



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 6, 2007
ROYAL SCANDINAVIAN INN – SOLVANG, CA
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Members in Attendance:

Adams, Thomas, Judge
Olivia Solorio for **Banales, Frank**, Zona Seca
Lennie Kwock for **Barton, Doug**, ADMHS
Batty, William, Family Service Agency
Richard Morgantini for **Brown, Michael**, County Executive Officer
Cirone, Bill, SBCEO
Dabney, Timothy, Chief, Lompoc Police Department
Jack Boysen for **Centeno, Joe**, 5th District Supervisor
DeuPree, Scott, Chief Probation Officer
Forman, Fran, CAC
Ken Jensen for **Gallagher, Kathy**, Director, DSS
Hearn, Jeffrey, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Jenkins, Penny, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Lisa Draper for **Menchaca, Teresa**, Fighting Back - Santa Maria Valley
Jim Voysey for **Paraskou, Greg**, Interim Public Defender
Judi Nishimori for **Rogers, Will**, SMVYFC
Stanley, Christie, Santa Barbara District Attorney
Michael Gonzalez for **Brian Sarvis**, Santa Barbara School District
Weinstock, Rita, JJDPC
Wolf, Janet, 2nd District Supervisor

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Furlong, Mike, Ph.D., UCSB/CSBYD
Garcia, Arthur, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court
Lara, Hugo, Guadalupe School District
Lynch, Frank, Lompoc Unified School District
Macagni, Dan, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
McLafferty, J. William, 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
Lorien, Toni, County Counsel
O’Gorman, Mary, Assistant to Supervisor Janet Wolf
Rae, Lynda, Probation Consultant
Stewart, Patti, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Institutions
Cue, Eduardo, CADA

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

- Scott DeuPree welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
1. **Approval of February 2, 2007 Minutes – All**
 - A motion was made to approve the February 2, 2007 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**
 - Toni Lorien of County Counsel was introduced. The JJCC is subject to The Brown Act, and with critical fiscal and program issues on the agenda subject to vote, counsel presence was requested.
 - The Governor’s office has proposed reforms to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Overviews of the proposals were provided at the previous meeting.
 - The proposal to have adult offenders committed to State prison for three years or less returned to the local jurisdictions has been removed from the table by the Governor’s office, as has the local housing of future commitments of three years or less.
 - There is a proposal for juvenile offenders committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice to be limited to male violent offenders. All females and non-violent juvenile offenders would remain at the local level jurisdiction. There would be an annual dollar amount allocation to be determined per detainee, for distribution to the Counties based on a ten year commitment rate of those types of offenders to the State. The State proposal is \$94,000 per detainee and CPOC has countered with a \$125,000 proposal. Santa Barbara County has had few juvenile offenders committed to the State, probably not more than 3 or 4.
 - The proposal from the Chief Probation Officers of California was for inclusion of a growth escalation clause based on population growth and cost of living.
 - Another proposal by the State is to set aside 50 to 100 million dollars for youthful adult offenders ages 18-25 for services to divert them from State prison populations.
 - Mr. DeuPree announced that his attendance at the meeting was as “extra help” since his retirement was effective the end of March. Interviews for Chief Probation Officer will be conducted on May 7th. Mr. DeuPree’s last day will be April 20th. An Interim appointment will be made by the Court until a permanent Chief is selected.
 4. **JABG Proposed Budget FY 07-08 – Martin Conoley**
 - How JABG monies are being spent for 06-07:
 - Clean and Sober activities for minors and Juvenile Drug Court (JDC)
 - Family counseling for minors in JDC through CADA, and Family Service Agency and SMVYFC
 - Teen Court
 - Drug and Alcohol services at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall

- Proposals for 07-08:
 - Our total allocation is \$2500 less this year.
 - Using the same ratios and applying a \$2500 deficit, it was proposed that the money be applied to the same programs this year.
- Motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed JABG budget for 07-08.
- The proposed budget was put to a vote. A question about conflict of interest was brought up regarding Government Code 1090.
- Mr. DeuPree stated that question was anticipated and was part of the reason that County Counsel was asked to attend. In the past public agencies were not excluded from voting based on conflict of interest, however the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) were subject to it and unable to vote on anything regarding the allocation of funding to their organization. After subsequent reviews by County Counsel, it was determined that the JJCC's activities were simply **recommendations** that were ultimately approved or rejected by the Board of Supervisors.
- After conferring with Woody Lavayen, Toni Lorien stated that the suggestion is that it should be left up to the CBOs, but in the past if they have not voted, then perhaps they should not vote now.
- A vote was taken:
 - Ayes: 16
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstain: 4

5. JJCPA Utilization – Tanja Heitman

- A handout detailing the Counseling, and Gang Prevention/Intervention services provided by CBOs in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc was distributed and reviewed by Ms. Heitman.
- Each of the CBOs have been very flexible despite working with staffing changes and a variety of regional issues.

