

**Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG)  
Subcommittee  
Monday, February 5, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting:** Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Subcommittee

**Date/Time:** Monday, February 5, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Location of Meeting:** LACOE Education Center  
9300 Imperial Highway, Room 281, Downey, CA 90242

Hybrid Meeting: Live In-Person and via Virtual Platform: WebEX

**Members Present = 8:**

1. Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department (JJCC-JJRBG Chair)
2. Dr. Karen Streich, Department of Mental Health (DMH)
3. Wason Fu, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
4. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Superior Court
5. Luis Rodriguez, Public Defender's Office (PD)
6. Tapau Osborne, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
7. Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 1
8. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3 Audio Time Stamp:0:04:20-0:05:38

**Members Absent:** 1. Shelan Joseph, District Attorney's Office (DA); 2. Patricia Soung, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 2; 3. Alexis Hernandez, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 4; 4. Dr. Nicole Vienna, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 5

**Meeting Minutes by:** Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call of JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Members**

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** Prior to the start of the meeting, an announcement was made on behalf of LACOE regarding safety procedures. Due to the weather, it was announced that should an alarm sound, it would be to evacuate the building. Instructions were provided as to the exit points and information on evacuation.)

**(JJCPA Administration Note:** The JJCC-JJRBG Draft Meeting Minutes retained the Agenda Items in chronological order. One Agenda Item (IV. c.) was taken out of order. JJCPA Administration Notes have been added to provide assistance.)

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**II. Welcome**

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** Prior to the Roll Call, JJCPA Administration provided 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 and assist those wishing to make a public comment. She indicated that at the time of the announcement, on location, they had one (1) public member in the audience.) Audio Time Stamp: 00:00-0:04:219

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, welcomed everyone both in person and those who joined virtually. She announced that as of 9:00 am, the Governor's Order regarding a flash flood warning was no longer in effect. She thanked everyone for joining in person and virtually. She expressed gratitude to LACOE's Superintendent Dr. Deborah Durado and LACOE's JJCC Representative Tapau Osborne for hosting the JJCC-JJRBG meeting. She stated they hybrid meeting format included the ability to be present in person and virtually so the public may have the opportunity to be present virtually. Audio Time Stamp: 0:06:01-0:06:59

**III. Approval JJCC-JJRBG Draft Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023**

Handout: JJCC-JJRBG Draft Meeting Minutes 10-25-23 (on Agenda JJCC-JJRBG Meeting 2-5-24) D

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, indicated the JJCC-JJRBG Draft Minutes of October 25, 2023, had been sent on the morning of February 5, 2024, and all in attendance at the in-person meeting site had been provided with hard copies. She paused to allow a few moments to provide JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members an opportunity to review the five (5) page document prior to asking for a Motion to approve. Audio Time Stamp: 0:07:00-0:07:11, 0:08:33-0:09:30

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** A pause occurred to provide a time for JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members review the Draft Minutes. The pause occurred between Audio Time Stamp: 0:07:11-0:08:29)

**Motion to approve JJRBG Minutes of 10/25/23 made by Tricia Penrose, JC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luis Rodriguez, PD** Audio Time Stamp:0:08:33-0:08:59

**JJCC Member Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Ayes:** Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Wason Fu, DPSS, Dr. Karen

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**No:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Passed:** *Audio Time Stamp: 0:09:33-0:10:15*

**IV. New Business**

**a. Resolution to Appoint the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Juvenile Justice  
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(JJCC-JJRBG) Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

**Handout:** JJCC-JJRBG Resolution to Appoint FY 2024-25 JJCC-JJRBG Annual Plan Ad-Hoc  
Subcommittee (JJCC-JJRBG Meeting 2-5-24)

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, introduced the item. She stated that during the work with the JJCC-JJRBG Budget and Spending Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, one member indicated a need to possibly consider utilizing some processes utilized for JJCPA funding proposal review. This would provide a mechanism to receive information from agencies regarding funding. Therefore, a Resolution was developed to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to continue the processes and provide the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee members the opportunity to work on revising the Annual Plan. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee would include Non-Permanent (Community Representatives) as well as Permanent members (Governmental Departments). She indicated that the timing was crucial to provide the space and time to work on the Plan revisions to complete Plan revisions to submit the revised Plan to the Board of Supervisors, and t to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR). She stated they were aware that some JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members were somewhat disappointed with the previous Plan revisions. Therefore, the resolution would assist in forming the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

The adopted Resolution will provide an avenue to receive JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee self-nominations in an expedient fashion and to schedule meetings with the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to complete the Plan revision process. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee would convene during the month of February with a truncated timeline to complete the Plan revisions. With that, she asked for a JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee member to make a motion.

