



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 3, 2008
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY MARRIOT – BUELLTON, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Batty, William, Family Service Agency
Richard Morgantini for **Brown, Michael**, County Executive Officer
Ken Shemwell for **Brown, William**, Sheriff
Gil Armijo for **Centeno, Joe**, 5th District Supervisor
Fred Razo for **Cirone, Bill**, SBCEO
Dabney, Timothy, Chief, Lompoc Police Department
Ken Jensen for **Gallagher, Kathy**, Director, DSS
Gonzalez, Michael Santa Barbara School District
Suzanne Grimmesey-Kirk for **Detrick, Ann**, ADMHS
Herman, James, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court
Lara, Hugo E., Guadalupe Union School District
Paraskou, Greg, Public Defender
Capt. Robert Lowry for **Sanchez, Camerino**, Chief, Santa Barbara City Police Department
Sharkey, Jill Dr., UCSB
Smith, Kevin, Zona Seca
Stanley, Christie, Santa Barbara District Attorney
Stewart, Patti, Chief Probation Officer
Wolf, Janet, 2nd District Supervisor

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Haaland-Ford, Tara, JJDPC
Hearn, Jeffrey, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Macagni, Dan, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
Menchaca, Teresa, Fighting Back - Santa Maria Valley

Staff Present:

Conoley, Martin, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Division
Stanley, Wendy, Probation Manager, Santa Maria Juvenile Hall & Santa Barbara Booking Station
Kwock, Lennie, ADMHS

Guest Present:

Nishimori, Judith, SMVYFC

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

- Patti Stewart welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
1. **Approval of minutes from August 29, 2008 – All**
 - A motion was made to approve the August 29, 2008 minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, Hugo Lara abstained.
 2. **Public Comment**
 - None

3. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Patti Stewart

- The FY 08 – 09 State budget for was signed 9/23/08.
 - JJCPA funding was reduced by 10% (\$248,978) which is what was presented and approved by the Council at the April 2008 meeting.
 - JPCF/TANF was cut approximately \$329,000, a reduction not factored into the approved Probation Department budget.
 - Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding was not reduced.
 - Ken Jensen reported that Child Welfare Services was kept pretty much whole however, there were more significant cuts to adult protective services.
 - Judge Herman reported that the courts sustained a \$7 million cut statewide which will not have a huge effect to Santa Barbara County operations however, next year will be more difficult with the use of reserves this year.
 - Suzanne Grimmersey-Kirk advised that ADMHS will be restructuring how the clinics will be run. Staffing for the Adult clinics will be changing dramatically. There were some changes with CBO's due to duplication in services. Adult will have an ACT Team in each area of the County, in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara there will be a supportive housing program to allow clients to live in the community with team support provided. The children's system remains unchanged and there has not been a reduction in staffing or in organizational contracts.
- Martin Conoley will be retiring effective October 17th and his event is scheduled on October 10th at the UCSB Faculty Club.
- Beverly Taylor will be transitioning from the Institutions Division and moving to Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Division. There will be a delay in backfilling the Institutions Division Deputy Chief but duties will be collectively overseen by the Beverly, Karen Wheeler and Chief Stewart, all of whom have institutional experience.
- Deputy Chief Taylor is not present today as she is attending the California Association Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA) conference. Juvenile Institution Officer Lesli Stamm who is assigned to the Santa Barbara Booking Station is receiving a Statewide CAPIA Line Staff of the Year award for her creative work with the Alternative Detention Program.
- As the result of a fee review project and time study, the Probation Department will be presenting fee increase recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Courts on October 7th.

4. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) Status Report – Martin Conoley

- There has been a workgroup with Probation staff to determine how the funding would be spent in Santa Barbara County.
- The current planning group consists of ADMHS staff and Probation staff.
- There are three. (one in each region) YOBG funded special supervision Probation caseloads which supervise a small number of the most challenging high risk/needs wards in the system.
- Probation is currently developing service plans for YOBG eligible minors that are housed in a detention facility or residing in the community. Consideration is given to educational needs, the need for pro-social involvement, substance abuse, financial status, vocational and independent living needs for the development of wraparound-type service plan.
- The idea is to have a program that is fluid and individualized for each participating minor.
- SB163 currently has 18 minors county-wide and this program could be used in conjunction with YOBG.
- The State has not yet developed mandated outcome measures for YOBG. Probation has established key performance indicators which include: Completion of Treatment, Restitution, Community Service Work; Obtain HS Diploma/GED; Employment (sustained

employment for 6mos/more); Enrolled in College/Trade Program; re-arrests/types of arrests; participation in Institutions component.

- The detention component is a multi-phase program, with individualized milestones to measure performance in the program. At the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) there is a specific staff assigned to the YOBG program who meets with detainees, clinical personnel, and Probation Officers for the development of treatment plans.
- It is estimated that the detention component will be approximately a nine month program, but completion time frames will depend on the service plan and the rate at which milestones are achieved.
- Lennie Kwock added that there will be more intense services for those minors in the YOBG program smaller caseloads and enhanced services.
- Fred Razo requested that the school be provided with the names of those minors in the YOBG program in order to ensure that the educational needs of those students are met and for the potential to assist them with graduation requirements.
- Greg Paraskou asked that defense counsel be included in the development of service plans and progress reports for those minor's in the YOBG detention component in order to ensure they are progressing appropriately for release.
- There is a plan for notification to the Court, Public Defender/defense counsel and District Attorney when each phase is completed for the detention portion of the program. Formal reviews can be calendared at agreed upon intervals.
- The intention of the YOBG funding was to provide services for those non 707(b) WIC offenders that no longer qualify for a commitment at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).
- The State Department of Corrections will undoubtedly continue to reduce juvenile detention programming and beds, so locally it is important to develop ways to manage the individuals that will no longer be housed at DJJ.
- Dr. Jill Sharkey offered the services of her group to analyze the outcomes of the YOBG program participants.
- The long term plan is for the Santa Barbara Booking Station to remain as a booking facility but if bed space needs increase, it could re-open as a 56-bed full serve Juvenile Hall with the approval of Correction Standards Authority and the necessary funding to support the recommissioning of the SBJH.

