



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 6, 2009
PEA SOUP ANDERSENS – BUELLTON, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Richard Morgantini for **Brown, Michael**, County Executive Officer
Undersheriff Ken Shemwell 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
Hearn, Jeffrey, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Lara, Hugo E., Guadalupe Union School District
Lt. Dan Ast for **Macagni, Dan**, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
Paraskou, Greg, Public Defender
Armando Martel for **Sanchez, Camerino**, Chief, Santa Barbara Police Department
Sharkey, Jill, UCSB
Smith, Kevin, Zona Seca
Ann Bransen for **Stanley, Christie**, Santa Barbara District Attorney
Stewart, Patti, Chief Probation Officer
Wolf, Janet, 2nd District Supervisor

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Batty, William, Family Service Agency
Centeno, Joe, 5th District Supervisor
Detrick, Ann, ADMHS
Haaland-Ford, Tara, JJDPC
Herman, James, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court
Menchaca, Teresa, Fighting Back - Santa Maria Valley

Staff Present:

Anderson, Celeste, County Counsel
Farrah, Dean, Probation Manager, Lompoc and Santa Barbara Juvenile Services
Fletcher, Damon, Project Manager, Grants and Programs
Pankratz, Dennis, Probation Project Management Consultant
Taylor, Beverly, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile/Institution Divisions

Guest Present:

None

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

- Patti Stewart welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
1. **Approval of minutes from October 3, 2008 – All**
 - A motion was made by Greg Paraskou to approve the October 3, 2008 minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. (Abstention: Hugo Lara)

2. **Public Comment**

- None

3. **Chief Probation Officer Comments – Patti Stewart**

- Patti deferred her comments to the end of the meeting to assist with time management and to ensure the Local Action Plan and the JJCPA spending plan had adequate time to be discussed.

4. **Distribution of Local Action Plan Addendum Draft – Dean Farrah**

- The Local Action Plan Addendum draft was distributed to the group via e-mail and was posted with the agenda.
- Dennis Pankratz reviewed trend data via a PowerPoint presentation with the group.
- Dean reviewed the Local Action Plan Addendum draft.
 - It was requested that in the future the charts show data for consistent timeframes.
 - The Methamphetamine chart included in the packet was for a six month timeframe; a chart that included all of 2008 data was distributed and will be added to the final Addendum.
 - Headings on the charts will be edited to match the headings on the graphs.
 - The addition of a glossary of commonly used acronyms was requested.
- A motion was made by Tim Dabney and seconded by Jeffrey Hearn to approve the Local Action Plan Addendum Draft, including the above edits. A vote was taken and the Local Action Plan Addendum was approved, including the above edits.
- The group requested the final draft be sent out to members via e-mail and distributed at the April 2009 meeting.
- Melanie will e-mail the Juvenile Trends PowerPoint presentation to all JJCC members.

5. **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – Development of FY08-09 mid-year reductions and FY09-10 Spending Plan – Dean Farrah/Damon Fletcher**

- Patti thought it was important to address the FY08-09 mid-year reductions along with the FY09-10 budget planning process.
- Handouts of the advisory workgroup proposals were provided to all in attendance.
- Patti reminded the group that the conflict of interest rules do apply in terms of the workgroup meetings. Voting members with conflicts are not allowed to participate in the workgroups or to be briefed on the process. It is important to remember if there are questions during the workgroup presentation by voting members, they can only be for clarification and can not include editorial comments or something that could otherwise influence the vote. The voting members without conflicts are not similarly restricted.
- Kevin Smith asked for clarification as he participates in the workgroup and does not receive funding nor provide services with JJCPA funding. Patti stated that Kevin is conflict free as described and County Counsel Celeste Andersen confirmed.
- For clarification those present with conflicts are: Fred Razo, County Education Department; Ann Bramsen, District Attorney's Office; Patti Stewart, Probation Department; Michael Gonzalez, Santa Barbara School District; Jeffrey Hearn, Santa Maria Joint Union School District; and Hugo Lara, Guadalupe Union School District.
- The school districts questioned what their conflicts were. Patti indicated that the JJCPA funded School Based Officers are Probation Department employees but provide services to the schools.
- A conflict is active either based on those that receive direct funding or receive services through JJCPA.
- Damon reviewed the first packet, which is an overview of the State's JJCPA budget plan for FY08-09 and FY09-10.