6. Local Action Plan/FY 07-08 Budget – Tanja Heitman

- Mr. Conoley reviewed the Workgroup's efforts in developing the two plans to be voted upon. Two things must be decided today:
 - A recommendation must be presented to the Board of Supervisors to approve of the Workgroup's efforts to draft a Local Action Plan for 07-08.
 - An expenditure plan to accompany the plan must be agreed upon.
- Once the plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors, it must be forwarded by May 1st to the Corrections Standard Authority.
- Option A: "2007-2008 JJCPA Local Action Plan Proposed Strategies and Recommendations" – This plan was presented at the last meeting and conceptual support was given. A handout was distributed that detailed the Workgroup's findings, which recommended sustaining the three strategies discussed on February 2nd. The Truancy Program, Assessment/Early Intervention, and Aftercare Program. Improvements were suggested to be incorporated into all three programs to the extent which will be based upon available funding.
- The Option B plan came out of Scott DeuPree's request to reconvene the Workgroup to reconfigure the plan to address the issue of gang violence and crime within the County.

- Option B: Makes changes within the truancy component and proposes a school-based program that would integrate the present truancy phases, while providing a greater presence on school campuses. The focus would be on the reallocation of funds to be matched with Title IV-E funding to create five school-based Deputy Probation Officer positions. This would enhance the program by two FTE DPOs. Prioritization of duties would be flexible, but determined in collaboration with school administrators, the highest priority being violence prevention and school safety. The DPOs would also focus on establishing a rapport with students, obtaining gang intelligence which would be shared with resource officers and law enforcement. (A handout detailing Option B was distributed).
- Mr. Cirone commented that you cannot focus on violent gang activity without focusing on the root cause, which is truancy. He would not want to see Probation place a de-emphasis on truancy intervention and prevention. What is the program going to look like? What are the job descriptions going to look like for the officers on Plan B?
- Ms. Heitman noted that there has never been a “job description” provided to JJCC for the three existing officers and that the Probation Department will be accountable to the JJCC and CSA to deploy the resources to the schools in an appropriate manner. If the goal was to solely address gang activity, positions would not have been targeted as school-based officers. Truancy is a key concern, and our school campuses should be safe places for all children to attend school, and that should be the emphasis.
- Mr. Cirone inquired whether the officers would be involved with the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) program.
- Ms. Heitman said that they would not be able to attend every SARB, and for them to be responsive, we would need to look at where we could get the most value. We do agree that SARB is an important part of the process. The District Attorney’s staff is attending the SARB when Probation cannot be there as a law enforcement presence.
- Mr. Conoley noted that for the last seven years, the three Probation Truancy Officers went to SARB, the tradeoff meant that they were not in the field providing supervision.
- Mr. Cirone questioned if Plan B included Middle Schools.
 - Under Plan B Officers would be deployed primarily to the High Schools, community schools, and alternative schools. They may supervise juveniles from Middle Schools, but that is not where they would spend the majority of their time.
- Mr. DeuPree said the key element was to come up with a plan that would retain the most effective elements of the current Truancy Program. The strategy is to reconfigure the focus of the Supervision Officers more towards the activities that are eligible for Title IV-E funding. The key is to find a way to more effectively deal with the juveniles in step 5 of the Truancy Program. Currently these juveniles are part of the three Truancy Officers’ caseloads without regard to their risk to the community and their needs in establishing level of service. This is not an effective use of our resources. In addition, the application of creative Court dispositions is a critical piece.
- A Plan C was discussed when the Workgroup reconvened, but it was more theoretical since there was no budget for it. Plan C was to request additional funding from the Board of Supervisors. Logistically it would be questionable to put a proposal before the Board of Supervisors for more funds not knowing if it would be honored or the present time constraints could be met.

