



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 29, 2008
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY MARRIOT – BUELLTON, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Richard Morgantini for **Brown, Michael**, County Executive Officer
Geoff Banks for **Brown, William**, Sheriff
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 Grimmese-Kirk for **Detrick, Ann**, ADMHS
Hearn, Jeffrey, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Herman, James, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court
Lt. Dan Ast for **Macagni, Dan**, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
Menchaca, Teresa, Fighting Back - Santa Maria Valley
Paraskou, Greg, Public Defender
Capt. Robert Lowry for **Sanchez, Camerino**, Chief, Santa Barbara City Police Department
Sharkey, Jill Dr., UCSB
Smith, Kevin, Zona Seca
Stewart, Patti, Chief Probation Officer
Wolf, Janet, 2nd District Supervisor

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Batty, William, Family Service Agency
Centeno, Joe, 5th District Supervisor
Haaland-Ford, Tara, JJDPC
Stanley, Christie, Santa Barbara District Attorney

Staff Present:

Conoley, Martin, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Division
Czuleger, Jerry, County Counsel
Farrah, Dean, Probation Manager, Juvenile Services, Santa Maria/Lompoc
Kwock, Lennie, ADMHS

Guest Present:

Khataporush, Shereen, SM Fight Back/Council
Nishimori, Judith, SMVYFC

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Patti Stewart welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
 - A list of the permanent members, two-year members, and delegates was provided to those present.
1. **Approval of minutes from April 4, 2008 & May 15, 2008 Special Meeting – All**
 - A motion was made to approve the April 4, 2008 minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, Ken Jensen abstained.

- A motion was made to approve the May 15, 2008 special meeting minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, Patti Stewart and Greg Paraskou abstained.

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Patti Stewart

- Martin Conoley announced that one of the school district coalition representatives, Dr. Lynch, has respectfully declined the appointment to the JJCC as he will retire effective December 2008. The school district coalition will address this item at their September meeting and the JJCC will be notified of the new representative.
- The JJCPA spending plan and Local Action Plan were approved by the Board of Supervisors in May and have been submitted to Corrections Standards Authority (CSA).
- FY 08 – 09 Probation Department budget was approved and was limited to Tier I reductions which included the repurposing of the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall to a Special Use Booking Facility effective July 1, 2008.
 - With the movement of all detainees to the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall, the population has stabilized at an average of 102 detainees in custody.
 - After the repurposing of the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall, there were several gang sweeps in north county, the start of the GAP Fire, and a homicide on the 4th of July in Santa Barbara. Given all of those incidents, the transition moved forward smoothly. Law enforcement has been incredibly cooperative and there have not been any complaints or requests for change in protocol.
- Santa Barbara Fiesta was relatively quiet with only a handful of juvenile bookings. The Probation Department, with the support of the Courts, called probationers and pursuant to the reasonable direction of the Probation Officer, advised juvenile offenders not to be present at nighttime Fiesta festivities without parental/guardian supervision.
- The high number of Prop 21 cases (21 cases) housed at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) has become a concern. Prop 21 means juvenile offenders are being prosecuted through the adult court system. This has caused unexpected transportation and security issues.
- There were questions raised relative to security issues that might arise with housing south and north county detainees in one facility. To date, this has not been a significant problem. However, there has been a slight increase in violent incidents at the SMJH that are related to the increase in population and operational issues that are being addressed. There are greater security concerns associated with the turf rivalries between closer geographic gangs than between south county gangs verses north county gangs.
- With all detainees housed at SMJH, there are more opportunities for educational minutes now than there were with the detainees being moved for population control. The educational program has additional minutes added into the academic day to allow for the 210 required minutes, which is tabulated as a total for 10 consecutive school days.
- The video conferencing system between SBJH and SMJH was delayed due to the GAP Fire and is now available for parental visits and attorney visits.
- Judge Herman advised that south county detainees have been transported to Santa Barbara Court an hour before court hearings for attorney visits and as of today's meeting this has not routinely been utilized by defense counsel. Chief Stewart and Greg Paraskou will have further discussion regarding this practice.
- Santa Maria Fighting Back and the school district received a four year, \$1.5 million, Safe Schools grant.
- The City of Santa Barbara Long Term Gang Violence Strategy Committee is having a meeting at the Franklin Neighborhood Center on September 9th at 8:00 a.m.
- South county detainee's visitation at the SMJH has improved significantly to 50% – 60%, with the average visitation of north county detainees running at approximately 80%.

