

**Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
Thursday, February 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2024, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location of Meeting: LACOE Education Center West 123830 Columbia Way, Conference Room C, Downey, CA 90242
Hybrid Meeting: Live In-Person and via Virtual Platform: Webex

Members Present = 14 In-Person, 2 Virtual Attendance:

1. Samuel Abrahamian, Chief Deputy, Alternate Public Defender (APD), (Virtual Attendance)
2. David Carroll, Department of Youth Development (DYD)
3. Wason Fu, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
4. Lt. Maurice Ghobrial, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
5. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3, (Virtual Attendance)
6. Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department (JJCC Chair)
7. Shelan Joseph, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (DA)
8. Yanira Lima, Department of Public Health (DPH)
9. Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative
10. Dr. Denise Miranda, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
11. Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider
12. Tapau Osborne, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
13. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Court (JC)
14. Luis J. Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (PD)
15. Mercy Santoro, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (LACO Parks and Recreation)
16. Karen Streich, (Alternate Katy Calendar), Department of Mental Health (DMH) **Audio Time Stamp:0:03:59-0:06:22**

Not Present: Steven Edwards, Board of Supervisors (BOS), Regina Goree, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Alexis Hernandez, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 4, Lt. Robert Medrano, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), Bikila Ochoa, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 1, Dr. Denice Price, At-Large Community Representative, Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative, Chris Ah San, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 2, Dr. Nicole Vienna, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 5

(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.

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To provide information to those joining virtually, she indicated there were six (6) people in-person in attendance.) *Audio Time Stamp: 0:0:13:00-0:03:58*

Minutes Prepared By: Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

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

II. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, welcomed everyone, both in person and those who joined virtually. She expressed gratitude to LACOE's Superintendent Deborah Durado and LACOE's JJCC Representative, Tapau Osborne for hosting the JJCC meeting. She thanked the JJCC members who were in attendance in person and the public who attended in-person and to those who was attending virtually. She indicated she would ask that we all continue to remember to keep our youth and families at the forefront of our conversations. She moved on to the next agenda item. *Audio Time Stamp: 0:06:24-0:07:28*

III. Unfinished Business

a. FY 2024-2025 JJCPA Funding Allocations Recommended by the JJCC-CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

- i. JJCC-JJCPA FY 2024-25 Funding Request Recommendations by the JJCC-CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. Pending Agenda Items 40 and 43

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, provided a short recapitulation of the recently held January 25, 2024, meeting. The February 22, 2024, meeting was created to hear from LACOE Counsel and County Counsel as it applies to the two agenda items. Agenda Item 40 is for Transition Counselors and Item 43 was for Foster Youth Services. Once both Counsel's provide information on both agenda items, we will hold JJCC member discussion to hear all questions posed by our JJCC members to the two (2) Counsels. At that point, we will take each agenda item individually during JJCC member discussion, as we want to provide both Counsel's the opportunity to provide the information, prior to discussion. She mentioned that it took approximately one (1) month to locate a date to obtain a quorum of JJCC members to hold the meeting. She thanked the JJCC members who responded to the multiple emails to ensure the two (2) remaining agenda items (40 and 43) be placed back before the JJCC. *Audio Time Stamp: 0:07:29-0:09:54*

- 1. County Counsel and Los Angeles County Office of Education Counsel Responses Regarding Assembly Bill 1354 as it Relates to Agenda Items 40 (LACOE Transition Counselors) and 43 (LACOE Foster Youth)

Vibiana Andrade, LACOE Counsel, began by addressing Agenda Item 40. She stated she began by stated she was tasked with reviewing the

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information to answer questions about supplanting regarding Items 40 and 43. She began by reviewing the statutes. Next, she spoke with staff regarding the programs (40 and 43). Regarding Item 43, she stated LACOE had existing funds from a program that has sunsetted. The funding requested with respect to Item 43 is to provide services to foster youth. With respect to the allegation of supplanting, the program would provide direct services that LACOE would otherwise be unable to serve.

Additionally, regarding Item 43 (Foster Youth), they worked closely with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to identify areas LAUSD asked LACOE to cover certain areas due to their inability to do so. Therefore, it is clear that LACOE did not supplant; they are not proposing to supplant. But instead, to supplement and to provide services to Foster youth.

Regarding Item 40 (Transition Services), LACOE wanted to supplement and expand services with respect to transition services. Under existing law, it is accurate they are required to provide transition services to any student who has been in carceral setting for 21 days continuous. The intention is to add transition services for all youth who do not stay 21 days. In that sense, it's not supplanting funds, it supplements. Audio Time Stamp: 0:10:10-0:14:20

Tyson Nelson, Senior County Counsel, indicated that while LACOE Counsel highlighted all points. County Counsel also reviewed. He stated it is important to note that government streams include requirements. When this issue was raised, they reviewed the restrictions placed on funding that you are combining or braiding together. As Ms. Andrade mentioned, there is nothing that they saw no legal prohibition (from their analysis on both proposals submitted). He did not see any legal prohibitions on moving forward with Items 40 and 43. Audio Time Stamp: 0:14:29-15:50

Motion to approve Items 40 and 43 made by David Carroll, DYD, 2nd by Tricia Penrose, JC Audio Time Stamp: 0:16:01-0:16:22

JJCC Member Discussion: Shelan Joseph, DA, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Shelan Joseph, DA, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3 Audio Time Stamp: 0:16:39-0:17:10, 0:17:10-0:18:26, 0:18:32-0:19:10, 0:19:23-0:19:41, 0:19:48-0:20:43, 0:21:22-0:21:29

(JJCPA Administrative Note: Due to an unanticipated audio problem of muting, Josh Green and those joining remotely were unable to hear JJCC Member Discussion. Therefore, Shelan Joseph and Tapau Osborne reiterated their discussion to ensure Josh Green and all virtual attendees were able to hear JJCC member discussion.)

