

Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Subcommittee Wednesday May 24, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting – WebEx

Members Present = 11:

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. Shelan Joseph, District Attorney's Office (DA)
5. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Superior Court
6. Luis Rodriguez, Public Defender's Office (PD)
7. Tapau Osborne, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
8. Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 1
9. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3
10. Alexis Hernandez, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 4
11. Dr. Nicole Vienna, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 5 Audio Time Stamp: 05:52-07:25

Members Absent: Patricia Soung, Non-Profit CBO, Supervisorial Representative, District 2

Meeting Minutes by: Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

(JJCPA Administration Notes: 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.) Audio Time Stamp: 03:07-05:44

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 pm by Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department

II. Welcome

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, welcomed everyone and provided an update regarding holding in person meetings. She stated that as a Brown Act body, we must comply with the requirements to return to in person meetings. On February 28, 2023, Governor Newsom's COVID-19 Emergency Order expired, thus ending the ability for members of a Brown Act body to appear remotely under Assembly Bill (AB) 361. Members of a Brown Act body must now meet in person. The JJCC-JJRBG meeting was able to proceed virtually since it was limited to an informational meeting with no voting or action taken. She announced the following meeting would be held in person and once a location is secured, the next JJCC-JJRBG meeting would be scheduled.

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She moved on to provide an update regarding her understanding of what occurred at previous JJCC-JJRBG meetings. She was aware of the JJCC-JJRBG Spending Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, indicated a meeting would be scheduled to work on a budget to present to the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee and would schedule the JJCC-JJRBG Spending Ad-Hoc Subcommittee meeting within weeks to prepare for the next JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee in person meeting. Prior to moving on to New Business, she paused to welcome the new JJCC Representative, Wason Fu, Department of Public Social Services, and thanked him for serving on the JJCC. Time Stamp: 0:7:26-09:06

JJCC-JJRBG Member: Wason, Fu, DPSS Time Stamp: 09:07-09:10

III. New Business

A. County of Los Angeles Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Transition Plan Update

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, indicated the JJCC-JJRBG Annual Plan Template was submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration by the deadline of May 1, 2023. The deadline coincides with the annual deadline for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Application, which includes our County's Comprehensive Multiagency Juvenile Justice Plan, also submitted by the deadline of May 1, 2023, to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC).

She moved on to provide an update regarding Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) youth pending transition from the Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), to Los Angeles County. As of May 17, 2023, twenty (20) young people were pending transition from DJJ to Los Angeles County. Additionally, she provided an update on the pending Step-Down contracts. On May 18, 2023, the Probation Department submitted an update to the Board of Supervisors in response to the Motion of creating less restrictive programs for eligible SYTF and DJJ youth essential for successful transformation. On December 20, 2023, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Development (DYD), Probation worked to design a step-down pilot program with the goal of enhancing and expanding services for youth in transition to the community. Probation was proceeding with executing contracts with Amity Foundation and Boys Republic and continuing to work on identifying and selecting additional CBO providers to service SYTF and DJJ youth. The contract is a two (2) year agreement for housing and supportive services. She then called for JJCC-JJRBG discussion. Time Stamp: 09:12-12:56

JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion: Luis Rodriguez, PD Office, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1, Shelan Joseph, DA, Shelan Joseph, DA, Shelan Joseph, DA, Shelan Joseph, DA, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3 Time Stamp: 13:05-13:42, 14:05 - 15:30, 17:21-18:31, 18:37-19:43, 20:00-20:09, 20:11-20:16, 20:19-20:25, 20:31-20:42, 21:29-22:45, 26:10-27:38

Tyson Nelson, Senior County Counsel, provided a response regarding the JJCC-JJRBG's role moving forward after the BSCC's vote of May 23, 2023. He stated the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee operates independent of the BSCC decision of May 23, 2023. The Committee will continue to make decisions regarding the spending plan as required by the State of California. Time Stamp: 13:44-13:57, 23:40-24:10

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Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, responded to a question posed as to whether there is a short-term plan for the SYTF population that will remain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall. She replied they were in process and indicated Valerie Van Kirk might weigh in. She stated that an update could be provided at the next meeting. Additionally, she answered questions regarding a pending presentation that would take place during the Probation Oversight Commission meeting on May 25, 2023. She stated that she and other Probation officials would be providing information regarding a Motion passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2023. *Time Stamp: 15:33-16:27,16:52-17:19, 20:10-20:11, 20:28-20:30, 20:17-20:18, 20:25-20:30, 20:42-21:09, 22:48-23:36, 24:10-26:09, 27:39-29:35*

Valerie Van Kirk, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, responded to the question regarding a short-term plan by stating that once they had more information, an update would be provided. *Time Stamp: 16:31-16:54*

Public Comment: None

B. County of Los Angeles JJRBG Spending Plan Update

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, provided an overview and an update regarding the Board of Supervisor’s motion, “Adopting a Global Plan for the Probation Department’s Halls, and Camps”. She asked Valerie Van Kirk to provide updates on programming, contracts, and services. *Time Stamp: 30:01-31:26*

Valerie Van Kirk, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, affirmed she was the Bureau Chief over SYTF youth. Upon arrival, she began assessing programming needs and engaged SYTF youth to determine subjects in areas of need to pursue contracts. A decision was made on six (6) priority needs based upon a polling of SYTF youth. They included: 1. Life Skills; 2. Gender Expansive Programming; 3. Barber training; 4. Music Production; 5. Gang Intervention; 6. Culinary Arts. The Work Order Solicitation process was chosen since it is a faster process than the County Contracting process. The Work Order process was in motion regarding three (3) of the items (Life Skills, Gender Expansive Programming and Culinary Arts). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was in process for Affirmative Athletics. She stated the Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention Control (SAPC) has an MOU in place, and that LACOE was providing services within the facilities. *Time Stamp: 31:28-35:14, 35:26-35:42,36:44-37:28, 37:54-39:08, 40:01-40:15, 41:56-42:51, 42:56-43:56,44:01-44:09,45:04-45:48, 46:04-46:05,46:35-46:43, 47:58-48:30, 48:55-49:09*

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, called for JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion. *Time Stamp: 35:19-35:21*

JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion: Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Shelan Joseph, DA, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Karen Streich, DMH, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Tapau Osborne, LACOE *Time Stamp: 35:26-35:42, 35:06-36:42, 37:40-37:50, 39:44-40:00, 40:18-41:00, 50:15-41:00, 41:08-41:54, 42:52-42:55, 43:58-44:00, 44:10-45:02, 45:49-46:03, 46:09-46:34, 46:51-47:54, 48:38-48:52*

Public Comment: None

IV. Other Matters/Public Comment

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Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, reiterated that a JJCC-JJRBG Spending Ad-Hoc Subcommittee meeting would be scheduled within the next few weeks, followed by an in person JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting. Once a location is confirmed, it would be announced. *Time Stamp: 49:30-50:09*

JJCC-JJRBG Member Discussion: Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1 *Time Stamp: 50:18-50:40*

Valerie Van Kirk, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, responded to a question posed by JJRBG Subcommittee member. *Time Stamp: 50:18-50:40*

Public Comment: None

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, thanked the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee for the opportunity to re-group and to keep moving forward together to finalize the spending plan with programming. She thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting. *Time Stamp: 50:58-50:46*

V. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 3:11 pm