- The Probation Department is scheduled to present a fee increase proposal to the Judges' Executive Committee in early October.
- The Alternative Detention Program began operations in Santa Barbara in January and in Santa Maria in April with positive results. An update will be provided to the Council of the October meeting.
- The Senate will be voting today on the State Budget. Most noteworthy for this council is the potential deletion of all local law enforcement subvention funding, which would approximately be a \$145 million reduction to law enforcement funding. In the most recent proposed revise, this funding was added back.

4. Local Action Plan – Martin Conoley/Dean Farrah

- The Local Action Plan is the basis for the spending plan for JJCC funds. Santa Barbara County has been unique and has updated the plan biennially.
- An update is now due; however the members of the JJCC have to determine what type of update should be done at this time.
- The timeframe to update the Local Action Plan is determined by JJCC members and the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) has been pleased with the 2 year update.
 - Option A: To continue with past practice and prepare a complete update of the Local Action Plan.
 - Option B: To keep the current Local Action Plan for another year to allow time for the stabilization of the Truancy program, finalization of the State Budget, and more information regarding YOBG. (No action)
 - Option C: To provide an update of the fiscal year 07 – 08 statistical and trend data, which would be an addendum to the current Local Action Plan.
- Those present discussed the three options and their thoughts as to the challenges associated with the State budget and the different requirements of each option.
- A motion was made by Bob Lowry and seconded by Ken Jensen for Option C; to prepare an addendum to the statistical and trend data portion of the Local Action Plan for 2008 - 2009.
 - Ayes: All
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstained: 0
- Dean Farrah will provide updated statistical and trend data to a JJCC workgroup for review/adjustments and meeting of the workgroup will be scheduled as necessary.

5. JJCPA Utilization – Dean Farrah

- The JJCPA Utilization and Services Report for the end of FY 07-08 and the current FY 08-09 was provided and reviewed by Dean Farrah.
- This report summarizes the utilization of the Community Based Organization (CBO) resources.
- There have been meetings with the Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office relative to a plan for the Truancy program. The Board of Supervisors sent letters out to all school districts. Several school superintendents have met with Christie Stanley to discuss the truancy program.
- The Annual JJCPA Report that is submitted to CSA is currently being prepared and a final copy of the report will be provided to the JJCC at the October meeting.

6. Public Comment for Committee Members

- Chief Dabney announced that a Special Olympics car show will be held at Ryan Park in Lompoc on August 30th.

- Dean Farrah acknowledged the recent National Night Out event in Lompoc; it was a great community event.
- Mike Gonzales announced that the Santa Barbara School District is proposing that the School Board hire gang intervention specialists to work in the schools and in the neighborhoods to enhance communication with youth and hopefully steer them away from violence and gang involvement.
- Judge Herman announced that on the evening of November 7th there will be an open house and gallery showing of photographic portraits of foster kids by the Brooks Institute at the Santa Maria Juvenile Court. There will also be some murals and art work done by wards from Camp.
- It was further noted that youth in foster care will be working with an art teacher to create self portraits' at the Discovery Museum in Santa Maria on December 7th and 14th.
- Lennie Kwock notified the Council that on October 15th there will be a Restorative Justice Symposium held at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge; Melanie Davis will forward the RSVP information to all JJCC members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: October 3, 2008, – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott – Del Mar Room, Buellton, CA