

**Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG)
Subcommittee Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes**

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location of Meeting: LACOE Education Center West (EDU), Conference Room A
12830 Columbia Way, 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. Shelan Joseph, District Attorney's Office (DA)
4. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Superior Court
5. Luis Rodriguez, Public Defender's Office (PD) (JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair)
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:0:03:23-0:04:33

Members Absent: 1. Wason Fu, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS); 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 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 added three (3) members of the public were in attendance during her announcement.) Audio Time Stamp: 00:00-0:03:22

II. Welcome

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, welcomed and expressed gratitude to LACOE's Superintendent Dr. Deborah Durado and LACOE's JJCC Representative Tapau Osborne for hosting the JJCC meeting. Audio Time Stamp: 0:04:38-0:05:01

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III. Approval JJCC-JJRBG Draft Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024

- a. Motion to adopt JJCC-JJRBG Draft Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, and requested tabling the meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Motion to Table JJCC-JJRBG Minutes of February 5, 2024, made by Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department (JJCC-JJRBG Chair), 2nd by Tapau Osborne, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) *Audio Time Stamp: 0:05:18-0:05:28*

Ayes: Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Shelan Joseph, DA, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3

No: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed: *Audio Time Stamp: 0:04:39-0:06:26*

IV. New Business

- a. **Resolution to Appoint the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

Handout: Resolution to Appoint FY 2025-2026 JJCC-JJRBG Annual Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (JJCC mtg 3-6-24) D

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, introduced the next item. In similar manner to annual Resolutions created for JJCPA's Comprehensive Multiagency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, the Resolution was brought forth to create a similar Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for JJCC-JJRBG funding and the JJRBG Plan review and revisions for FY 2025-2026. The timeliness of the Resolution was in line with new legislation, Assembly Bill (AB) 505, which went into effect on January 1, 2024. It altered the timeframe of Plan revisions from every three (3) years to annually. She reminded everyone the reason for the previous Resolution was to complete the Plan revision during February 2024 and would later present the revised plan (Agenda Item IV b. ii.). This Resolution would move forward to create a new Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for FY 2025-2026. Prior to the vote, she made an

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announcement that self-nominations for the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee would be taken no later than March 29, 2024, 4:00 pm. She mentioned that she wanted to ensure everyone was aware of the deadline.

(JJCPA Administrative Note: An announcement was made that the Resolution provided a longer self-nomination period than previous Resolutions. Typically, there is a short turnaround time due to the specific timeframe to complete an Ad-Hoc' Subcommittee's work. This Resolution included a longer timeframe of approximately three (3) weeks prior to closing.)

Motion to approve the Resolution to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee made by Tricia Penrose, JC, 2nd by Shelan Joseph, DA [Audio Time Stamp:0:08:14-0:08:31](#)

JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Ayes: Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Shelan Joesph, Dan, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit Supervisorial Representative District 3

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed: [Audio Time Stamp: 0:09:30-0:10:01](#)

b. County of Los Angeles Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Annual Plan Update by Sharon Harada

Handout: JJRBG Annual Plan Draft 5-1-24 (No Track Changes) *(3-1-24) for 3-6-24)D

Handout: (Additional Handout – same document that includes Track Changes): JJRBG Annual Plan Draft 5-1-24 w Track Changes) (3-1-24)D

i. JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Membership

(JJCPA Administrative Note: During the presentation under Agenda Item IV. b. ii., Sharon Harada thanked the members and announced their names. The information is included under the Agenda item. JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Membership included: Sharon Harada, Probation Department, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1 and Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3)

ii. Update regarding the JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee's work to complete updates and revisions on the FY 2024-2025 JJRBG Annual Plan

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Sharon Harada, Probation Department, moved to this item. She indicated everyone on the email distribution list received two (2) copies of the Plan that included one with track changes and one without track changes. They would be reviewing the one without track changes. She indicated she would walk through the significant revisions, that would be followed by a motion to adopt, JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Member discussion, and a vote. She asked everyone to review and she would cover by sections (Plan 1, and forward) and she would highlight the changes and progress.

Once the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee adopted the Resolution during the February 5, 2024, meeting, the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee held four (4) meetings within the last four (4) weeks to complete the Plan revisions. The Ad-Hoc subcommittee met, and we received suggested revisions in the following general areas. She thanked the Public Defender's office that consisted of Luis Rodriguez and his team. They provided input and revisions to applicable legal references that have been updated with a recent legislation,

This Ad-Hoc Subcommittee held their last meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024, ending at approximately 4:30 pm. Administratively that only provided from 4:30 pm on Friday evening through the weekend to provide the Plan as presented during the meeting. Ad-Hoc Subcommittee members provided either a vote or affirmation that they were in agreement with the changes. Based upon the truncated timeframe, the Plan was sent out on Saturday, March 2, 2024, via email distribution list and was added to the Probation website on Monday, March 4, 2024. There was robust effort by the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to review and revise the Plan. The document presented is based upon that work.