- Dean provided an overview of the proposals for mid-year FY08-09 which is a reduction of \$198,571. It was determined by the workgroup to use the roll over amounts which made the final reduction \$108,115.
 - Proposal A would allocate reductions proportionally to all partners based on their current share of JJCPA funds.
 - Proposal B would eliminate funding for the District Attorney Truancy position which would move \$20,180 to the Community Based Organizations, the County Department reductions would remain the same as in Proposal A.
 - Proposal C would fully fund the District Attorney Truancy position and the reductions would be proportional to all other agencies including the Community Based Organizations.
- Dean Farrah stated that the District Attorney workgroup member Gene Martinez advised that the District Attorney's office would not be able to sustain the truancy supervisor if further reductions were sustained. Dean indicated that Assistant District Attorney Martinez recognized that the truancy program did what it was supposed to do. With all of the pending cut backs, they were not opposed to the only remaining position no longer being funded for practical purposes, which is not to say that the position was not valued or deemed important by the group. In Proposal A the District Attorney would only be able to fund the position until May 2009.
- Celeste Anderson advised the group that Ann Bramsen from the District Attorney's office could answer questions of fact as long as there is no promotion of an outcome.
- Ann Bramsen stated that when the budget reduced the truancy program in July 2008, the District Attorney's office revised the program so there was only one person working on the initiative. The staff has been working with the schools and the goal is to have the schools take over these limited remaining services.
- Dr. Jill Sharkey asked if there is any outcome information from the Community Based Organizations as to what the result of the proposed reductions would do. Dean stated that whatever reduction in funding would result in a reduction of services. Each Community Based Organization receives different allocations, so reductions would be proportionate based on the amount that was originally allocated.
- Patti concurred that it would be helpful to measure outcomes to determine the funding to be provided for specific services.
- Michael Gonzalez asked if the Truancy program in the Santa Maria School District is dependent on a Truancy Supervisor from the District Attorney's office. Dean spoke based on the information provided by the advisory group which was clear that from the District Attorney perspective, the Truancy Supervisor position has done what it was intended to do and that one person in one region is not going to have the impact that the more robust program had in the past.
- Kevin Smith stated that Gene Martinez stated that the most recent cut has resulted in the remaining truancy supervisor training Santa Maria Fighting Back staff and working with schools in Santa Barbara and Lompoc to implement their own process.
- Ann Bramsen stated that the District Attorney's office no longer has a truancy program as it once was, the program has evolved to be more of an educational program for schools and other organizations explaining how the program was run. So portions could be replicated by the schools.
- Greg Paraskou said he felt proposal B would be the best as it has the least impact on the CBO's given the information provided regarding the District Attorney's position on the truancy funding.

