



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 2, 2007
ROYAL SCANDINAVIAN INN – SOLVANG, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Kevin Smith for **Banales, Frank**, Zona Seca
Batty, William, Family Service Agency
Timothy Dabney, Chief, Lompoc Police Department
Gil Armijo for **Centeno, Joe**, 5th District Supervisor
DeuPree, Scott, Chief Probation Officer
Forman, Fran, CAC
Ken Jensen, for **Gallagher, Kathy**, Director, DSS
Garcia, Arthur, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court
Hearn, Jeffrey, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Cue, Eduardo, for **Penny Jenkins**, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Menchaca, Teresa, Fighting Back - Santa Maria Valley
Paraskou, Greg, Interim Public Defender
Judi Nishimori, for **Rogers, Will**, SMVYFC
Pinsker, Marnie for **Stanley, Christie**, Santa Barbara District Attorney
Gonzalez, Michael, for **Brian Sarvis**, Santa Barbara School District
Weinstock, Rita, JJDPC

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Adams, Thomas, Judge
Broderick, James, Ph.D., Director, ADMHS
Brown, Michael, County Executive Officer
Carbajal, Salud, 1st District Supervisor
Cirone, Bill, SBCEO
Firestone, Brooks, 3rd District Supervisor
Furlong, Mike, Ph.D., UCSB/CSBYD
Huseth, Craig, Santa Maria Bonita School District
Lynch, Frank, Lompoc Unified School District
Macagni, Dan, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
J. William McLafferty, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Sanchez, Camerino, Chief, Santa Barbara City Police Department
Schulman, Elliott, Director, Public Health
Tucker, Jerry, Chief, Guadalupe Police Department

Staff Present:

Brickley, Mark, Probation Manager, Juvenile Services, Santa Barbara
Conoley, Martin, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Services
Heitman, Tanja, Probation Manager, Juvenile Services, Santa Maria/Lompoc
Pankratz, Dennis, Fiscal Support, Santa Barbara
Rae, Lynda, Probation Consultant
Stewart, Patti, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Institutions

Wheeler, Karen, Probation Manager, Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

- Scott DeuPree welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
1. **Approval of December 1, 2006, Minutes - All**
 - A motion was made to approve the December 1, 2006, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) minutes, motion carried. The minutes will be posted to the Probation Department's internet site.
 2. **Public Comment**
 - No public comments were received.
 3. **Chief Probation Officer Comments – Scott DeuPree**
 - The Governor's office has proposals pending to modify the criminal justice system throughout the State of California, for both adult and juvenile offenders. There is still a lot of work to be done between the Governor's Office and the State Legislature to craft the proposals into something everyone can agree with.
 - On the Juvenile side they are proposing to no longer accept non-violent offenders at the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), formerly known as California Youth Authority. Some current offenders in the system may be returned to local jurisdiction. They are also proposing to no longer house female offenders, and return all current female offenders to local jurisdiction. Another part of the proposal is that the State may pay \$94,000 per DJJ ward to the Counties to offset the cost of shifting that population to local jurisdictions. Locally, we are not anticipating a major impact should this proposal go through. We have relatively few juveniles committed to the State, no more than 20 at the moment, and the majority of those would be classified as violent offenders. The impact to Santa Barbara County would be minimal, but across the State would be a major consideration.
 - CPOC and the Governor's Office will be meeting next week to work on a state-wide plan that the Probation Departments can agree upon.
 - CPOC's probable position will be that no new non-violent offenders be committed to the State system, but that the State would keep their existing population and not return them to the Counties. This would appear to be the most workable, realistic alternative, but negotiations will continue for the next few months.
 - Counties currently are avoiding sending their juveniles to the State and have opened local programs targeting high-risk offenders who would have previously gone to the State. Santa Barbara County has so few, it would be difficult to design such a treatment program. It is probable that we would carry on with our current programs and strategies.
 - Mr. DeuPree announced that this is his last meeting with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, he will be retiring at the end of March. There is a recruitment pending by the

Superior Court for the new Chief and it will be open through February 28th. The selection process will be determined by the Court.

- Mr. Conoley commended Scott DeuPree for his leadership and stewardship to the organization. He has been a great leader and colleague in this group and many others, as well as to the Probation Department as a whole. Salutations were given to Mr. DeuPree by the JJCC members.

4. JJCPA Utilization of CBO Services – Tanja Heitman

- Overall we are continuing to see an improvement, and there is not much new to report since the last two meetings.
- The truancy in home services in Santa Maria has exceeded expectations. They have been working off of their waiting list since the first day of operations. The gang prevention strategy is also continuing to do well.
- Utilization of counseling sessions across the County is improving.
- Mr. DeuPree extended compliments to Ms. Heitman on her stewardship of the counseling component. The County has struggled for years in terms of balancing the money that is allocated to counseling services to receive maximum utilization of their resources. It is currently demonstrating a good balance of these resources.

5. Submission of proposed JJCC By-Laws: Scott DeuPree

- The revised By-Laws from the December 1st Meeting were sent to County Counsel. At this time, they are still being reviewed for possible changes and County Counsel approval. Mr. DeuPree will follow-up with County Council to see if this can be expedited. We hope to have them returned in adequate time to be reviewed so that they may be adopted at the next meeting and the organizational changes can be implemented to be in compliance with the By-Laws.