*Audio Time Stamp: 0:12:23-0:12:27*

**Public Comment:** None

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- i. Motion to adopt Fiscal Years 2024-2025 JJCC-JJRBG Annual Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

**Motion to approve the Resolution made by** Tricia Penrose, JC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luis Rodriguez, PD *Audio Time Stamp:0:12:33-0:13:08*

**JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Ayes:** Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Wason Fu, DPSS, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3

**No:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Passed:** *Audio Time Stamp: 0:13:08-0:14:15*

**b. Assembly Bill (AB) 505 Information by County Counsel**

Handout: AB 505 Background and Key Changes Webinar 01.19.2024

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief Probation Department, stated that unfortunately, County Counsel was unable to be present to provide the presentation. County Counsel indicated that he would answer any questions posed by JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members. Should they have questions, they were informed they should send an email to Sharon Hawkins, and she would forward the information to County Counsel and once his response is received, the information would be forwarded to the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee member.

The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) provided a training that included the handout provided. As she spoke, the PowerPoint was shown on screen. She provided a general overview of the recent changes based on the Assembly Bill and the impacts to the work of the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee. She stated the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee has typically convened minimally four (4) times per year, and sometimes more, depending upon the needs and updates.

Handout, PowerPoint slide 17 referenced Welfare and Institutions Code 1995 (b), (c), and (e.). Prior to the passage of AB 505, the JJRBG Plan was to be updated every three (3) years. Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan must be updated annually. Slide 17 included the changes to planning process. They include the following: 1. The Plan must be updated annually; 2. The Subcommittee shall convene no less frequently than twice per year to consider the Plan; 3. Subcommittee may decide to have a co-chair, in addition to the

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Probation Chief, using a selection process determined by the Subcommittee; 4. Plan must be approved by a majority of the Subcommittee. After providing information on the changes, she moved on to provide the process to complete the Plan revisions, to allow sufficient time to provide the updated Plan to the Board of Supervisors and to submit the Plan revision to OYCR by the May 1, 2024, deadline.

The discussion included posing the question to the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee as to whether the Subcommittee wished to add a co-chair. Based upon input from JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members, she provided a process to allow self-nomination and nominations for Co-Chair and those who are nominated would be placed on the next JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting agenda.

In response to a question, she indicated AB 505 included the ability to add a co-chair and clarified that Probation is the chair, and this legislation (AB 505) included the ability to add a co-chair. Additionally, she responded to a question about additional members of the Subcommittee. She indicated SB 823 indicated that the JJRBG Subcommittee shall have no fewer than three (3) community members. The Los Angeles County JJCC-JJRBG has over the minimum of three (3) and has a total of five (5) community members. Based upon input from Subcommittee members, she informed JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members if they would like to nominate a JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee member or if JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members wish to self-nominate to be considered as co-chair, to email Sharon Hawkins by Friday, February 9, 2024, 4:00 pm and the item would be agendaized at the next JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting. Audio Time Stamp: 0:14:17-0:18:45, 0:19:27-0:19:43, 0:20:54-0:23:21, 0:23:47-0:24:40, 0:24:55-0:25:22, 0:24:55-0:25:22, 0:25:33-0:25:26, 0:25:35-0:35:41, 0:25:46-0:25:58

**JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion:** Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1 Audio Time Stamp: 0:18:53-0:19:26, 0:19:44-0:20:20.45, 0:20:35-0:20:53, 0:23:33-0:23:46 0:24:54-0:24:55,0:25:29-0:25:35, 0:25:29-0:25:35, 0:25:58-0:26:00

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** At the end of Agenda Item IV. b., Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved on to Agenda item IV. d. and at the conclusion of IV. d., she moved back to Agenda Item IV. c.)

**c. County of Los Angeles Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant  
Annual Plan Update by Probation Department**

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- i. Brief Update on Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) Programming, Probation Department

At the conclusion of Agenda Item IV., d., Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, returned to cover this agenda item. She provided a brief update regarding Secure Youth Treatment Facility programming. She stated that during the previous JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting, the update was provided by Bureau Chief Scot Sanders, and some of you may know that he recently retired. The new Bureau Chief was announced as Valerie Van Kirk, who assumed the position the same week. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting. Sharon Harada provided one update on programming regarding the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Unit, located at Barry J Nidorf. The unit was implemented and began programming on December 8, 2023. Services were also in process at the two other facilities (Campus Kilpatrick and Dorothy Kirby Center). Audio Time Stamp: 0:41:00-0:42:51, 0:43:07-0:43:37

**JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion:** Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1 Audio Time Stamp: 0:42:59-0:43:0-0:44:07

**Public Comment:** None

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** At the conclusion of Agenda item IV. c., Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved to Other Matters/Public Comment)

**d. County of Los Angeles JJCC-JJRBG Spending Plan Update, by JJCC Chair, by Probation Department**

- i. Presentation of JJCC-JJRBG Draft Budget, Regarding Pending Matters [Handout]

**Handout:** SYTF Funding Plan Final (07-14-23) D 2-5-24 PDF Print

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, introduced the time and indicated they continued to work on the budget that was approved on July 14, 2023. There were two and a half (2 ½) line items remaining for further consideration. The Spending Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee met and discussed the pending items. The handout was shown on screen. She directed everyone to the last column on the right (JJCC-JJRBG Spending Plan Ad-Hoc Recommendations, Pending JJCC-JJRBG Approval 2/5/24). She walked through the pending items, which would be followed by a motion and a vote.

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Line item 2a: Category: Behavioral/Mental; Service: Substance Use Disorder. She provided a description of the service and indicated that the recommendation was for an additional amount of funding for services in a unit at SYTF/Barry J. Nidorf. If adopted, it would be to dedicate a Unit for young people to receive treatment the additional funding was \$1,217,000.000 for FY 23-24 and FY 24-25. The Spending Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee approved the recommendation.

Line item 5: Category: Education; Service: Adult School. She indicated that during the previous JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting, a discussion was held that included a Rising Scholars presentation.. She stated that it was clarified that this would be a credentialed teacher position to ensure young people receive college credit. The original approval was for one quarter (1/4) of FY 23-24 and FY 24-25. The request was for an additional \$271,950.50 for FY 23-24 and a total of \$1,087,814.00 FY 23-24 and \$1,087,814.00 FY 24-25. The JJCC-JJRBG Spending Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee recommended approval.

Line item 7: Category: Education; Service: Library. She indicated the Library's proposal included questions that required obtaining additional information. Additional information would need to be obtained from Internal Services Department (ISD) regarding the physical plant changes to a building located within Barry J. Nidorf. The plan included creating a space that resembles a library in the community, that also will include services typically included in visiting a community library. The pending portion of the budget would include finalizing the location within Barry J. Nidorf and obtaining an estimate from ISD that includes the physical plant changes to the facility, and related items. The pending information would include a budget recommendation for the cost, and then that portion would be agendaized for the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee to consider. Those additional costs are not included in the amount listed of \$1,500,000.00 for FY 23-24 and \$1,000,000.00 for FY 24-25. The other costs would remain pending. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee recommended approval of library staff and supplies needed to start the library, absent the cost of the infrastructure, as they await the information on the final costs (estimates). At that point, she asked for a someone to make a motion regarding the three (3) pending items.  
Audio Time Stamp: 0:26:55-0:31:53, 0:34:33-0:34:53, 0:35:59-0:36:17, 0:36:58-0:37:09, 0:37:12-0:37:23, 0:37:39-0:37:39

**ii. Motion to adopt the JJCC-JJRBG Draft Budget- Pending Matters**

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**Motion to approve pending items 2a, 5, and 7 made by Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wason Fu, DPSS Audio Time Stamp:0:32:31-0:32:41**

**JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion:** Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Audio Time Stamp:0:33:10-0:34:33, 0:34:54-0:34:58, 0:36:43-0:36:57, 0:37:35-0:37:28

**JJCPA Administrative Note:** Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, offered Josh Green assistance by calling him into the meeting to utilize the sound from the telephone call in conjunction with remaining in WebEx meeting to watch the screen. This would potentially improve the sound quality for him.

Additionally, she asked if any JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members had a conflict of interest on any times and seeing no hands, they moved on.)

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion to approve the three (3) pending items 2a, 5 and 7 made by Luis Rodriguez, PD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tricia Penrose, JC Audio Time Stamp: 0:39:35-0:40:01**

**Public Comment:** None

**Ayes:** Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Wason Fu, DPSS, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH

**No:** Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1

**Abstention:** Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3

**Motion Passed:** Audio Time Stamp: 0:0:40:08-0:40:55

(JJCPA Administrative Note: At the end of Agenda Item IV. d, Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved back to Agenda item IV. c.)

**V. Other Matters/Public Comment**

**Public Comment:** Kent Mendoza Audio Time Stamp: 0:43:13-0:48:08

**VI. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 11:54 A.M.**