

Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Subcommittee Thursday, March 27, 2025, Draft Meeting Minutes

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

Date/Time: Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location of Meeting: LACOE Education Center - Room EC-281
9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242
Hybrid Meeting: Live In-Person and via Virtual Platform: WebEX

Members Present = 9:

1. Jocelyn Roman, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department (JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair)
2. Luis Rodriguez, Public Defender's Office (PD) (JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair)
3. Dr. Karen Streich, Department of Mental Health (DMH)
4. Frank Santoro, District Attorney's Office (DA) (Virtual Attendance)
5. Michael Gatiglio, Juvenile Superior Court
6. Samuel Lewis, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 1
7. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3
8. Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 4
9. Lisa Wilson, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 5 *Audio Time Stamp:0:029:0:01:40*

Members Absent: Wason Fu, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Tapau Osborne, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), Alisa Blair, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 2

Meeting Minutes by: Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

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

(JJCPA Administrative Note: At the conclusion of 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.) *Audio Time Stamp: 0:1:40-0:03:08*

II. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, welcomed everyone, including a new member to the JJRBG, Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 4. She indicated they had two (2) people joining in person and provided context for those joining virtually. She indicated the JJRBG members were set in two long rows of tables facing each other. She moved onto the next agenda item. *Audio Time Stamp:0:03:08-0:03:39*

a. Motion to Adopt JJCC-JJRBG Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025

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Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, indicated due to the short length of time to be able to review the minutes from the meeting held approximately one (1) week prior, she would ask for a motion to table the minutes. Audio Time Stamp:0:03:14-0:03:49

i. Motion to adopt JJCC-JJRBG Draft Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025

Motion to table the minutes made by Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, 2nd by Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1 Audio Time Stamp: 0:03:39-0:3:49

Yes: Jocelyn Roman, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Michael Gatiglio, JC, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Lisa Wilson, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 5, Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 4

No: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 0:03:49-0:4:34

III. Old Business

a. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update

i. FY 2025-26 Funding Recommendations by JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Handout: FY 25-26 JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Funding Recommendations (for JJRBG Meeting 3-27-25)D

1. Motion to lift agenda item from the table

Motion to lift agenda item from the table made by Luis Rodriguez, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, 2nd by Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1 Audio Time Stamp: 0:05:04-0:05:12

Yes: Jocelyn Roman, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Michael Gatiglio, JC, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Lisa Wilson, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 5, Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 4

No: None

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Abstentions: None

Motion Passed *Audio Time Stamp:0:05:25-0:05:41*

Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, provided an administrative summary to assist members. During the March 17, 2025, meeting, she provided an administrative summary, since the minutes from the previous meeting were unavailable for their review, she provided a short administrative summary.

The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (AHS) was created by a resolution adopted by the subcommittee with a two-part mission to update the plan and create funding recommendations. AHS composition was shown on screen and included: Co-Chairs, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, and Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1. The AHS met ten (10) times between June 2024 and March 27, 2025. Multiple meetings included discussions on what information should be included to streamline the process of requesting information needed when reviewing funding recommendations. Requests were sent to multiple agencies to obtain additional information regarding their budgets and information about the programming. An additional form was created for an agency to request the ability to utilize unspent funds in the following fiscal year. This was to ensure an agency that does not request future funding; this would provide them the ability to request the use of the funding in the next fiscal year. The AHS met several times to discuss unspent funds. As we stand now, the totals are very high and this AHS is aware, and they were attempting to work through a spending plan.

