

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
MINUTES

February 21, 2024

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

4:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m.

J2 Courtroom

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Committee Present: Gina Johnson, Probation; Loretta Denering, Behavioral Health; Judge Inumerable, Juvenile Court; Claudia Bautista, Public Defender; John Garcia, City Impact; Kevin Drescher, District Attorney; Chrissy Ortega, CEO; Denise Morehouse, VCLECC; Rigoberto Vargas, Public Health; Jennifer Lopardo, JJDCP; Steven Jenkins, Sheriff.

Absent

Supervisor Jeff Gorell, 2nd District; Dr. Cesar Morales, VCOE; Supervisor Vianey Lopez, 5th District; Melissa Livingston, Human Services Agency

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions
<p>1) Welcome/Announcements Gina called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and took roll.</p>	
<p>2) Approval of the JJCC Meeting Minutes Dated December 13, 2023 Motion to approve minutes as submitted. Moved by Claudia Bautista; Seconded by Kevin Drescher. All in favor. Motion approved.</p>	
<p>3) Public Comments None.</p>	
<p>4) Vote to Approve JJCC By-Laws Gina suggested the following changes to the draft by-laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set up an ad hoc committee to decide how CBO members will be selected (for both the permanent member and the non-permanent member). ○ Change ‘shall’ to ‘may’ in the sentence regarding non-permanent voting members. ○ Under the non-permanent voting members bullet points, delete first bullet point (a representative from a maximum of two separate community-based drug and alcohol programs...). ○ Set up an ad hoc committee to decide members who are not required to be on the JJCC. • Added language about a new, required subcommittee in Article VII. This subcommittee will develop a plan to provide services to realigned youth. • Discussion regarding how the non-permanent representative from school districts would be selected. Gina suggested asking VCOE if there is a coalition with all the school districts where we could go to request a representative. <p>Claudia moved to approve the bylaws with the changes as described. Seconded by Denise. All in favor. Motion approved.</p>	
<p>5) Announcements - none</p>	
<p>6) JJCC Program Review & Development Subcommittee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RFP for therapy services was published. ○ Program Development/Quality Assurance contract was awarded to Interface. We will be coming back with recommendations on how to move forward. ○ Published an RFI for diversion services. The juvenile division is looking to overhaul diversion options. 	

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- Chris introduced Catherine Johnson and Valerie Salazar to the group. They gave a presentation on the Ventura County Community Information Exchange (VCCIE).
The VCCIE is operated by the Public Health Institute. The CIE is requesting \$180k to incentivize CBOs to join the CIE.
The CIE is a platform that connects organizations to be able to exchange information on clients that they serve. It is ‘an ecosystem comprised of multidisciplinary network partners that use a shared language, a resource database, and an integrated technology platform to deliver enhanced community care planning.’
In 2018, the Ventura County Community Health Improvement Collaborative conducted a needs assessment. That assessment determined that one key need in the county was for a CIE. Funding was established, governance was established and a strategic plan was completed. Project requirements have been identified and we are now building the system. This system will make management of information and services more efficient. They are starting with a pilot project with the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program.
Valerie discussed the pilot project stating that they are currently working with Rio and Hueneme school districts, and targeting 16 CBOs.
Valerie discussed how the CIE goals align with JJCPA funding objectives.
Catherine discussed the need to support CBO participation, and what CBOs would be required to do to participate in the CIE.
Currently creating participation agreements, working with lawyers, etc.
Catherine shared the CBO Roadmap which shows what CBOs will have to do in order to participate. When CBOs reach certain milestones, they will receive an incentive payment.
Catherine shared the budget for what the \$180k would cover. This is enough to support 6 CBOs joining the CIEs. They are also requesting funding from Gold Coast and Path Cited. Discussion ensued.
There was expressed concern regarding confidentiality, and who has access to what information. Catherine noted that access is role based. Discussion regarding legal issues.
Discussion regarding how this ask relates to Probation. It was noted that this is preventative, similar to THRIVE, and the ERCs. This will be available to all youth not just probation or system involved youth.
Catherine noted that they plan to have a soft live in Spring of 2024.
Catherine noted that the incentives for CBOs are milestone based as well as performance based.
Discussion regarding whether the CIE would be able to interface with Behavioral Health’s system. The hope is that it would.
Chris noted that the subcommittee voted 4 to 1 in favor of funding the CIE, noting concerns with protection of confidential information. .
Discussion regarding the ability for CBOs to come back to the JJCC to ask for funding for IT enhancements. Catherine noted that most CBOs would use the VCCIE portal for referrals because most don’t have their own systems.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was tabled until further notice. Catherine suggested waiting until they are further along in the process so when they return they'd be able to provide a demonstration. She also offered to send legal documents to the JJCC for review ahead of time. 	
<p>7) Meeting Adjourned at 5:18pm. Next meeting: April 17, 2024 at 4pm.</p>	