- A motion was made by Greg Paraskou and seconded by Ken Shemwell to adopt mid-year FY08 -09 proposal B.
- A vote was taken to adopt mid-year FY08-09 proposal B:
 - Ayes: 10
(Richard Morgantini, Ken Shemwell, Ken Jensen, Greg Paraskou, Janet Wolf, Tim Dabney, Dan Ast, Armando Martel, Jill Sharkey, Kevin Smith)
 - Nays: 0
- Dean reviewed the FY09-10 packet which has five proposals labeled A-E funding reductions.
 - Proposal A eliminates funding for the DA truancy supervisor, and allocates a proportional share of the remaining reductions to the remaining partners based on their FY08-09 adopted share of JJCPA funds. The CBO allocations do not include \$43,952 which was the 08-09 fiscal year amount of rollover revenue which were one time funds and are not available in FY09-10. There are no anticipated rollover funds for FY 09-10, all funds will be used to offset FY08-09 reductions. The total reduction from the adopted FY08-09 JJCPA allocation is \$132,381. ADMHS reduction would be \$2,063, the District Attorney reduction would be \$96,863, the Probation Department reduction would be \$26,933 and the CBOs funding would be reduced by \$50,474, which includes the loss in roll over funding.
 - Proposal B eliminates funding for the DA truancy supervisor, sets the CBOs initial allocation at a level which includes the amount of previous rollover funds that are not available in FY09-10, and allocates a proportional share of the added \$43,952 reduction to the remaining partners based on their FY08-09 adopted share of JJCPA funds. The total reduction from the adopted FY08-09 allocations is \$176,333. ADMHS reduction would be \$4,440, the District Attorney reduction would be \$96,863, the Probation Departments reduction would be \$57,960 which would also result in a reduction of \$46,077 Federal Title IV-E funding, and the CBOs reduction would be \$17,070.
 - Proposal C eliminates funding for the DA truancy supervisor, sets the CBOs allocation at a level which includes the amount of previous rollover funds (\$43,952) that are not available in FY09-10 and allocates the added \$43,952 in reductions to ADMHS and Probation proportionally based on their FY08-09 adopted share of JJCPA funds. The total reduction from the adopted FY08-09 allocation is \$176,333. ADMHS reduction would be \$5,654, the District Attorney reduction would be \$96,863, the Probation Department's reduction would be \$73,816 which would also result in a reduction of \$46,077 in Federal Title IV-E funding, the CBOs funding would not be reduced.
 - Proposal D maintains full funding of the DA truancy supervisor, and allocates a proportional share of the reduction to the remaining partners based on their FY08-09 adopted share of JJCPA funds. The CBOs allocation does not include rollover funds which were one time funds and are not available in FY09-10. The total reduction from the adopted FY08-09 JJCPA allocation is \$132,381. ADMHS reduction would be \$7,689, the District Attorney allocation would not be reduced, the Probation Department's reductions would be \$100,385 with an additional loss of \$97,017 in Federal Title IV-E funding and CBOs reduction of \$68,259.
 - Proposal E maintains full funding of the DA truancy supervisor, and allocates a proportional share of the reduction to the remaining partners based on their FY08-09 adopted share of JJCPA funds. The CBOs allocation includes \$43,952 which was the 08-09 rollover amount used which were one time funds and are not available in FY09-10. The total reduction from the adopted FY08-09

allocation is \$176,333. ADMHS reductions would be \$9,851, the District Attorney does not have any reduction in funding, the Probation Department's reduction would be \$128,606 with an additional loss of \$97,017, and CBO reduction of \$37,876.

- Dean stated there are four CBOs that are receiving funding from JJCPA and a reduction of any funding will have an impact. Two of the CBOs indicated that with a significant reduction in funding they would need to revisit if they could continue to provide JJCPA services for FY09-10, which depends on the actual reduction amount. The four CBOs are Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Santa Barbara Family Service Agency, Community Action Commission and Santa Maria Youth and Family Center.
- Kevin Smith asked for clarification regarding the roll over and the Council's decision last year to have any roll over funds allocated to the CBOs. Dean stated that beginning FY08-09 the CBO contracts were \$300,000 with \$100,000 in each of the three components truancy, aftercare, and the early intervention. At that time there was a \$98,000 reduction in CBO funding with \$43,000 in roll over funds that were available. The \$43,000 was put back into the CBO contracts for FY08-09 and brought them up to \$247,000.
- The roll over money that was used for FY08-09 was one time money and is not available for FY09-10. There is a loss of match revenue to the Probation Department in all of the proposals with the exception of proposal A, which has minimal reductions to the Probation Department and will result in the loss of a clerical position.
- Kevin Smith wanted the group to know that CBOs have also had multiple cuts through other State and Federal programs.
- Greg Paraskou appreciated the comment about the loss of matching funds, but the CBOs are critical to the function of any kind of program and running the risk of losing half the CBOs that are providing services to the community is a risk that we can not take. He stated the group should look closely at proposal B and C.
- Janet Wolf stated that proposal B for ADMHS seems to be their breaking point and there would be a reduction of services where proposal A does not, and proposal C would take more money out of ADMHS.
- Greg felt the CBOs took a big hit a year ago with a third reduction.
- Damon stated that in FY07-08 the CBOs were allocated \$258,000 and in FY08-09 were budgeted at \$247,000.
- Jill Sharkey stated that the CBOs would lose \$17,000, but Probation would lose almost \$50,000 which is the difference between B & C.
- It was brought up that unless there is a reason to change the idea to fund the District Attorney's truancy position proposal A, B and C are the only options as D and E include funds for the truancy position.
- In proposal B there is a reduction of a Deputy Probation Officer that is responsible for the completion of the risk and needs assessments, which includes referrals to CBOs. Dean explained that there are three assessment officers; one in each region, and this proposal would reduce it to two assessment officers. With the proposed reduction, the remaining two positions could be allocated to continue to work in each region, but in a more limited capacity.
- Jill Sharkey asked if there is a possibility to decide on two of the proposals and get more detailed information about the ramifications of each cuts. Patti indicated that it could be done but a special meeting will need to be scheduled to meet the FY09-10 JJCPA budget deadline.
- Damon indicated that ADMHS had represented that the staff would not be lost but that services would be reduced to JJCPA youth.
- JJCPA CBO slots that are available are being utilized close to or at capacity.
- Patti concurs with Probation staff that if proposal B is adopted it would be an assessor position that is reduced.