The updates to the Plan included: The implementation of Department of Youth Development's Credible Messenger program; Department of Mental Health programming; Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Program (SAPC); Education Services; Arts and Culture; and Juvenile Court Health Services. Additional changes included the status of the Library at Barry J. Nidorf, Rising Scholars, Cosmetology and music production. She stated that there were different progress pieces depending on where the programs were at the time of the Plan update. During their work, Probation collected information within the last few weeks prior to the March 6, 2024, meeting. They planned to continue to update the Subcommittee at future meetings, as well as during the next Plan revision process.

Part 1: Subcommittee Composition. This included all Subcommittee members. There was one (1) change that included adding the telephone number for Subcommittee member Wason Fu, DPSS, which would be included in the final

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version. In that AB 505 requires that the Subcommittee process be articulated, the Plan include community involvement in the revision of the Plan. She indicated the Plan included the proposed timeline regarding Plan approval, and meeting internal deadlines to ensure the Plan is placed on the Board of Supervisors' Agenda, and to meet the deadline to submit the JJRBG Annual Plan to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) by the May 1, 2024, deadline. Therefore, the document included draft language.

Part 2: Target Population (Welfare and institutions Code (WIC) 1995 (D) (1)). With the assistance of the Public Defender's Office, a revision was included to reflect updates according to legislation. The first paragraph included descriptors based on legal references. Additionally, data was updated in several areas. She indicated that the target population includes youth with a sustained petition per Welfare and Institutions Code 707 (b), therefore there are two (2) calendar years' worth of data for young people who have sustained 707 (b) offenses. Senate Bill (SB) 823 includes that counties work together to keep youth out of the criminal justice system. The process of motion to transfer to adult court was covered. She indicated the DA makes the filing decision, and data was added regarding FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 regarding the young people who have gone through the motion to transfer process. She provided an overview of the data included in the section.

Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (D) (2)). This section included the following updates: 1. Inclusion of the definition of use of less restrictive programs (with assistance with the definition from the Public Defender's Office); 2. Revisions to the individual rehabilitation plan process based on changes in WIC 875; 3. Addition of literature references for Credible Messenger program; 4. Revisions to the education portion by LACOE that included expanded information on the types of educational programming offered in our facilities for our SYTF young people 5. Addition of family engagement and support information; 6. Revision to the section on treatment of youth who have offended; 7. Removed some language on programming assessment that we no longer conduct; progress on the implemented programs since last submitted the Plan on May 1, 2023.

Within Part 3, it was also separated into four (4) parts: 1. Practice Area I: Developing the Individual Rehabilitation Plan; 2. Practice Area II: Providing the youth with Services and Supports during Facility Placement; 3. Practice Area III: Transitioning the Youth from the Facility to the Community and 4. Practice Area IV: Support Youth in the Community. Updates to Practice Areas included: SYTF intake assessment timeline and clarified language based upon input from the Public Defender's Office; 2. Provided updates based on the implementation of

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Credible Messengers, the use of less restrictive programs, substances use disorder, health, mental health, family engagement and support, the DDS (Developmental Stage System, educational, vocational services, employment, substance use, general services, Regional Center, programs and treatment for youth who have offended. Practice Area III transition planning updates related to the primary and secondary probation staff who supervise the young person in the facility and in the community, as well as the role of the Credible Messengers in the transition which will be updated in our next Annual Plan. In Practice Area IV, updates were completed regarding education, substance use disorder, system of care, progress on SYTF, transition services, including education and Rising Scholars, employment staff and provider training and Mental Health Services.

Part 3 included the section: Describe how the County plans to grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population. The plan indicated to describe the progress on the element. She stated the updated included the following: 1. Arts and Cultural programming (including the soon to be implemented music production program); 2. Dog training programs at both Campus Kilpatrick and Barry J. Nidorf; 3. Progress regarding the implementation at DKC in March of 2024 and other arts and cultural learning program pieces. She moved on to the Section that was titled: Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education for the target population. She stated the progress included the use of less restrictive programs and partnering Credible Messengers with Probation staff to assist and support youth once they are released and transition from the facility to the community.