This AHS has worked hard to provide information for you, and their work is not yet finished, as you will see regarding the funding recommendations. The AHS did the deep dives and ask tough questions to try to find answers to provide the best information for this body to be able to vote. She thanked the AHS for their dedication and commitment. She thanked Luis Rodriguez for his incredible support and doing everything he can to hold with providing services to youth and families. *Audio Time Stamp:0:05:50-0:09:55, 0:10:24-0:11:15, 0:11:18-0:11:20*

JJRBG Member Discussion: Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, *Audio Time Stamp:0:10:18-0:10:28, 0:11:18-0:11:19*

(JJCPA Administrative Note: Based upon the discussion, Josh Green reminded Sharon Hawkins that would need to inquire regarding any items that may pose a conflict of interest, prior to making a motion to adopt funding recommendations. As a result of the discussion, Josh Green, Sam Lewis, and Lisa Wilson indicated they would recuse from voting on items listed as number 24, in the handout (DYD's Credible Messenger). Ronaldo Villeda indicated he would be recusing from number 22, in the handout (Life Skills.)) *Audio Time Stamp:0:10:00-0:12:40*

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2. Motion to adopt FY 2025-26 Funding Recommendations

Motion to adopt all items that are green, excepting yellow items to be tabled, excepting numbers 22 and 24 made by Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, 2nd by Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1 Audio Time Stamp:0:13:29-0:13:49

Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, indicated he wanted to provide context regarding their work and delays. He stated there was a big concern, based upon the state auditor's report that there was close to \$100 million in JJRBG money that was just sitting there, and unfortunately, for numerous reasons, it's been sitting there. He stated that was in part due to the pandemic. Then there were administrative hurdles placed by the county and other agencies regarding not signing MOUs and or agreements.

He stated the AHC began to address by attempting to determine how to move through the process quickly to make sure the funds are distributed and to make sure they are administrated properly. There was a concern regarding how that money is being spent or not spent. The purpose of the funding is solely for our kids in SYTF. One concern was that AHS wanted to ensure administrative costs were limited. It had to be given top priority, and it must be spent. There were also discussions about spending money to upgrade facilities or improve facilities. Additionally, as we did with JJCC [for the JJCPA grant], the AHS discussion consensus was that there will be a mid-year review for the monies that are allocated. The review would provide the AHS and the public to have a full understanding as to how that money is being spent. Because our focus is the children. There should be some money spent on administrative costs, but they should not be substantial. Another concern emerged during review of the funding request submissions. This occurred right before the Chief Probation Officer, Viera Rosa, was to present this Global Plan before the Board of Supervisors. AHS's concern was what was going to come out of that plan. We know now that the intent is to move our boys, out of Campus Kilpatrick; to move all the girls and gender expansive youth out of Dorothy Kirby Center into Campus Kilpatrick and move the boys back to Barry J. Nidorf. There was a lot of disagreement in that, because some of us feel that's not the way that JJRBG was envisioned after Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) closed.

The AHS held healthy discussions regarding the recommendations presented. He reiterated, although this presents the potentially adopted allocations, there will be checks and balances, by having a mid-year review. As a reminder, the AHS adopted the inclusion

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of a six month start up period. Normally the allocation period is for 12 months, but we all know the county is not as efficient as we would like for it to be in making sure those monies are able to be spent once agreements are in place (MOU's and agreements). Therefore, we decided to create a ramp-up time of six months for a total to create 18 months for funding allocations, to provide the extra time to ensure they would be able to overcome those bureaucratic obstacles. At that point, he asked the AHS members to share their input. *Audio Time Stamp: 0:13:54-0:18:01*

JJRBG AHS Subcommittee Member Discussion: Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District, 1 *Audio Time Stamp: 0:0:18:01-0:23:22, 0:23:29-0:26:41*

JJRBG Subcommittee Member Discussion: Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 4 *Audio Time Stamp: 0:26:53-0:28:35*

Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, closed the discussion and would open it up for public comment. The AHS was in support of the funding recommendations, with the big caveat, that they were in support of less restrictive environments and then step downs. He stated they went into the recommendations with a strong message. Additionally, that the AHS members were not consulted or asked to opine with regards to what a global plan could look like. He ended by stating he hoped the Board of Supervisors would place a pause on the global Plan to make sure that the community voices and other county partners are included in the whole redevelopment or reimagining of a global plan. *Audio Time Stamp:0:28:38-0:30:31*

Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, displayed the handout on screen. She began by providing descriptions of the columns across the the top of the spreadsheet that includes Fiscal Year's (FY), allocation, actual expenditures and balances. At the far right were two (2) columns that listed funding request and carryover request. On the far-left side, there were yellow highlighted rows and green highlighted rows. She directed them to the small legend at the bottom of the document. The AHS was recommending approval of funding in green. And to flag the items in yellow. The vote would be vote only for the green items. The AHS wanted to ensure work on the yellow highlighted items to obtain answers to questions to make informed decisions at a late date regarding unspent funds.

She provided the totals of the FY's and total unspent funds as follows: FY 2021-22 - \$8,031,596.00, expenditures zero, and unspent funds \$8,301,596.0.; FY 22-23 - \$30,248,564.00,

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expenditures \$3,524,318.00 and unspent funds \$26,724,246.00; FY 2023-24-\$49,463,150.00, expenditures 12,031,81.00 and unspent funds \$37,431,337.00; FY 24-25: \$52,539,420.00. Total Allocations: \$195,552,730, estimated expenditures at that time-\$20,761,188.00. For all FYs, the totals included all allocations:\$195,552,730.00; Expenditures: \$36,317,319; Unspent funds: \$104,235,411.00. FY 25-26 estimated to receive: \$55,000.00. The AHS recommended the amounts shown on the spreadsheet to allocate \$35,543,558.00 and requests received from agencies to allow the ability to utilize unspent funds of prior years: \$22,455,320.00. Reiterated that the total of unspent funds as of that date was \$104,235,411.00. [Audio Time Stamp: 0:31:21-0:40:15](#)

Public Comments: Nina (unknown last name), De Anna Pittman, Kaylee Matthews, Demara Plair, Lupita Carballo, Sir James Bailey, Sterlina Cerritos, Sie Romero, [Audio Time Stamp:0:42:48-0:43:41, 0:44:02-0:46:13, 0:47:29-0:48:33, 0:48:56-0:49:37, 0:49:57-0:52:16, 0:54:15-0:57:11,0:57:33-0:58:50, 0:59:38-1:02:45](#)

Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, indicated after public comment, they were ready for the vote. The Motion was regarding numbers 1,3,5 to 8, 10, 16, 39 to 41, excepting number 24 and 22. [Audio Time Stamp:1:03:03-1:03:46](#)

Yes: Jocelyn Roman, (Alternate, Sharon Hawkins,) Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Michael Gatiglio, JC, Sam Lewis Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green, Non - Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Lisa Wilson, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 5, Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 4

No: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed [Audio Time Stamp: 1:04:13-1:04:53](#)

Motion to regarding item 24 made by Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 4 send by Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair [Audio Time Stamp:1:05:29-1:05:43](#)

Recusals: Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Lisa Wilson, Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 5

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(JJCPA Administrative Note: The record reflected that those who recused themselves left the room for the JJRBG Discussion and ultimate vote. They all returned after the vote concluded.)

Audio Time Stamp:1:04:52-1:07:32

JJRBG Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: Heard as shown above

Yes: Jocelyn Roman, (Alternate, Sharon Hawkins,) Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Michael Gatiglio, JC, Ronaldo Villeda, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 4

No: None

Recused: Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Lisa Wilson, Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 5

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed **Audio Time Stamp: 1:05:40 -1:06:41**

IV. Other Matters/Public Comment

Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, in closing, that the AHS who worked on the funding requests and funding recommendations would sunset. The new AHS would deal with a new review. He thanked Sharon Hawkins for her assistance. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:09:18-1:09:33**

Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, clarified that the original AHS would need to complete the remaining funding recommendations (yellow highlighted items in spreadsheet) prior to sunset. She thanked everyone for joining the meeting. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:09:33-1:09:46**

V. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 2:24 PM