



# Sacramento County

## Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

### Subcommittee

#### Meeting Agenda – Minutes / Action Summary – Future Agenda Items

**Date and Time:** 12/14/2021, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Meeting Location:** Zoom Only For 12/14/21

**Meeting Chair:** Marlon Yarber, Probation

**Meeting Coordinator:** Denver Martin, Probation

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**Meeting Participants:** Nancy Smith, Marlon Yarber, Ryan Quist, Julie Wherry, Marc Nigel, Maria Gonzalez, Kong Xiong, Josef Gray, Tiffanie Synnott, Judge Borack, Dennis Dulay

#### Agenda

Agenda Item	Schedule	Duration	Presenter(s)
1. Chair update	2:00-2:05	5 minutes	Marlon Yarber
2. Action Item Review	2:05-2:15	10 minutes	JJCC Subcommittee
3. Discuss RFI results	2:15-2:45	30 minutes	Marlon Yarber
4. Continued Discussion on Focus Groups	2:45-3:30	45 minutes	JJCC Subcommittee

#### Action Items

Action Item	Owner	Due Date	Current Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Committee members to email Chief Yarber suggestions Re budget               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12/7/21 update:</b> Suggestions have so far not been sent.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	JJCC Subcommittee	TBD	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Confirm what supervision needs and costs look like and whether or not that's supported elsewhere in our budget or if it has to come out of the block grant specifically.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12/7/21 update:</b> Chief Yarber has asked this question but at this point we don't know for sure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Marlon Yarber	TBD	Pending

<p>yet. We need to get information on the supervision costs especially. Probation's fiscal officer is in contact with her peers as well as folks at the State around what the future looks like in regard to re-entry supervision and support by Probation. Still pending</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Determine what exists in the universe of housing resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12/14/21 update:</b> Chief Yarber reached out to the new homeless housing services director. Still pending a response.</li> <li>• <b>12/7/21 update:</b> Judge Borack has a contact that is looking into housing in San Francisco for youth to transition into as part of the step down or re-entry.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Marlon Yarber and Judge Borack</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Determine if ARC can provide services to VOYA youth but also recuse themselves from voting that has to do with ARC (i.e. voting on if ARC can provide services to VOYA youth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12/14/21 Update:</b> Counsel is considering his request and is interesting how other counties are interpreting government code 1090 and what their policies might look like. Counsel will consider these approaches. Josef to procure that information from other counties and will present it to the subcommittee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Marlon Yarber and Josef Gray</p>	<p>12/14/21</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Discussion Next Steps. Marlon to reach out to plan a conversation between Probation, Behavioural Health, Public Defender, and perhaps other county entities and Bruce Wagstaff around process so that we're clear on growth requests and how to move those forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>12/14/21 Update:</b> Chief Yarber reached out to Bruce Wagstaff and received confirmation on the processes that we described in previous meetings. The board is essentially looking for counties to request funds via the growth request process. Dr Quist mentioned he has already begun the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Marlon Yarber</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Pending</p>

budget process efforts for Behavioural Health.			
➤ Re Family Engagement: Tiffanie to provide examples of family visitation issues at the YDF	Tiffanie Synnott	12/14/21	Pending
<p>➤ Dennis Dulay to research and send the committee an email with ideas of ways family engagement has been incorporated in the past at DJJ for the committee to consider implementing at VOYA if appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family engagement is interwoven into all aspects of the VOYA journey. Some examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family orientations</li> <li>○ Community Assessment prior to commitment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dennis Dulay	12/14/21	Pending
<p>➤ Dennis Dulay to share research papers (Judge Borack’s team to scan and distribute) that speaks (in part) to the integration of all the various treatment providers who work with the serious offender population. This may help to better understand the continuum care model and perhaps can be used to augment our current system. If we solidify the model and have an effective means to communicate the model, it may help guide direction regarding budget, growth requests, and other pieces.</p>	Dennis Dulay	1/4/21	Pending
<p>➤ Tiffanie Synnott to look into different job duties/classifications that are aligned with our proposed Juvenile Support Coordinator role. She will send out a list to the committee. Examples of classifications that might be congruent are Peer Specialist, Social Worker, and particular roles within the DHA and CPS.</p>	Tiffanie Synnott	1/4/21	Pending

