



Sacramento County

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

Subcommittee

Action Summary

Date and Time: 9/20/2022, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Meeting Location: 10060 Goethe Rd., Sacramento, CA - Valley Oak Conference Room 1205, 1207

Meeting Chair: Marlon Yarber, Probation

Meeting Coordinator: Laura Singh, Probation

Please send any future topics for discussion to singhla@saccounty.gov

JJCC Subcommittee Members: Judge Calabretta, Josef Gray, Raechel Ibarra, Bryan Jones, Reuben Moreno, Ryan Quist, Nancy Smith, Jacqueline White, Kong Xiong, Marlon Yarber (Chair)

JJCC Subcommittee Designees: Nina Acosta (Alternate for Quist), Marc Nigel (Alternate for White), Julie Wherry (Alternate for Yarber)

JJCC Subcommittee Guests: Supervising Probation Officer Jacob Cullers, YDF Chief Deputy Maria Gonzalez

Schedule and duration are approximations.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate. The Public may make verbal comments during the meeting by raising your hand at the designated time. There will be a designated time for public comment at the end of each item.

Agenda Item	Schedule	Duration	Presenter(s)
1. Chair Update	2:00-2:15	15 minutes	Marlon Yarber
<p>The JJCC Subcommittee expressed their appreciation to the Sewer District for allowing them to utilize the Valley Oak Conference Room.</p> <p>Welcome Reuben Moreno, taking over for Tiffanie Synnott.</p> <p>Roll Call completed.</p> <p>There is a video posted from the July meeting. It is encouraged that all members view the video as it explains the Brown Act.</p> <p>The Block Grant Allocation was recalculated and was increased from \$5.5 million to \$8.1 million. This leaves \$1.8 million left unplanned for. Ensuring though, Office of Education and Behavioral Health Services needs are prioritized in addition to Probation needs at YDF.</p> <p>In relation to the VOYA population, Pine Grove is being explored as an alternative option. The cost is \$96,000 per year per youth. Additional housing and transportation services are needed for the population. There are 25 youth that are expected with parole board dates after DJJ closes. There is also a meeting on Friday with the DJJ Leadership to discuss each case.</p>			

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<p>YDF received notice they will receive a Juvenile Facilities Improvement Grant and the estimated amount they will receive is \$3.7 million to make the facility more home-like. Ideas to accomplish this are to make the outdoor field a turf field, second conference room in the visitor center for MDTs, natural light lighting, bedding, paint, slippers, and other miscellaneous items. It is encouraged any additional ideas be sent to Probation now.</p>			
<p>2. Meeting Schedule: Discuss future meeting frequency and locations</p>	<p>2:15-2:30</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Marlon Yarber</p>
<p>There might be times in the year where the subcommittee will need to meet more frequent and also times where there isn't a need to meet as often. Monthly is a suggested frequency to start with. If there is a deadline it would be important to meet more frequently. Fall and Winter would be considered a busy season due to budget preparation.</p> <p>After much discussion, including the option of monthly, it was recommended to proceed biweekly through January due to upcoming holiday challenges and the need to notice and produce meeting minutes along with other miscellaneous items.</p> <p>The re-entry subcommittee is currently on hold due to Brown Act and may not reconvene due to the number of members that were attending.</p> <p>The budget hasn't been discussed as well as the additional funding. The County Executive Office stated there isn't time to do anything with the adoptive budget but they will entertain the option to come back midyear to make requests.</p> <p>Judge Calabretta motioned for every other week meetings till the end of December. Josef Gray seconded the motion. AYES: Judge Calabretta, Josef Gray, Raechel Ibarra, Bryan Jones, Reuben Moreno, Ryan Quist, Nancy Smith, Barbara Modlin, Kong Xiong, Marlon Yarber NOES: None ABSTAIN: None RECUSAL: None</p>			
<p>3. Valley Oak Youth Academy Update</p>	<p>2:30-2:45</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Maria Gonzalez</p>
<p>There are currently 20 residents. There was one female that was recommitted to DJJ. If DJJ doesn't take her, she will be housed in the girls unit and provided services that the VOYA residents receive. Has it been considered looking at surrounding counties to take a female resident, was one question asked. Other counties have not housed a female yet. The goal though is to keep the youth local. There is another female in custody that would potentially also fall under the VOYA population.</p> <p>Project ME, a 15 week life skills program, was a huge success and graduation will be tomorrow, 9/21/22, in the evening. Chick-fil-A held interviews and one youth would have been hireable based on their interview. Chick-fil-A will also be providing sandwiches for the graduation. Next week, the youth will be applying for their paid position jobs within the facility. Some of the jobs are food service, gardening, mentorship, and a tutor to work with SCOE.</p> <p>"Ask the Chief" Day was about a month ago for both VOYA units. Questions were asked about step downs and time that could be taken off their terms. Chief Yarber expressed to the youth his goals for them which included job readiness and ensuring they have a safe place to go when released. The youth also touched on food and how they can receive additional food trays and the possibility of different shoes and clothes.</p> <p>Community Outreach Unit was presented to the youth.</p> <p>JJCC Subcommittee community members also spoke with the youth. Information will be provided in Item 7.</p>			

