

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

January 9, 2023

NEXT MEETING:

February 13, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

JJCC Subcommittee Members Present : Chris Modica, Mark Howe, Maureen Byrne, Pam Darcy, Jennifer Dougherty, Ramon Leija, Veronica Martinez, Ana Magbitang, and Veronica Martinez.

Other meeting attendees: Omar Zapata, Erin Antrim, and Mariana Casares Moratoya

Members Absent

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions	Responsible
<p>1. Call to Order Chris Modica called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.</p>		
<p>2. Approval of the December 5, 2022, minutes - Mark Howe moved to approve the December 5, 2022, minutes; Pam Darcy seconded the motion. All in favor; Minutes approved.</p>		
<p>3. Public Comments – None heard. None received telephonically or via email.</p>		
<p>4. Review of Boys and Girls Club Evening Reporting Center – Chris Modica introduced Omar Zapata, Erin Antrim, and Mariana Casares Moratoya who work at the Boys and Girls Club (BGCOP). Erin Antrim introduced herself. She is the CEO of the BGCOP. They have the contract to provide an evening reporting center in the greater Oxnard area. Omar Zapata introduced himself to the group. He is the Director of Program Services. He works with the Evening Reporting Center and the club inside the JF. He also oversees programs throughout the organization. Mariana Casares Morataya introduced herself. She is the Director of Prevention and Intervention Programs. Chris shared the ASR report with the group. The report outlines program successes, challenges, and recommendations. <u>Program Successes:</u> 1. Youth reported that they felt respected by staff, they get along with other youth and they feel safe. Youth can talk to be mentored by caring adults. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chris asked how this environment is created. Erin responded that they run programs based on a ‘formula for impact’ which is based on best practices. One pillar of the formula for impact is physical and emotional safety. Staff are trained to understand mentorship, value having open discussions with kids and create a safe space. In addition, the buildings are welcoming and bright. Youth are monitored everywhere they go with proper staff to youth ratio. This all helps the youth feel safe. Omar added that when they hire mentors, they try to find people who will establish a good relationship with the teens. In addition, the BGCOP has a trainer who goes to sites and observes interactions. That trainer then goes back and provides training based on the formula for impact. Omar added that the plethora of relevant </p>		

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<p>programming also adds to the environment. Omar discussed a variety of programs.</p> <p>Mariana added that they also do intakes with youth and parents which helps set expectations. They also do walkthroughs in the building to make sure issues are addressed (for example, lighting). The BGCOP has constant communication with Oxnard Police Department and Downtown Safety and addresses issues right away. Staff are well trained and communicate well with youth.</p> <p>Erin added that they try to hire staff that come from neighborhoods that are similar to some of circumstances our kids have gone through. For example, the director at the teen center grew up in public housing, and understands the challenges, trauma, and environmental effects of what the youth have gone through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris asked how they receive referrals. Omar explained that a good number of referrals come from the school districts and the community (parents). They also receive referrals from other CBOs, the police department. <p>Erin added that the Cannabis Enforcement Teen Intervention Program refers youth to the BGCOP. This is a good partnership with the high school district in conjunction with SROs on campus.</p> <p>Chris asked if there were plans to expand to other areas? Mariana noted that they will be doing talks at schools regarding drug prevention and intervention. Erin added that they are opening a 22nd location in Port Hueneme which will also be an option for ERC youth. Erin will share the flyer for the grand opening with the group. The ERC is opening February 1st. This location will only serve teens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris asked how they maintained family engagement through the pandemic? Mariana noted that the intakes are required for parents. This way, they can explain the programs and the expectations. They can also take time to explain that youth can remain at the BGCOP even once they're done with probation. Omar noted that they also share flyers of events with the parents. <p>Discussion regarding the intake process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion regarding sibling referrals. Mariana explained that there aren't many 		

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<p>due to coordination issues. The BGCOP doesn't start until the age of 13 so often siblings are too young.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Teen of the Month or Program Area of the month. Helps youth feel recognized and successful. The youth is given a certificate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mariana noted that staff select youth for different areas. The youth express that these awards are meaningful. Erin added that they've also had ERC youth help at a gala selling raffle tickets. 3. BGCOP's national model is data-driven in understanding success and growth areas, and gathers pre/post National Youth Outcomes Initiative data on diverse outcomes. Another area of success is that the BGCOP is willing to report outcomes, deliverables, a standard set of outcomes, and receive training on how to better measure those outcomes. <p>The National Youth Outcomes is an anonymous survey. Includes questions related to what youth do when they have a problem, do they have someone they can talk to, drug and alcohol use, risky behavior, etc. About 8% is ERC youth. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Mariana noted they are working on developing a survey for the ERC to be taken at intake and when they complete their time on probation. These surveys will capture data that will highlight what is working and what should be changed.</p> 4. Dinner and discussion event. Allows for youth and staff members to meet in a family style environment. Discussion regarding this program. It's a great opportunity for ERC youth to form relationships with other teens and mentors. These dinners segue into community meetings with additional topics being discussed. 5. BGCOP offers childcare for younger children/siblings so parents can engage in activities. They also encourage siblings and friends of members to attend and join. Discussion ensued regarding activities family can engage in. Omar noted that they used to have monthly 'Family Fun Nights' which could be anything from Zumba classes to basketball tournaments. Covid put that on hold but we are going to get back to that. 6. Individual level pre/post survey data on a range of youth outcomes gathered as part of BGCOP's national programming can be shared with VCPA. <p><u>Program Challenges:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of parent participation after intake. It was noted this was likely due to Covid. Chris asked what plans there were to re-engage parents? Erin responded that parent participation is always an area of challenge when it comes to teens; however, it's important parents know what the 		

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<p>BGCOP does. Family Fun Nights should help with this topic, which will be starting in February/March. Omar added that some programs provide opportunities to invite parents to events.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. While youth are provided transportation from school to program, youth are not receiving a ride home. Need for tracking transportation. Erin noted that they offer transportation, but they've had staffing issues and also covid impacted how many youths they could take in vehicle. Currently, youth are getting rides. Erin noted that perhaps they could implement a tracking system for transportation. 3. Reassigning of POs among youth while on probation vs when they exit program means less continuity in staffing and thus more energy and time spent re-establishing the PO/youth and PO/CBO staff. Discussion ensued regarding turnover in both probation and the BGCOP. 4. Data currently stored in a case file, but staff are open to entering it into shareable Excel spreadsheets. Mariana noted that they now have a shareable tracking sheet where info from probation is entered. Now, probation can call and get info on the tracking sheet. <p><u>Program Recommendations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VCPA can glean insights from the data gathered and the results that are generated using the BGCOP national model pre/post assessments. BGCOP regularly shares those reports with probation to demonstrate program impact. 2. In response to need to build greater awareness communication and collaboration between VCPA and CBO providers, VCPA can leverage BGCOP staffs' interest to engage in collaboration building activities. 3. Greater access to transportation is needed. BGCOP can work with other funded programs to identify specific transportation needs and how resources might be shared and coordinated if such support becomes available. 4. BGCOP needs to measure and demonstrate their impacts across all their services and activities, not just those currently assessed by their national model assessment tools. Erin noted that this refers to digging into pre/post surveys and figuring out how to share it more regularly and distilling it down to a snapshot. 		
<p>5. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.</p>		