

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
MINUTES

**December 13, 2023**

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

4:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m.

J2 Courtroom

Note: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Committee Present:** Gina Johnson, Probation; Cheryl Fox, Behavioral Health, Judge Innumerable, Juvenile Court; Claudia Bautista; Public Defender; John Garcia; City Impact; Supervisor Vianey Lopez, 5<sup>th</sup> District; Kevin Drescher, District Attorney; Chrissy Ortega, CEO; Hannah Estrada, VCLECC; Rigoberto Vargas, Public Health; Melissa Livingston, Human Services Agency; Valerie Salazar, JJDCP.

**Absent**

James Fryhoff, Sheriff; Supervisor Jeff Gorell, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Dr. Cesar Morales, VCOE

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions
<p><b>1) Welcome/Announcements</b> Gina called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. Committee members and members of the audience introduced themselves to the group.</p>	
<p><b>2) Approval of the JJCC Meeting Minutes Dated September 27, 2023</b> <b>Motion to approve minutes as submitted. Moved by Supervisor Lopez; Seconded by Claudia Bautista. 9 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstention. Motion approved.</b></p>	
<p><b>3) Public Comments</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>4) Vote to Approve JJCC By-Laws</b> Gina discussed changes made to the draft by-laws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statute requires Sheriff be a member of the JJCC as well as an additional member from VCLECC. The previous draft by-laws included language that would allow up to 3 additional city police department representatives. Gina recommends taking that part out, as the police departments are represented by VCLECC. Discussion ensued. All in agreement.</li> <li>• Changed document to refer to JJCC members as ‘members’ throughout the document.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding adding information regarding standing committees to the bylaws. Agreed to acknowledge the standing committees.</li> <li>• Added language that would require this group to review the bylaws every 2 years.</li> <li>• Added language that would require us to provide adopted bylaws to the clerk of the board.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding the DJJ Realignment plan subcommittee. Do we want to include information about how committees are formed in the bylaws?</li> <li>• Discussion regarding how the CBO representative is selected, and how the VCLECC representative is selected. Gina to look into this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gina to gather further information and bring back to the next meeting for further discussion/approval.</b></p>	<p>Gina to work on bylaws and bring back at next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5) Pending Legislation</b> Gina encouraged everyone to look into AB 702. This is a 2 year bill in its second year. This bill will have significant impacts on JJCPA funding if it passes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 95% of funds would go to CBOs (5% to Probation). This would make it difficult for Probation to coordinate delivery of services to</li> </ul>	

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<p>probation youth. Currently, JJCPA programming touches virtually every youth on probation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would change makeup of the JJCC. Chief Probation Officer would not be the Chair. 50% of membership would have to be CBOs.</li> </ul> <p>Other counties in the state do not have the resources that we do, especially the amount of CBOs we have. In some counties, probation agencies provide direct services to clients.</p> <p>The reason this bill was initiated is due to an audit where it was discovered that 20% of counties were not running the JJCC appropriately (following Brown Act, etc).</p> <p>CSAC has written a letter of opposition. If you have any questions, reach out to Crystal Davis.</p>	
<p><b>6) JJCC Program Review &amp; Development Subcommittee Update</b></p> <p>Chris Modica presented the following recommendations from the JJCC Program Review &amp; Development Subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to use JJCPA funds for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) supervised in the juvenile division, who are on juvenile probation. This would enable youth up to age 25 in the jurisdiction of juvenile court to have access to services funded by JJCPA. County counsel has been consulted and has stated that this is an appropriate use of JJCPA funds. <b>Claudia moves to approve the use of JJCPA funds for Transitional Aged Youth supervised in the juvenile division, who are on juvenile probation. Rigo seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved.</b></li> <li>• Request to use JJCPA funds for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) serving adult probation (but supervised in the juvenile division). Chris reported that there are 3 counties in California that use JJCPA funds for the adult TAY population. Alameda County is the only one using funds in the same way we would like to (for programs and services, for TAY population who are on adult probation). They have not been audited by BSCC. Chris noted that County Counsel indicated that there is a risk of being audited and having to pay the money back. Chris added that legislation needs to be changed to include this population; however, it hasn't happened yet. Discussion ensued.</li> </ul> <p>If this group is not comfortable with this recommendation, Probation will seek funding from the CCP.</p> <p><b>Claudia moves to approve the use of JJCPA funds for Transitional Aged Youth supervised in the juvenile division, who are on adult probation; Valerie seconded the motion.</b></p> <p>Additional discussion and concerns were raised. There was concern due to the fact that using funds for this population is not in the code. It was noted that language clarification in the statute should be pursued.</p> <p>Gina called for a vote on the motion.</p> <p><b>4 in favor; 5 opposed; 1 abstention. Motion fails.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for \$175,000 for youth and TAY programming/services using the Community Care Navigation System/Team. Dr. Kay gave presentation on the Community Care Navigation System.</li> </ul> <p>-The Community Care Navigation System is about community based alternatives to incarceration.</p>	

**Discussion/Conclusions**

**Recommendations/Actions**

- Ventura County has used this model in the medical field.
- The Network of Care provides officers with a care navigation team. Probation officer coordinates with the care navigation team which is a combination of professionals, parents, and persons with lived experience to provide the officer/youth with community resources.
- Network of Care is customized, and focuses on response time and family strengthening, and includes a closed loop referral practice.
- Network of Care follows and tracks youth.
- Handouts on the program were provided.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the full \$175k would be needed if the TAY population on adult probation are not eligible for programming. Chris noted that this is a pilot, and would prefer to be able to use up to \$175k regardless of other potential funding sources. Chris noted that a request would be made to the CCP for 50k to provide this program and service to adult probation TAYs supervised in the juvenile division. If approved, only \$125,000 would be used from JJCPA trust.

**Supervisor Lopez moved to approve the use of up to \$175,000 for youth and TAY programming/services using the Community care Navigation System/Team. Chrissy seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved.**

- Request for an additional \$41,544 to Big Brothers Big Sisters Simi Valley Evening reporting Center contract. Chris noted that the increase is due to increases in salaries, for a part time activities coordinator, and increase in rent. Full breakdown is provided in the hand out.

**Rigo moved to approve an additional \$41,544 to Big Brothers Big Sisters Simi Valley Evening Reporting Center contract. Kevin seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved.**

- Request for \$192,206 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters ERC in Ventura, at the Pacific View Mall. Jessie Juarez noted that the ERC at the Pacific View Mall is doing well, and currently serving up to 40 youth a day. Chris provided handouts on this ERC. Requesting support for this site to maintain services.

**Melissa moved to approve \$192,206 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters ERC in Ventura, at the Pacific View Mall. Chrissy seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved.**

**7) Meeting Adjourned at 5:13pm.**

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