She paused the review of the Plan and stated it should be noted that the progress was included where it matched the Plan and at least there would be some connection to the information, rather than providing the progress at the end of the document. The State wished to have all of the information at the end of the document, however, we are hopeful this will make it more applicable. She added an update for the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee and the audience, that Credible Messengers would be implemented March 2024, at Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), which is the facility for our young women who have a SYTF order. Credible Messengers were implemented at both Barry J. Nidorf and Campus Kilpatrick, but they will expand to DKC. Probation did contract with a Step-down facility, (located in Pomona). She stated the juvenile court does order youth to various Step-down facilities around the county, and some beyond the county line towards San Diego. Additionally, there is Pine Grove (State-operated facility Fire Camp), Substance Use Disorder (opened December 8, 2023). Department of Public Health will be

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implementing a Nurse Care Manager program in FY 2024-25, and Department of Mental Health continues to provide a variety of programs, and a list of the DMH programs are included in the Plan. She additionally covered Family engagement, baby bonding visits at Bary J, and they began hosting events to host families to visit. She stated they were enhancing the Developmental Stage System (DSS) (Evidence-Based practices that includes journaling). Additionally, LACOE was working with Rising Scholars to implement seven (7) colleges with eight (8) programs. They were also looking to include Department of Economic Opportunity, (DEO) with a job training program, and how they can transition that to employment when they are released to the community.

Part 4: Application of funding to address mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral trauma-based needs (WIC 1995 (D)(3)). This Section included revisions for the removal of the assessment, of the specialized providers who provide counseling treatment to youth who have offended, as ordered by the court. It included progress regarding mental health services for this population. Part 4 has subsets of questions which she covered individually. She covered information regarding Arts and Culture Programming, Dog training, and progress regarding the implementation DSS, and other cultural learning program pieces. She covered the second subset of questions regarding planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education. She stated the progress listed use of less restrictive programs. The next subsection was to address evidence-based and other programming. She stated they listed gender expansive training for youth, to be implemented at DKC. Next Subsection requested information regarding non-governmental and CBO providers. The revisions included transformative mentoring in custody, (through DYD's Credible Messenger program), restorative justice and victim impact services, SUD services, DMH services, Arts and Cultural healing services, housing for transition, dog training program and tutoring. She stated they were groups of services and there are subcontracts with CBOs who provide the services directly to the young people in collaboration with the governmental agency.

Part 5: Facility Plan – she stated the updates were provided and they addressed the language since the previous Plan to made it clear and consistent with the legislation on what the County is doing with regards to the Continuum of services to keep young people out of the adult criminal justice system, as well as the services that are provided.

She moved on to cover additional sections. Part 7: she indicated that LA County has not entered into any regional agreements to date. However, she did mention that have contracted with Pine Grove. Part 8: she indicated that it was the data

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collection and additional information will be provided in our next Annual Plan. With that, she thanked the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and announced the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee members. She then called for a Motion to adopt the Plan. She answered questions during the Plan updates. Regarding the Motion to Transfer to Adult Court data, she indicated she would work with the DA's Office to revise the language to ensure it is accurate prior to submission to the Board of Supervisors and OYCR. Audio Time Stamp: 0:26:00-0:32:53, 0:33:12-0:33:27,0:35:25-0:35:56,0:36:22-0:36:55

- iii. Motion to Adopt the JJCC-JJRBG Annual Plan FY 2024-2025

Motion to adopt the JJCC-JJRBG Annual Plan FY 2024-2025 made by Luis Rodriguez, PD, 2nd by Tricia Penrose, JC Audio Time Stamp: 0:32:52-0:33:07:

JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Member Discussion: Luis Rodriguez, PD, Shelan Joseph, DA, Shelan Joseph, DA, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE Audio Time Stamp: 0:33:28-0:34:04, 0:34:10-0:35:24, 0:35:25-0:35:56, 0:35:57-0:36:21, 0:36:36-0:36:58

Public Comment: None

Ayes: Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Shelan Joseph, DA, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 0:38:53-0:39:54

c. Update on JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair Self-Nominations

- i. Nominations and Self-Nominations Received from JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Members:
 - 1. Luis Rodriguez, Public Defender's Office
 - 2. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3

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Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, provided an update on self-nominations and nominations received from JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee members. The process included an email sent to the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee and two (2) responses were received that include one self-nomination and one nomination that included Luis Rodriguez, PD, and Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3. She indicated she would call upon each of the nominees to weigh in. Once the nominees provide their statements, Sharon Hawkins will call upon each JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee member to state their voting choice. The voting method was verified through Robert's Rules of Order and upon receiving feedback from County Counsel. Audio Time Stamp: 0:39:55-0:41:1, 0:41:31-0:41:452

JJCC-JJRBG Nominee for Co-Chair: Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3 stated that he self-nominated and he indicated it is an important role, he is excited that Luis Rodriguez was nominated. He chose to withdraw his nomination and support Luis Rodriguez, PD. Audio Time Stamp: 0:41:13-0:41:30

Motion to approve Luis Rodriguez, PD as JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair made by Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, 2nd by Tapau Osborne, LACOE Audio Time Stamp:0:41:55-0:42:25

JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Ayes: Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Tricia Penrose, JC, Shelan Joseph, DA, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 0:42:26-0:43:30

V. Other Matters/Public Comment

Public Comment: Giovanni Hernandez Audio Time Stamp: 0:49:08-0:51:00

VI. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 AM