6. Local Action Plan Data Presentation – Dennis Pankratz

- Every year as part of our Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act strategy, we review what is happening locally in terms of juvenile crime and services to adjust our strategies to meet current trends.
The Local Action Plan Work Group uses this data in considering how they will develop their plan.
- Mr. Pankratz provided the JJCC members with a PowerPoint presentation detailing statistical information on crime, demographics, and related data. This information has been posted to the County Probation website for review:
<http://www.countyofsb.org/probation/generalinfo/jjcc.htm>

7. Local Action Plan Work Group Recommendations – Tanja Heitman

- A handout of the 2007-2008 JJCPA Local Action Plan Proposed Strategies and Recommendations was distributed to members in attendance. (Please see attached document).
- Ms. Heitman thanked all of those who participated in the Work Group, and continue to participate in the Work Group. A special acknowledgement goes out to those who will not reap any fiscal benefits, but were deeply committed to the project and gave so generously with their time.
- The consensus was that three programs were the core programs: Truancy, Assessment/Early Intervention and Aftercare. To change these programs to meet crime trends would create gaps. But changes within the components would be recommended to improve them.

Truancy Program Recommendations

- The biggest discussion was regarding the three full-time Deputy Probation Officers that were cut in previous years. They have been since restored.
- Data was not available for the Truancy component to assess how the juveniles were progressing through the program steps. One of the recommendations was to begin collecting better data to track the progress.
- One of the observations was that the Truancy program has five steps, and the juveniles who completed the fifth step by the beginning of the school year, were most at-risk compared to those who entered throughout the remainder of the year.
- One of the frustrations of the Truancy system is that it is a County wide program with many stakeholders, and currently, there is no existing structure in place that would bring those separate entities together on a regular basis for meetings to discuss their common goals. The suggestion was made to increase collaboration.

Assessment/Early Intervention Program Recommendations

- Currently there is only one half-time early intervention Officer in Lompoc and Santa Barbara which causes that Officer to have a divided caseload.
- Mr. Pankratz acknowledged that the data supports the higher graduation rates where there is one Officer per program, as in Santa Maria.
- Mr. DeuPree inquired how it would effect the capacity of the caseload if the criteria were changed? Ms. Heitman said that the area most effected would be Santa Maria and that they must continue to prioritize those most in need as they would not be able to serve them all.
- Mr. DeuPree stated that the need would be to weight services for the repeat offenders against those of the new referrals.
- As funding permits, ADHMS would conduct mental health screenings for all program participants. Mr. DeuPree added that ADMHS likes the program model which is currently in use in Santa Maria (it is unavailable now in Lompoc and Santa Barbara) and would try and allocate funds for early assessment.
- The recommendation is to allocate funding to staff at its current level, but since we don't know what funding will be for next year, the goal would be to retain a healthy amount of rollover with which we could implement the changes per the recommendations.

Maximizing Resources

- By establishing an interagency group which meets regularly it would provide a more effective strategy for pursuing funding opportunities that often arise on short notice. Mr. Cue commented that community based organizations (such as CADA) are looking at reducing funding and would be unsure if they could continue to provide services at the current level that the Local Action Plan task force is recommending. It would be a “shallow” solution if the resources are not there. To partner in these programs, community organizations would like to work with County entities to assist them with receiving funding.
- Ms. Heitman said that some programs are underutilized. With regular meetings of the Stakeholders about what funding is out there and what is going away, we could better position ourselves to apply for other funding, or use the funding which we already have to best advantage.
- Mr. Batty commented that there is an opportunity for agencies to form partnerships and pursue funding from private foundations. There is new money in the private sector from such agencies as the Orfalea or the Santa Barbara Foundation. There is a new source, The Bauers Foundation, which would also be worth looking into for funds. Secondly, The United Way, the Foundation Roundtable, and the Bauers Foundation are looking to make grants on some strategic issue of big impact and they might be interested. Thirdly, the Foundation has stated publicly that they want to fund a project where there is a collaboration to address the larger issue. Perhaps a workgroup could be formed to create a presentation?
- Gang prevention strategies were suggested as a topic for presentation.
- Mr. Smith stated that in the past, if we weren't using the funding, the funding would be cut. The concern is that if a community agency has referrals sent to them, but that the juveniles are unsupervised and fail to show up, their numbers go down, and the funding could be cut. Once the funding is lost, it would be highly unlikely that it would be reinstated.
- Mr. Armijo spoke on behalf of Supervisor Centeno, saying that they would actively commit to interagency partnerships. Mr. Smith said that there is potential that the Foundation Roundtable might fund a study process for a limited period of time to create the interagency council.
- Mr. DeuPree reiterated what Ms. Heitman has already stated regarding the uncertainty of funding for 2007-2008. The worst case scenario regarding funding would be a continuation of current level services, and the expansions that are being recommended would not be able to be implemented. Best case would be to implement them, and find a continuum between both extremes. What the Local Action Plan workgroup is looking for is conceptual agreement from the JJCC. Are the LAP group recommendations the appropriate strategy to take? Funding recommendations will need to be made at the April meeting. At that point, we will have our best projection as to what amount of money will be available and what level of services either existing, or new, can be funded with JJCPA monies. This is not necessarily something that needs to be voted on.

Conclusion: While the 2007-2008 JJCPA Local Action Plan Proposed Strategies and Recommendations were presented to the JJCC at the meeting, some members expressed concern over voting on the plan without further reviewing the proposal. Members feeling a need to make very specific comments on the plan were asked to let Tanja Heitman know within a couple of weeks. The LAP workgroup would then meet and assess the concerns and refine the strategies, if necessary. By the April 6 JJCC meeting, the 2007-2008 Strategies and recommendations will need formal JJCC endorsement, and the Local Action Plan approved in order to meet the May 1 CSA deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Note: Additional copies of any material distributed at this meeting may be obtained by contacting Nina Forte, (805) 882-3638.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Forte, Administrative Secretary.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2007 – Royal Scandinavian Inn – Solvang Room, Solvang, CA