streich, DMH, Yanira Lima, DPH, Tricia Penrose, JC, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Jewel Forbes, LACOE, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Refugio Valle, ODR/OYDD, Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, Reginald Zachery, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office, Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 1, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 2, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO,

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Supervisory District 3, R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisory District 5, Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative, Gloria Janet Gonzalez, At-Large Community Representative, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative

No: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed *Audio Time Stamp: 16:04-20:34*

IV. Unfinished Business

There being no unfinished business to address, Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, announced the next agenda item.

V. New Business

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced agenda item V. He indicated a brief Power Point presentation was prepared to provide an overview of the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee's work. *Audio Time Stamp: 20:36-21:14*

a. JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Presentation of the JJRBG Annual Plan for FY 2021- 2022

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, stated Senate Bill (SB) 823 was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2020. The legislation included a timeline that prohibits youth commitments to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) after July 1, 2021. SB 823 also established a mechanism to transfer financial resources from the State to the Counties to administer services and programming. SB 823 requires that each County's JJCC create a subcommittee to develop the JJRBG Annual Plan. On January 14, 2021, the JJCC Resolution to create the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee was Adopted. A PowerPoint slide shown during the meeting included the roster of the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Members. He stated the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee work was based upon SB 823. He provided an overview of the Annual Plan process and the current needs of the DJJ youth. The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) provided an approved Plan Template to address specific areas including facility locations and programming. Information was provided regarding the number of JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee meetings held, the number of presentations requested by the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and a timeline including eminent future dates. *Audio Time Stamp: 21:38-30:42, 33:52-34:01,*

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36:38-36:45, 37:39-37:45, 38:05-39:13,39:56-40:11, 40:19-40:33, 41:57-44:42, 46:43-46:45,50:07-50:28

JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Member Discussion: Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 3, Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 2, R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 5, Tricia Penrose, JC **Audio Time Stamp: 31:00-32:17, 32:33-33:50, 34:02-36:37, 36:51-37:38,37:47-38:04**

JJCC Member Discussion: Gloria Janet Gonzalez, At-Large Community Representative, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 2, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 2 **Audio Time Stamp: 39:14-39:52, 40:35-41:55, 45:08-46:42, 47:57-48:49, 48:50-50:06**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, allotted two minutes per person for public comments. **Audio Time Stamp: 51:19-51:27**

Public Comment: Leah Gaisser-Ordaz, Milinda Kakani, Dayatrice Darrington, Ezekiel Nishiyama, Janet Gibson, Cookie Lommel, Sabra Williams, Alexia Cina, Jessie Solano, Ms. L. Vasquez, Nicole Brown, Ronaldo Villeda, Robert Lam, Ruth Tyson, Kruti Parekh, Christy Adair **Audio Time Stamp: 56:45-58:36, 59:06-1:00:43, 1:01:07-1:01:51, 1:02:19-1:04:32, 1:05:02-1:07:01, 1:08:18-1:09:20, 1:10:02-1:11:46, 1:13:38-1:14:29, 1:16:14, 1:16:41-1:17:49, 1:19:24-1:20:46, 1:21:03-1:23:04, 1:23:36-1:24:38, 1:25:02-1:26:20, 1:27:2-1:28:34, 1:30:20-1:32:18, 1:32:39-1:34:02**

(JJCPA Administration Note: An announcement was made regarding a person who submitted a request to make a public comment however, the request did not include the agenda item. JJCC Administration sent a follow up email to obtain the agenda item information and a response had not been received. The person's name was announced asking them to respond to the email to provide the unknown agenda item. Due to the unknown agenda item, the suggestion was made that the person be allowed to speak under Agenda Item Other Matters/Public Comment.) **Audio Time Stamp: 1:34:05-1:35:25**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, indicated as long as the person would be given the opportunity to speak during the meeting, they would move on. He stated that if anyone had been missed, or for those wishing to speak, an additional opportunity to address the JJCC would be available during Agenda Item VI, Other Matters/Public Comment. He stated that he, and the JJCC members, value public input. Although not legally required, consideration of receiving additional public input was a reason that