- Expressing her concerns that the Truancy Program will not be the same, Ms. Stanley proposed an Option D.
 - When faced with whether or not to cut a Program Manager or a Social Worker, it was determined that the Social Worker was more important since they were at the contact/case management level. However, one of the issues would be due to their lack of a Supervisor; it would be more difficult for the Social Worker to receive work direction to make these contacts.
 - Regarding the recent gang homicide in Santa Barbara, of the eight minors arrested, six were in the Truancy Program. Of the four victims who left the scene, all were involved in the Truancy Program. This reinforced the fact that the DA's Office is involved in the gang component and truancy intervention and believes it to be a very important program.
 - In 06-07 the DA had to make some cuts and \$88,000 was cut from the DA's Truancy Program. It was discussed at those meetings that if funding was ever increased or rollover money received, this funding would be reinstated. With some internal adjustments, the DA's program continued. However, due to increased costs they now need an additional \$127,000 to make their budget complete and avoid staffing cuts.
 - The proposal for Option B does not reinstate those \$88,000 JJCPA funds to the DA's Office and the consequence would be the need to cut one of the Program Supervisors. Because of the number of students, Lompoc is the position that will have to be cut. Thus the Santa Maria Supervisor will have to cover Santa Maria and Lompoc. The Santa Maria Supervisor will no longer be able to provide services to the elementary students and will be forced to minimize their interaction with Probation and direct the Social Workers. These factors will diminish the DA's Program.
 - Instead of adding positions, we should reinstate what we had before.
 - The DA's Option D proposes to reinstate the JJCPA funds to the DA's budget in order to make the strategies and goals for the entire program work.
- Mr. DeuPree added that these implications were discussed at the Workgroup meetings over the last six months. The question comes up if the DA's funds were to be reinstated, from what part of the program component would the funds be taken? The hope was not to add another option to consider today, but if a better option has arisen, a motion should be made as to whether to add it to Option A, B and C and put it up for a vote.
- Mr. Gonzales believes that Option C is appropriate, and the youth violence that is hitting our communities requires us to "step up to the plate". No disrespect is intended by endorsing Option C. It has been pointed out to us that Probation will have to go through a \$1,000,000 cut. It is not a situation we enjoy, but our school districts have gone through a \$2,000,000 cut for a number of years now. Is it possible that someone on the Task Force can issue a letter to the County Board of Supervisors asking their consideration whether there is another "pot of money" which can be redirected to this area?
- Supervisor Wolf commented that she appreciated what Christy Stanley said and the information which she provided. If you look at the statistics, 25% of the known gang members are involved in a Truancy Program. The question would be is the Truancy Program being as effective as it could be? If parents and students chose to ignore the letters sent by the DA's office, should we be looking at the Truancy Program and could that be improved?
- Ms. Stanley noted that the DA's actions are dictated by the existing statutes regarding truancy.

- Mr. Cue addressed the fact that all of the minors involved in the Santa Barbara incident were identified as gang members. Some were involved with Teen Court. He suggested that we look at “the other half of the empty glass” and look at the successes of intervention.
- Mr. Batty suggested that perhaps the Foundation roundtable could be approached for funding? Chuck Gray is willing to hear proposals, particularly in a crisis situation. Perhaps the Foundation could cover some of the costs to free up funding for the DA if a presentation were to be made?
- Judge Adams concurred that there indeed is a gang problem in Santa Barbara, and the vast majority that come before his bench are related to gangs. However, when the juvenile truancy probationers violate, there are few effective responses. He questioned whether funds should ultimately be spent to incarcerate truant juveniles alternative enhanced supervision and programming can be an option for truants and gang involved youth.
- A motion was made by Christy Stanley for an Option C which would reinstate \$88,000 to the DA.
- After further discussion Jeff Hearn moved to withdraw Option C. Motion carried.
- Mr. Hearn submitted a motion of an alternate C, the motion was seconded.
 - This option would be a variant of Option B but would move \$88,000 from five school-based Officers to DA’s budget. The motion is put forward for vote.
 - Vote taken as to whether or not Option C should move forward for consideration.
 - Ayes: 15
 - Nays: 4
 - Abstain: 1
 - Vote taken as to which two of these should move forward for final vote.
 - Option A – 1 vote
 - Option B – 11 votes
 - Option C – 6 votes
 - Abstain – 2 members
 - Option A is eliminated.
 - Final vote:
 - Option B – 11 votes
 - Option C – 7 votes
 - Abstain – 2 members
 - Option B passes

7. Adoption of Proposed JJCC By-Laws – Scott DeuPree

- Mr. DeuPree proposed that JJCC By-Laws issue be continued pending further review by County Counsel. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Forte, Administrative Secretary.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2007 – Royal Scandinavian Inn – Solvang Room, Solvang, CA