

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)  
Thursday, August 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

**FINAL (ADOPTED DURING 12-3-21 JJCC MEETING)**

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

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Thursday, August 26, 2021, 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Location of Meeting:** Virtual Meeting – WebEx

**Members Present = 23:**

1. Alisa Blair, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (DA)
2. Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 4
3. R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative District, 5
4. Regina Goree, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
5. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3
6. Yanira Lima, Department of Public Health (DPH)
7. Jeanette Lomeli, At-Large Community Representative
8. Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative
9. Dr. Denise Miranda, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
10. Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider
11. Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department (JJCC Chair)
12. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Court (JC)
13. Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community Representative
14. Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative
15. Luis J. Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (PD)
16. Cesar Sanchez, Alternate Public Defender (APD)
17. Mercy Santoro, (Alternate Mika Yamamoto), Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (LACO Parks and Recreation)
18. Chavon Smith, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
19. Hilda Solis, (Alternate Esther Lim), Board of Supervisors (BOS)
20. Patricia Soung, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 2
21. Karen Streich, Department of Mental Health (DMH)
22. Refugio Valle, Office of Diversion and Reentry, Office of Youth Diversion and Development (ODR/OYDD)
23. Reginald Zachery, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office **Audio Time stamp: 18:08-21:52**

**Not Present:** Jewel Forbes, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Lt. Haley Smith, Los Angeles Police Department, Lt. Robert Medrano, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial District Representative District 1, Gloria Janet Gonzalez, At-Large Community Representative

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**Minutes Prepared By:** Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call of JJCC Voting Members**

**(JJCPA Administration Note:** Prior to the Roll Call, JJCPA Administration included 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.) **Audio Time stamp: 16:14-21:52**

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, welcomed everyone, thanked JJCC members and the public for their attendance. The agenda included a presentation by the JJRBG Subcommittee, a Resolution to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, a fiscal update, and an update from the JJCC Evaluator (RAND Corporation). **Audio Time stamp: 22:15-25:40**

**III. Approval of JJCC May 27, 2021, Draft Meeting Minutes**

Attachment: Handout: JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes (5-27-21) D - JJCC Meeting (8-26-21)

**Motion to approve made by Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 2** **Audio Time Stamp: 25:55-26:10**

**JJCC Member Discussion:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Ayes:** Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, Cesar Sanchez, APD, Regina Goree, DCFS, Karen Streich, DMH, Yanira Lima, DPH, Alisa Blair, DA, Tricia Penrose, JC, Mercy Santoro (Alternate Mika Yamamoto), LACO Parks and Recreation, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Refugio Valle, ODR/OYDD, Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 2, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 4, R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial, District 5, Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community Representative, Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative, Jeanette Lomeli, At-Large Community Representative

**No:** None

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**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Passed** Audio Time Stamp: 26:38-29:48

**IV. Unfinished Business**

There being no unfinished business to address, Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, announced the next agenda item. Audio Time Stamp: 29:50-30:00

**V. New Business**

**a. JJRBG Subcommittee Presentation of the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Annual Plan for FY 2022-23**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, stated Senate Bill (SB) 823 included the creation of the JJRBG Subcommittee as a Subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). During the January 14, 2021 JJCC meeting, a resolution was adopted to form the JJRBG Subcommittee and to develop the JJRBG Annual Plan. SB 823 indicated a County plan must be developed for youth who were formerly housed through the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The plan elements include identifying the housing facilities, programming, and demographic and contextual information around what their needs might be, and the composition of the youth to be served. The JJRBG Subcommittee held several meetings, toured numerous probation facilities and multiple meetings included an abundance of presentations. The JJRBG Annual Plan for FY 2021-22 recommendations were presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2021. The Board of Supervisors responded to recommendations with a motion that required multiple tasks. The July 27, 2021 Board of Supervisors' Motion included 3 specific items to be addressed by the JJRBG Subcommittee (alternate staffing model, programming and a continuum of placement options including recommendations around diversion) with a report back to the Board of Supervisors, due on approximately September 10, 2021. The Board of Supervisors directed the JJRBG Subcommittee to work with the Youth Justice Advisory Group. Additionally, the Probation Department was tasked to work with other county entities including Public Works, Internal Services Department, the Chief Executive Office, and others, to collaborate and review the licensed Probation facilities and rank each in terms of suitability to serve as the permanent housing location. A report was due to the Board of Supervisors in 60 days (based upon the July 27, 2021 Board of Supervisors motion). As of July 21, 2021, in a desire to allow greater transparency and public interaction, the JJRBG Subcommittee decided to

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hold the public meetings (Brown Act). Between July 21, 2021 and the current meeting, 3 public meetings occurred (July 21, 2021, August 3, 2021, and August 21, 2021). Chief Deputy Nichols projected the goal of attempting to hold future JJRBG Subcommittee meetings on a weekly basis.

