

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
Program Review and Development Subcommittee  
MINUTES**

**October 14, 2024**

**NEXT MEETING:**

November 18, 2024

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**JJCC Subcommittee Members Present:** Chris Modica, Jennifer Dougherty, Noe Villa, Maureen Byrne, Michael Rodriguez, Veronica Martinez

**Other meeting attendees:** Dr. Schipper, Dr Taylor, Sandra Solorzano

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions	Responsible
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b> Chris Modica called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.</p>		
<p><b>2. Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jennifer – Department restructure at Behavior Health. Age-defined Divisions and Outpatient/ Clinical Operations are under separate Chiefs. New Forensics, Justice, and Reentry Division. Dr. Schipper or Dr. Taylor replacing on panel.</li> <li>Jennifer – Connie Moreno-Peraza is the new Assistant Director, Behavior Health Department,</li> </ul>	<p>TBD – Dr. Schipper or Dr. Taylor will replace Jennifer Dougherty on the subcommittee panel.</p>	
<p><b>3. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None heard. None received telephonically or via email.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>4. Approval of the September 9, 2024, meeting minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael moved to approve the September 9, 2024, meeting minutes; Noe seconded the motion. All in favor; minutes approved.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>5. Discuss and vote to recommend to the JJCC, funding for Reel Guppy Outdoors programming/ services for youth, not-to-exceed \$199,000.</b></p> <p>Chris summarized the role of the JJCC Subcommittee before introducing Kevin Brannon, aka “Community Kev”. Kevin shared his background and lived experience, the reason some of the components of the program were developed. Reel Guppy participates in many collabs, offers multimedia classes, is a facility for project-based learning, as well as offering after-school programming through VCOE, and coaching for parents. Kevin gave an overview of program benefits. During the last 10 years, Reel Guppy has served over 8,000 youth. No age restrictions, but a partnership with Probation would target pre-teens from under-served areas.</p> <p>Funding is requested for the Oceans of Opportunity Educational Program which focuses on early intervention through structured activities, mentoring, family bonding, linguistic support, life skills training, career exploration, and more. Currently, a minimum of 70 youth are served during a 1-year period. Program for Guppy Ranger is 8 weeks but will work with the group to modify series-based programming or one-day activities depending on the grant requirements.</p> <p>Panel emphasized the need to present statistical data to the JJCC. Reel Guppy currently has non-profit and grant stats and will refine data for the Oceans of Opportunity program as it continues to grow capacity. Kevin was excused from the meeting at 4:30 pm.</p> <p>Comments/requests/questions: Kev is unique, justice-involved, system-involved, and</p>		

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<p>serves youth on weekends and holidays. Kev volunteers his time. Having funding would help him continue, while having staff to do administrative tasks.</p> <p>Veronica – Would like to know more about what the kids do, the description for staffing, and measurable outcomes, such as how many completed the program.</p> <p>Maureen – Needs more information to present to JJCC, such as EBP and the goal at the end of the 8-week program. Is this open for pre-teens and teens from 11-17 years old?</p> <p>Chris – This is a preventative tool, not a probation tool. Like ERC, referrals will come from the community.</p> <p>Jennifer – With more funding, would the number served per year expand?</p> <p>Panel agreed to have Kevin return for the November 18th meeting with a refined 10-minute presentation that includes stats, demographics, curriculum, pre- and post-outcome measures, etc, The next opportunity for Kev to present at JJCC is February 14, 2025.</p> <p>Vote is held over to the November meeting.</p>		
<p><b>6. Roundtable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.</b></p>		