**Future Agenda Items / Parking Lot**

Agenda / Parking Lot Item	Meeting Date
Feedback from the November 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting with Sac Kids First and Decarcerate Sacramento and feedback from the board meeting on November 16 <sup>th</sup> .	TBD

Meeting structure discussion	TBD
<p>Discuss the creation of focus/work groups for the following domains:</p> <p><b>A. Facilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Points System</i> – How can this be adapted to fit the needs of the VOYA population? Discipline and incentives</li> <li>2. <i>Family Engagement and Family nights</i> – what would these look like exactly? Is this a scheduling piece? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We are unsure if this topic requires a work group. However, this item will still be tracked.</li> <li>o Multi-dimensional family therapy</li> <li>o Youth reaching age of majority under VOYA</li> <li>o Visiting at the YDF is generally from 7 am to 7 pm. However if you're an agency, there may be other challenges or timeslots you're afforded. Send an email Chief Yarber or CD Gonzalez for any accommodations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <i>Vocational opportunities offered to our clientele.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To be discussed in the new focus group. SCOE to assist.</li> <li>o Nancy Smith has some contacts in high tech. Judge Borack, Josef Gray, and Jacqueline White (as part of the focus groups) will work with Nancy to see how this piece will fit within the Reentry and Education.</li> <li>o At the recent Jail Diversion Treatment resource center opening, Chief Yarber spoke with some folks at DOA who referenced having the ability to connect all of our clientele to job opportunities. He will reach out to them and learn more.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>B. The Step Down Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To be discussed in the new focus group.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Budget</b></p>	TBD
Have DPOs hold a presentation on their scope relative to the VOYA unit.	
JJCC Subcommittee Additional Community Membership Recruitment	TBD - 2022

**Notes:**

**Potentially partnering with YOLO County In supporting their population**

- There's been conversations with YOLO county with possibly partnering with them – pre and post SB823. We've yet to get to a yes. We haven't engaged in with any negotiation yet. They're also doing their own due diligence is regards to other county's as well. The challenge is really wanting to ensure we have adequate space for our traditional youth and VOYA youth and managing where those thresholds are. Should those youth from YOLO push us over the threshold, it could cause us to open another unit. There is potentially an upside due to their numbers, we just want to be cautious.

**RFI Results**

- No updates as of 12/14/21 for the RFI results. We have not heard anything back from county counsel.

### **Focus Groups**

- Dennis Dulay would like to be on the facilities focus group.
- Marc Nigel is interested in the re-entry focus group.

### **Rollover Funds**

- We believe the funds would have to be expended by the end of the fiscal year and liquidated by some period short after. However, this needs to be confirmed - Chief Yarber to follow up.

### **Juvenile Support Coordinator and Youth Mentor**

This proposed role responsibilities for the support coordinator may include:

- Creating a plan for the youth and communicating the plan to the youth.
  - Method of communication could be a PowerPoint, flowchart, or other process diagram.
- Holding plan reviews with the youth to determine progress through the program.
- Since the proposed Juvenile Support Coordinator shares very similar responsibilities with Probation's Deputy Probation Officer case owners, we will need to learn more about the scope of the DPO case owners in the VOYA unit.
- The coordinator and the youth mentor would be perhaps two different people. The mentor could eventually be a transitional specialist as well.

### **VOYA Staff**

- VOYA staff are selected based on their knowledge and experience they demonstrated while in the institution. They were sent to a specialized transfer academy for DPOs. They received one on one training with the field officers in re-entry and Juvenile Field on how to do case plans and write court reports. We asked these DPO case workers to understand that they more than likely will stay in the VOYA unit for two years to set a foundation in these units and staying consistent, while officers in other units will be transferred.
- The majority of YDF is staffed with Assistant Probation Officers. There are very few Deputy Probation Officers – four currently as part of the programming unit.

### **Next Meeting**

The next JJCC Subcommittee meeting will take place on January 4<sup>th</sup>.