He indicated there were several JJRBG Subcommittee members in attendance during the JJCC meeting and thanked them for their work. He invited the JJRBG Subcommittee members to speak and provide any updates or correct him on any errors. He paused and when no one spoke, he then opened it up for JJCC member discussion with comments, questions or concerns and indicated it was their opportunity to speak. When no one spoke, he called for public comments. *Audio Time Stamp: 30:01-41:08*

**JJCC-JJRBG Members Discussion:** None

**JJCC Member Discussion:** None

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, allotted two minutes for public comments. *Audio Time Stamp: 41:13-41:17*

**Public Comments:** Ruth Tyson, Nicole Brown, James Shoengarth, George Rio, Kevin Bodden *Audio Time Stamp: 41:55-44:00, 44:39-46:41, 47:12-49:12, 49:47-51:34, 53:05-55:12*

**b. Resolution to Appoint Fiscal Year 2021-22 Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Spending Allocation Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee) [1-page handout]**

Attachment: Handout: JJCC - Resolution to Appoint FY 2022-2023 CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (Draft)D - JJCC Meeting (8-26-21)

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced Agenda Item V b and clarified that the Resolution was for the FY 2022-23 CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. He stated that during the past few years, the JJCC had formed an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to review new funding proposals and make changes and recommendations to the CMJJP. The proposed resolution included the parameters to create the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to develop the CMJJP for FY 2022-23. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee composition would be as follows: JJCC Chair, up to six permanent members of the JJCC and up to six non-permanent members of the JJCC. The candidates had the opportunity to self-nominate, with a deadline of September 2, 2021. He indicated self-nominees must be available to attend the meetings and participate in the work. He stated that the Ad-Hoc

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subcommittee will present the CMJJP to the JJCC on December 3, 2021, for FY 2022-23. **Audio Time Stamp: 55:30-58:37, 1:00:52-1:01:48**

**JJCC Member Discussion:** Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 2 **Audio Time Stamp: 58:38-1:00:01, 1:00:15-1:00:51, 1:02:03-1:03:38**

**Public Comments:** Nicole Brown **Audio Time Stamp: 1:04:36-1:06:35**

**Motion made by Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 5 Audio Time Stamp: 1:07:05-1:07:26**

**Ayes:** Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, Cesar Sanchez, APD, Regina Goree, DCFS, Karen Streich, DMH, Yanira Lima, DPH, Chavon Smith, DPSS, Alisa Blair, DA, Tricia Penrose, JC, Mercy Santoro (Alternate Mika Yamamoto), LACO Parks and Recreation, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Refugio Valle, ODR/OYDD, Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, Reginald Zachery, City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 2, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, Johnnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 4, R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 5, Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative, Jeanette Lomeli, At-Large Community Representative, Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community Representative

**No:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 1:07:39-1:11:16**

**c. JJCPA Quarterly Fiscal Update**

Attachment: Handout: JJCC Fiscal Update - One-Time (JJCC Meeting 8-26-21); JJCC Fiscal Update -Base (JJCC Meeting 8-26-21); JJCC Fiscal Update- BOS Contracts - (JJCC Meeting 8-26-21)

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, Probation Department, to provide a fiscal update. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:11:32-1:11:48**

Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, Probation Department, stated it was his 3<sup>rd</sup> fiscal update presentation. The attachments were shown onscreen during the meeting. He stated there were 3 spreadsheets; base funding,

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one-time funding, and money allocated by the Board of Supervisors. He indicated that the spreadsheets reflected the budget for the year, the amount of money spent, the percentage spent and the amount remaining. He opened it up for JJCC member questions. **Audio Time Stamp:** 1:13:55-1:15:05, 1:16:03-1:16:49, 1:18:41-1:20:17, 1:21:02-1:21:26, 1:23:01-1:23:30, 1:24:56-1:25:54, 1:26:34-1:27:17, 1:27:46-1:28:15, 1:28:39-1:28:49, 1:30:34-1:31:52, 1:32:16-1:32:49, 1:33:02-1:33:50, 1:35:01-1:35:31, 1:36:01-1:36:50, 1:37:37-1:38:35, 1:39:34-1:40:40, 1:42:23-1:43:22, 1:44:13-1:44:38