- A motion was made by Tim Dabney and seconded by Janet Wolf to eliminate proposals D & E. A vote was taken to eliminate proposals D & E and was unanimously approved.
 - A motion was made by Greg Paraskou and seconded by Ken Jenson to adopt FY09-10 proposal C, a vote was taken:
 - Ayes: 2
(Greg Paraskou, Kevin Smith)
 - Nays: 8
(Richard Morgantini, Ken Shemwell, Ken Jenson, Janet Wolf, Tim Dabney, Dan Ast, Armando Martel, Jill Sharkey)
 - A motion was made by Jill Sharkey and seconded by Ken Shemwell to adopt FY09-10 proposal B, a vote was taken:
 - Ayes: 10
(Greg Paraskou, Kevin Smith, Richard Morgantini, Ken Shemwell, Ken Jenson, Janet Wolf, Tim Dabney, Dan Ast, Armando Martel, Jill Sharkey)
 - Nays: 0
6. **JJCPA Utilization** – Dean Farrah
- Dean Farrah distributed the utilization report and indicated that at the bottom of the report there is an explanation of the anomalies.
 - Patti asked if the group supported a more formal review of all initiative outcomes and utilization biannually at the August and February meetings. The group was in concurrence.
7. **Public Comment for Council Members**
- Bev Taylor distributed a sample of the data regarding the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) tracking and there will be a more in depth review at the April meeting.
 - Chief Dabney also provided a handout about the Lompoc Restorative Justice Program. The pilot project is set to start within the next two weeks. The Lompoc Police Department and the Sheriff's Department have processes for enrollment in the program. Successful juveniles will be kept out of the juvenile justice system.
 - Patti thanked the Council members for staying late to ensure that the spending plans were approved.
 - Patti thanked Celeste Anderson for being at today's meeting.
 - Celeste Anderson acknowledged the group for a well-run meeting and good example of compliance with Brown Act rules.
 - Hugo Lara advised that schools receive funding by the State and that the schools will be impacted dramatically with pending State budget reductions. It is difficult to eliminate things that are valuable.
 - Lt. Ast asked for clarification regarding what will happen if funding is not reduced as approved today. Patti stated that if the reductions were considerably less than approved today, that it would be returned to the Council for further discussion.
 - Dean Farrah expressed his appreciation to the workgroup members Brian Grimnes from Lompoc Unified School District, Kevin Smith from Zona Seca, Gene Martinez from the District Attorney's Office, Terry Roof from JJDCPC, and Lennie Kwock from ADMHS. The group was very committed and focused with such a short turn around time.
 - Patti also thanked the workgroup members for the well put together proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: April 3, 2009 – Pea Soup Andersen's, Valley Room