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<p>Two cases are close to being released. In order to fall in line with re-entry planning, enrolling in school and finding a job, Probation will need time to have these items completed. The DA and PD could work together creating a plan and possibly put together a written stipulation. If Probation becomes aware that a case is close to closing, possibly notify the DA and PD to be aware or initiate a 778 motion to bring the case back to Court. This would pertain to cases that have 6 months or less at their court hearing and the judge has the option of releasing the youth early. The Bench doesn't always understand the timelines and Judge Calabretta will reach out and explain this information to them. Probation would need 60 – 90 days to complete a re-entry report.</p> <p>Was it discussed in the re-entry committee how long it would take community services to line up housing and jobs for the youth? Unfortunately, the discussion didn't get that far within the committee before the meetings were paused.</p> <p>This item could be continued as a future agenda item at a future meeting.</p>			
4. Community Outreach Unit Update	2:45-3:00	15 minutes	Jacob Cullers
<p>COU has been working with the Juvenile Re-Entry team. COU currently takes out the adult population. The first step for the juvenile population would be to re-establish community ties. Next would be to find locations that would offer skills to use for employment. To qualify for COU, youth are required to complete education goals and be healthy. The youth would also go through an orientation to explain what the expectations are and what the work would consist of. Two officers would be utilized to take a group out. The youth would be picked up at 8:30 am and they would work 4 to 5 hours and lunch would be provided. Current partnerships are Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Dive and Rescue Team, Consumnes River Preserve, and County Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation has a County Park Worker Aid that the youth could potentially apply for once released. COU is also looking for more organizations to work with.</p> <p>Probation would be requesting a Court Order to participate in the Community Outreach Program. COU has the staff to support the juvenile population but can only support 5 to 7 youth at one time. Could COU be utilized to take the youth to apply for an Identification Card? Would having an ID be a barrier for the youth to participate in COU? The youth wouldn't need an ID to participate in COU. Documentation is part of the re-entry process though. Obtaining an ID, birth certificate, and social security card are items the re-entry officers would work on.</p>			
5. Behavioral Health Services Update	3:00-3:10	10 minutes	Ryan Quist
<p>Before COVID there was a work force shortage with Behavioral Health Clinicians. During the pandemic there is now a work force crisis. There are over 100 vacant clinical positions. During union negotiations, they increased the clinicians' compensation package by 16%. There was a hiring fair last week with a large response.</p> <p>A lot of services can always be contracted out while Behavioral Health works on hiring clinicians. Currently, there are no in-custody Sex Offender treatment services contracted. Hiring Behavior Health clinicians is a priority to provide this treatment.</p>			
6. Discussion of Topics for Future Agenda Items	3:10-3:20	10 minutes	JJCC Subcommittee
<p>Future Agenda Items are listed as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCOE Update • Budget Status/Development (including FY 23-24) • Youth Advocate and Service Coordinator • Underlying Report – Add or Remove items and make it more readable • Re-entry Planning and Update 			
7. Public Comment on Off Agenda Items	3:20-3:30	10 minutes	Public Attendees
<p>JJCC Subcommittee community members met with the youth inside YDF. Items listed are requests the youth had:</p>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMV Support• Different Programming – WEAVE was not favoured• Certificates of Completion for Programming• More hands on vocational programs such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ HVAC Training○ Electrician Training○ Barber School○ Fork Lift Certification○ Job placement upon release• More food, food items, and food visits• Music Lessons• Fire Camp• AB 12 Information• To see community members once a month <p>OYCR reached out for a tour and discussion of YDF and the invitation is open to the JJCC Subcommittee on October 17th at 9:30 am.</p> <p>YDF residents interviewed and chose a new culinary arts teacher. The teacher is currently getting his fingerprints cleared. The goal is to have the teacher on board by October 1st.</p>			
Adjournment	3:30		