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, during the JJCC Members discussion, indicated that Restorative Justice was highlighted and was shown onscreen at that time). **Audio Time Stamp:** 1:21:27-1:21:43

**JJCC Member Discussion:** Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 2, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 2, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 2, Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 4, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 3, Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative, Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 4, Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 4, Luis J. Rodriguez, PD, Johnie Drawn Jr., Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 4, R. Michael Dutton, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 5, Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative District 2, Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider, Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider, **Audio Time Stamp:** 1:15:19-1:16:02, 1:16:55-1:18:40, 1:20:18-1:21:01, 1:21:53-1:23:00, 1:23:36-1:24:13, 1:24:25-1:24:55, 1:25:55-1:26:33, 1:27:18-1:27:45, 1:28:16-1:28:38, 1:29:04-1:30:33, 1:31:54-1:32:15, 1:32:50-1:33:01, 1:33:52-1:35:00, 1:35:32-1:36:00, 1:37:02-1:37:36, 1:38:40-1:39:33, 1:40:52-1:42:22, 1:43:23-1:44:12

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, included closing observations regarding Agenda Item. Based on his review of the handouts, base funding spent at a higher rate, at approximately 78% spent. The underspending appeared to be under one-time funding, with expenditures at approximately 45%. He indicated we should not underestimate the impact that COVID-19. During that time, we significantly restricted direct contact between our youth in many venues, facilities and outside with governmental agencies and community-based organizations. He suggested that the soon to be formed CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee review the spreadsheets to

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determine which programs are the most critical, and/or where the underspending is impactful or questionable. He suggested focusing on a few selected areas and Probation can review those with inquires to the managers for a report back. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:44:44-1:48:42**

**Public Comments:** None

(**JJCPA Administrative Note:** Due to the meeting running late, JJCC Chair, Chief Deputy Brandon Nichols, called for Agenda Item IV e, out of the Agenda order to afford the JJCC Evaluator the opportunity to provide their presentation prior to Agenda Item IV d. The order then reverted to the original chronological format at the completion of Agenda Item IV e. However, the minutes retained the order of the Agenda for consistency.)

**d. California State Audit Report (Five Counties) “Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act: Weak Oversight has Hindered it Implementation” Update**

Following Agenda Item IV e, Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, returned to Agenda Item V d. regarding an update on the California State Audit of JJCPA. A PowerPoint was shown onscreen during the meeting. In 2019, the State Legislature requested an audit of JJCPA funds for 5 counties: Kern, Los Angeles, Mendocino, San Juaquin and Santa Barbara. The audit resulted in three recommendations for Los Angeles County. Recommendation 7: Determine the effectiveness of the use of JJCPA funds and how they influenced the county’s juvenile justice trend; Recommendation 11: Assess the effectiveness of programming on participants; and Recommendation 15: Accurately assess the effectiveness of programs to see how individual participants are affected through funding that was spent. Multiple responses have been submitted to the State Auditor’s office (July 2020, November 2020, and May 2021). The response regarding Recommendation 7 was accepted and the status was updated to “Fully implemented.” He indicated Probation is working on the two outstanding recommendations in terms of collecting data and the outcomes and annual responses will be submitted when due. **Audio Time Stamp: 2:18:45-2:25:56**

**JJCC Member Discussion:** None

**Public Comments:** None

(**JJCPA Administrative Note:** The following Agenda Item was taken out of order as mentioned above but is listed in order of the Agenda for consistency.)