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the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee decided to present the JJRBG Annual Plan to the JJCC. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:35:30-1:36:02**

b. Fiscal Update for FY 2020-2021

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced agenda item V b. He announced Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, Probation Department, to provide the JJCPA Fiscal Update. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:36:03-1:36:11, 1:42:50-1:43:05, 1:48:27-1:48:34, 1:53:05-1:53:08, 1:55:21-1:55:27**

Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, Probation Department, provided a spreadsheet that was shared on screen for viewing. The data included JJCPA fiscal information through March 2021. He indicated that the impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic may have resulted in a direct impact on the volume and ability of providing services to clients. The spreadsheet included Base, Growth (One-Time) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) Contracts. Base funds: Annually the Base budget is \$27,500,000. Expenditures of \$12,213,363, resulted in 44% of funds spent. Base Carry-Over funding: \$3,732,184. Expenditures of \$1,777,140, resulted in 48% of Carry-Over funds spent. Base funding combined with Carry-Over funds total: \$31,232,184. Expenditures of \$13,990,503, resulted in 45% of funds spent. One-Time: \$76,984,297. Expenditures of \$26,385,630, resulted in 34% of funds spent. BOS Contracts: \$5,000,000. Expenditures of \$4,219,037, resulted in 84% of funds spent*. Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, Probation Department, urged service providers to submit their billings in a timely manner as it ultimately provides timely payment. He indicated the members had not yet received the fiscal update spreadsheet, but it would be provided. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:36:46-1:42:49, 1:43:06-1:43:10, 1:43:54-1:44:14, 1:44:25-1:44:55, 1:45:06-1:48:24, 1:50:44-1:53:03, 1:53:51-1:53:56, 1:54:29-1:54:39, 1:55:07-1:55:14**

(*JJCPA Administration Note: It should be noted that the BOS Contracts began in 2016 and the expenditures listed are not an annual amount, but a cumulative amount based upon expenditures from 2016-2021.)

JJCC Member Discussion: Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 3, Reginald Zachery, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office, Reginald Zachery, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 2, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 3, Gloria Janet Gonzalez, At-Large Community Representative **Audio Time Stamp: 1:43:11-1:43:53, 1:44:15-1:44:24, 1:44:56-1:45:05, 1:48:35-1:50:42, 1:53:08-1:53:50, 1:53:57-1:54:28, 1:54:45-1:55:04**

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Public Comment: None

c. Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced agenda item V c. He stated that a Resolution was Adopted during the JJCC meeting of August 26, 2020 to create a Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. The Resolution indicated the composition include seven (7) JJCC members to be Co-Chaired by Probation and Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial District 3. A Random Number Generator was utilized to choose from the self-nominations received. Ad-Hoc Subcommittee members were subsequently notified. A PowerPoint slide was shown on screen, that provided the Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee membership. He stated that the process to choose a contractor as a Consultant must be completed through the County Contracting process. The final stages of the process were occurring as of the JJCC meeting on May 27, 2021. The Bidders' Conference was held in April 2021 and the Initial Evaluation was held in June 2021. It appeared they would hold a debriefing and would begin the process of vendor notifications sometime in July 2021 with a projected start of negotiations in August 2021. It was further projected the contracted Consultant would be in place in September 2021, barring any unforeseen circumstances. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:55:44-1:58:12**

JJCC Member Discussion: Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District 3, **Audio Time Stamp: 1:58:15-1:58:23**

Public Comment: Nicole Brown **Audio Time Stamp: 1:59:05-2:01:01**

VI. Other Matters/Public Comment

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced agenda item VI. **Audio Time Stamp: 2:01:12-2:03:22**

Public Comment: Marty Woll, Akuyoe Graham, Sophia Cristo **Audio Time Stamp: 2:01:53-2:03:10, 2:03:32-2:05:33, 2:06:38-2:07:50**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, thanked the JJCC and the JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee members. He thanked everyone for their engagement and discussion. He announced the next meeting would be the JJCC-Community Advisory Committee (JJCC-CAC) on June 24, 2021. **Audio Time Stamp: 2:08:05-2:08:42**

Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 P.M.