5. Alternative Detention Program (ADP) Update – Wendy Stanley

- The purpose was to reduce bed days in the juvenile halls and also divert the low level violators from custody but still provide consequences for their behavior. The goal was to have participants gain insight from the consequences of their behavior, learn from the program and not repeat the behavior that caused them to violate their probation.
- The Santa Barbara ADP opened January 2008 and the Santa Maria ADP opened April 2008.
- Through August 2008 there have been 205 referrals with 144 minors successfully completing the program. Of the remaining 61 minors some are still enrolled in the program, others did not attend or the program was not a good fit for them.
- The participants that now attend the ADP would have historically been booked into the Juvenile Hall and would have spent a minimum of three days in custody, which has resulted in a reduction of 612 bed days.
- Participants attend the program Tuesday – Saturday.
 - Participants could be enrolled in the program for one to three weeks depending on the violation; length of enrollment is determined by the ADP administration.
 - On the weekdays the arrival time is no later than 4:00, which is determined by dismissal time of the school of record. Weekday programming consists of

homework help and other educational activities which include field trips and guest speakers.

- On Saturday's community service work is completed by the participants.
 - Since August there have been 1,246 hours of community service work completed by the program participants at both facilities. The participants have volunteered at the Santa Maria Animal Shelter, Santa Barbara Police Department, Growing Grounds, Isla Vista Adopt a Block, Deveraux Complex, United Way Day of Caring, Luis Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt, the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara Food Banks, and many more. Often times there is an educational component that goes along with the community service work.
- ADP personnel are working with the County Education Office to obtain study work to assist minors to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).
- The exit surveys have showed positive responses by the participants.
- Outcomes will require further assessment and Dr. Jill Sharkey indicated that she would consult with program staff and assist with the analysis.
- There is not currently a substance abuse treatment component built into the ADP. There are community organizations that are providing educational presentations. Due to the short term of commitment in the program, education and referrals to treatment are the focus.

6. JJCPA Utilization – Martin Conoley

- The JJCPA Utilization and Services Report for the FY 08-09 was provided and reviewed by Martin Conoley.
- This report summarizes the utilization of the Community Based Organization (CBO) resources.
- There was a request for the JJCPA report to have footnotes explaining anomalies in the data.

7. JJCC 2009 Meeting Dates and Location

- Those in attendance received a handout for the four 2009 JJCC meetings.
- Patti discussed with the group the cost difference between the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott to Pea Soup Andersen's which could result in a 40% savings.
- Several members offered other suggestions such as the Solvang Court House, the Buellton Water Authority or the Rabobank location. The group was very supportive to move the meeting to allow for a cost savings.
- Mr. Morgantini reminded the group that the Juliette Room at Pea Soup Andersen's would not be an option as there is not an elevator available for handicapped access, which is a Brown Act requirement.
- Ken Jensen requested the meeting to be at the same location throughout the year which helps prevent confusion.
- Melanie will research meeting locations and once a final location is selected a notice will be sent to all members with the 2009 dates and location.

8. Public Comment for Committee Members

- Christie Stanley will be making a presentation to the BOS on October 14th regarding the Truancy Program and the results of the meetings with School Districts. The District Attorney's office did have to give layoff notices to two staff that work on the truancy program due to funding reductions.
- Chief Dabney announced that Lompoc will implement a Restorative Justice program in the near future. An informal update will be provided at the JJCC meeting in February.
- Lennie Kwock reminded the group about the upcoming Restorative Justice Symposium on October 15th in Santa Maria.

- Fred Razo announced that on October 23rd at 3:00 at the County Education Office Auditorium there will be 23 students from throughout the county receiving their high school diplomas from Los Robles High School.
- Richard Morgantini reported that the CEO's office is working on the budget principles for Fiscal Year 09–10 and should be to the Board of Supervisors in the next 4 – 6 weeks. With the current fiscal challenges and due to the furlough schedule, the annual budget kick off will be earlier than in years past.
- Judge Herman reminded members about the open house at the Santa Maria Juvenile Court on November 7th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and of a second open house on November 20th. Since the last meeting, the Foster Youth Art Project is up and running and CASA received funding for the framing of the self portraits.
- Judge Herman also noted there was a recent report received relative to improving foster care throughout the State. There will be a statewide summit on December 10th in San Francisco and a Santa Barbara County team will be participating and reporting back to Judge Herman.
- Ken Jensen reported that a tri-annual peer quality case review was recently completed in Child Welfare Services. This is a collaborative effort between Probation, County Education Office, Ventura County and San Luis Obispo County that resulted in a number of recommendations that were received and will be analyzed and chronicled in the final report.
- Michael Gonzalez announced that the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara City School District approved a pilot project this year for two Outreach Officers to work specifically with gang members and other at risk youth.
- Hugo Lara stated that there is great value in the truancy program. Although it is fiscally challenging to financially support the program, the school districts will continue to be involved in the process and participate in modifications to the program.
 - Fighting Back of Santa Maria Valley received a grant to enhance services in the Santa Maria and Guadalupe school districts; the plan is under development.
- Kevin Smith stated that he values the truancy program and if Zona Seca can be of any help the District Attorney's office should let them know.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: February 6, 2009 – Location TBD