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Public Comment: None

Ayes: Sharon Harada, Probation Department, Samuel Abrahamian, APD, Dr. Karen Streich, (Alternate Katy Calendar), DMH, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Lt. Maurice Ghobrial, David Carroll, DYD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider, Jos Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3

No: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed: Audio Time Stamp: 0:21:54 -0:23:51

JJCC Member Discussion: David Carroll, DYD Audio Time Stamp: 0:24:03-0:24:02

Sharon Harada, Probation Department, provided a response to the question regarding if there was a procedure in place that if previously presented to Counsel, to not have convene an extra JJCC meeting.

She provided the following response. While the JJCC adopts the Rules of the Road, they are included in the meeting prior to voting on funding recommendations. Based upon the current lessons learned, the future plan would be to provide the Rules of the Road for approval during the October or December JJCC meeting. To provide clarity, the Rules of the Road will indicate if there are any questions, or issues with an item to be brought forth to the JJCC for a vote, the individual JJCC member email the JJCC Chair prior to the meeting date. The JJCC Chair, would triage to obtain the information to provide it prior to the scheduled meeting. By asking that the information be provided early, it will create a window ahead of the meeting date, in an attempt to obtain clarification on items in question. She indicated she agreed, and thanked Mr. Carroll, as she was planning on providing the update about the future plans for Rules of the Road. She thanked David Carrol for asking about a process. She moved on the next agenda item. Audio Time Stamp: 0:24:05-0:27:39

b. Fiscal Update

Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, Probation Department, provided a fiscal update. He stated the Department did not have enough billing activity throughout the fiscal year in order to make a projection on spending through the end of the fiscal year. He stated the reason there is not enough billing information is due to providers that do not bill in a timely manner. He stated that there is no incentive to bill on time, as long as they bill prior to the closing of the fiscal year. He indicated there was an effort to encourage them to bill, but there is not much leverage over them regarding billing. Audio Time Stamp: 0:27:40-0:28:52

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Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, stated it was a great reminder to agencies to bill as timely as possible. Additionally, she mentioned that we ask agencies monthly for estimated expenditures. She thanks Mr. Smythe for the fiscal update and moved on to the next agenda item. *Audio Time Stamp: 0:28:54-0:29:48*

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

- c. **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Subcommittee Update on the Annual Plan for FY 2023-24 and Budget (includes JJCC-JJRBG Spending Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update) by JJCC-JJRBG Chair**

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved to this agenda item. She stated the JJCC-JJRBG held a meeting on February 5, 2024, with a future meeting date of March 6, 2024. She mentioned during the previous JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting, they discussed the changes based upon Assembly Bill (AB) 505. The changes included the requirements that the JJRBG Block Grant Annual Plan will be due annually to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration on May 1st (same date as the JJCPA deadline). She indicated a Resolution created the JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee that was formed to review the JJRBG Block Grant Plan and to provide for consideration and approval during the upcoming March 6, 2024, JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee meeting. She responded to the question posed by JJCC member Kent Mendoza. She indicated membership is based upon JJRBG Subcommittee membership to be part of the JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. *Audio Time Stamp: 0:29:49-0:31:33*

JJCC Member Discussion: Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative *Audio Time Stamp: 0:31:37-0:33:15*

Public Comment: None

- d. **JJCC-JJCC Member Data Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update by JJCC Chair**

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved to this agenda item. She stated attempts had been made and would be attempting to schedule a meeting. In the past a few groups of dates had been sent out, however, we were unable to make quorum. But would continue efforts to find a new date. *Audio Time Stamp: 0:32:32-0:33:16*

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

- e. **JJCC-CAC Update by JJCC-CAC Chair**

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved to this agenda item. She stated we were looking for a date to make quorum due to a request to change the meeting date. Once a new date is secured, a Save the Date will be sent replace the original date. *Audio Time Stamp: 33:19 -0:33:51*

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Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, indicated he needed to review the applications before a JJCC-CAC meeting could occur. [Audio Time Stamp: 0:33:52-0:34:18](#)

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

f. JJCC-Governance and Procedure Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update by Co-Chairs

Sharon Harada, Bureau Chief, Probation Department, moved to this agenda item. She indicated as with a few of the other Ad-Hoc Subcommittees Probation was attempting to coordinate quorum. At the time, attempts had been made of approximately a month, and for the last group of dates, we were unable to make quorum. She asked if Josh Green (Co-Chair) wishes to add anything. [Audio Time Stamp: 0:34:33-0:35:02](#)

Josh Green, Non-Profit CBOS Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Co-Chair, added that they need to schedule a meeting. [Audio Time Stamp 0:35:05-0:35:09](#)

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

IV. Other Matters/Public Comments

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: Tyrique Shipp, Saul Campos, Redd Martinez [Audio Time Stamp:0:38:04-0:38:40, 0:39:36-0:39:59,0:41:33-0:42:36](#)

V. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 P.M.