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Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, informed everyone due to the meeting running late, he wanted to be respectful of Dr. Holliday's time. Therefore, he would be taking the next agenda item out of order. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:48:48-1:49:10**

**e. RAND Corporation (JJCC Evaluator) Update**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, introduced Dr. Stephanie Holliday, RAND Corporation, to conduct a JJCC Evaluator update presentation. **Audio Time Stamp: 1:50:25-1:50:51, 2:15:15-2:15:59**

Dr. Stephanie Holliday, RAND Corporation, provided a progress update. A PowerPoint was shown on-screen during the meeting. Dr. Holliday began by providing an overview of RAND's objectives regarding evaluation efforts. Regarding their progress to date, she stated they provided consultation for developing program evaluation design and metrics. The California State Audit report was reviewed and RAND provided potential options for collecting data to fulfill the audit finding. The State Auditor's response indicated they expect individual youth justice outcomes to assess the effectiveness of programs at reducing juvenile crime and delinquency. She stated the RAND team assisted in determining a required set of standard data elements for all programs. To provide consultation for developing program evaluation and design, they held nineteen (19) data-focused meetings with agencies that oversee thirty-five (35) JJCPA-funded programs. During the multipurpose meetings, they covered current data collection efforts and introduced the new standardized required data elements. Some agencies stated that they are involved in internal evaluation efforts. Additionally, the RAND team reviewed twenty-four (24) draft agencies' Statements of Work (SOW) to ensure relevant and required data elements were identified and included.

The RAND team assisted Probation with reporting on JJCPA programs in compliance with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). She stated they reviewed the reports, provided recommended language, contributed summaries of data, interpretation of trends that have been observed the past few years and provided literature summaries. Their goal was to assist with enhancing the descriptions and the rationale as to what JJCPA funded programs are doing and how those efforts are consistent with best practices and the type of impacts those programs are having based upon those analysis of county-wide trends.

Dr. Holliday stated an annual Gap Analysis will be provided. They reviewed the Resource Development Associates (RDA) Gap Analysis and have utilized it as a starting point. She indicated the RAND team began by



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updating the literature review. RAND sent all JJCC members an anonymous survey. She asked JJCC members to reach out to her to allow an opportunity for all JJCC members to complete the survey. Additionally, they randomly selected one-third of JJCC members to participate in more quantitative interviews. She also stated they had sent follow ups hoping to have more JJCC members involved. The RAND team would conduct a document review of the CMJJP's and other relevant documents including the Community Advisory Committee's survey to understand how the vision and priorities have changed.

The RAND team will also conduct evaluability assessments on existing programs. She then moved on to discuss conducting literature reviews of effective programs and how to conduct implementation and outcome analysis. She indicated it would be a two-prong approach that will include the selection of a sub-set of programs for full comprehensive evaluations. In addition, they anticipate they will be able to analyze justice system outcome data across the JJCPA portfolio.

The evaluation approach will include a logic model for each program. She went on to cover the Process and Outcomes evaluation methods. Regarding the current program evaluations, the first year focused on the Department Mental Health's programs: Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Treatment (MHSAT) and Multi-Systemic therapy (MST). The other program evaluations will be on the Juvenile Mental Health Court and the Public Defender's program, the Client Assessment Recommendation and Evaluation (CARE). She covered the progress to date regarding the named program evaluations and ended with next steps.

**Audio Time Stamp: 1:50:52-2:15:15**

**JJCC Member Discussion:** None

**Public Comments:** Nicole Brown **Audio Time Stamp: 2:16:28-2:18:16**

**f. Update on Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, provided an update regarding the status of the pending contract. As a reminder, he stated that a decision was made by the JJCC to contract with an agency to work with the JJCC and its Subcommittees around governance structure. The contractor would provide guidance and input on governance. He mentioned that the County Contracting process is a difficult process. However, the process was almost complete, and the selected and non-selected agencies would receive notification within the next several days. **Audio Time Stamp: 2:24:08-2:25:45**

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**JJCC Member Discussion:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**VI. Other Matters/Public Comment**

**(JJCPA Administrative Note:** Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department, announced a reminder that both the Youth Services Needs Assessment and Community Input on Programs and Projects were both released on July 15, 2021 and both would close on September 1, 2021. Both were announced and distributed to the JJCC email List Serv and they were both posted on the JJCC website. She asked those in attendance to please complete the Survey and Community Input on Programs and Projects.) **Audio Time Stamp: 2:26:42-2:27:19**

**Public Comments:** Betsy Lindsay **Audio Time Stamp: 2:30:16-2:31:58**

Brandon Nichols, Chief Deputy, Probation Department, thanked everyone for their engagement and attendance. He stated that the next meeting would be the JJCC-Community Advisory Committee (JJCC-CAC) on October 14, 2021. He indicated at that time that a future date had not scheduled for the next JJRBG Subcommittee meeting. **Audio Time Stamp: 2:32:09-2:32:50**

**Adjournment** – Meeting Adjourned at 4:21 P.M.