



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 3, 2009
PEA SOUP ANDERSENS – BUELLTON, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Richard Morgantini for **Brown, Michael**, County Executive Officer
Geoff Banks for **Brown, William**, Sheriff
Gil Armijo for **Centeno, Joe**, 5th District Supervisor
Fred Razo for **Cirone, Bill**, SBCEO
Al Rodriguez for **Detrick, Ann**, ADMHS
Ken Jensen for **Gallagher, Kathy**, Director, DSS
Hearn, Jeffrey, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Lara, Hugo E., Guadalupe Union School District
Menchaca, Teresa, Fighting Back - Santa Maria Valley
Jim Voysey for **Paraskou, Greg**, Public Defender
Sharkey, Jill, UCSB
Stewart, Patti, Chief Probation Officer
Wolf, Janet, 2nd District Supervisor

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Batty, William, Family Service Agency
Dabney, Timothy, Chief, Lompoc Police Department
Gonzalez, Michael, Santa Barbara School District
Haaland-Ford, Tara, JJDPC
Herman, James, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court
Macagni, Dan, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
Sanchez, Camerino, Chief, Santa Barbara Police Department
Smith, Kevin, Zona Seca
Stanley, Christie, Santa Barbara District Attorney

Staff Present:

Czuleger, Jerry, County Counsel
Farrah, Dean, Probation Manager, Lompoc and Santa Barbara Juvenile Services
Oppel, Margaret, JJDPC
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 9:07 a.m.

- Patti Stewart welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes from February 6, 2009 – All

- A motion was made by Supervisor Wolf and seconded by Ken Jensen to approve the February 6, 2009 minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. (Abstention: Theresa Menchaca)

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Patti Stewart

- On February 19th the State budget impasse ended. For the Probation Department it added an additional \$664,000 in lost revenue which included Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), Juvenile Probation Camp Funding (JPCF), and Camp and Ranches Funding. Prop 172 and other revenue is also down.
- There are two Byrne Memorial funding sources that impact the Probation Department. The Byrne ongoing funds will again be used to fund the SBRNET collaborative. There is also an additional \$770,000 in Byrne Stimulus funds for law enforcement countywide. The County Law Enforcement Chief's (CLEC) were able to come to agreement that the County will receive \$130,000 which would fund GPS for high risk violent offenders with a gang focus. At this time the plan is to have the program staffed by a Probation Officer collocated with the Sheriff's Department Alternative Sentencing Bureau. Each of the other municipalities will apply for funding that will be used for equipment purchases or refunding lost jobs.
- The Probation Department is also the lead agency on an application for Byrne competitive funding which would provide hybrid gang Probation Officers countywide with a focus on cognitive behavioral intervention services and a collaborative with each law enforcement agency for suppression and compliance activities including a GPS component.
- The Lompoc Elks Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards will be on April 16th. The Probation Department's recipient is Senior Deputy Probation Officer Jose Macedo. Officer Macedo is the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) Officer in Lompoc.
- The Santa Barbara Citizens Council on Crime awards which include the H. Thomas Guerry award is scheduled for May 20th.

4. Distribution of Local Action Plan Addendum Approved on February 6, 2009 – Dean Farrah

- The Local Action Plan Addendum was distributed to those in attendance.
- Patti thanked the workgroup for all the work that was done to update the Local Action Plan.
- There was an error found on page 2 referencing sustained petitions which should read violent offenses not felony offenses.
- Supervisor Wolf commented that the increase in alcohol and prescription drug use was surprising.
 - Dr. Sharkey advised that ADMHS will be conducting the healthy kids survey which will provide children's responses to questions related to alcohol use.

5. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Review of FY 08-09 mid-year reductions and FY 09-10 Spending Plan – Damon Fletcher

- The State adopted the budget about two weeks after the last JJCC meeting. The Council selected a reduction package that reduced funding by 16.5% which was the estimated reduction to JJCPA funding at that time.
- The affects of the new budget is the shift of the funding stream from State general fund to Vehicle License Fees (VLF). The VLF fee was doubled to 1.3% and .15% of that will now be used to fund JJCPA programs and other law enforcement programs including JPCF and COPS.
- The assumption is that JJCPA will receive a percentage of the funding. The difference is now it will be an estimate as VLF is monthly revenue, not an annual allocation.
- The challenge is that funding will now be based on an estimate and it is difficult to project.
- It was presented at the March Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) meeting that new car sales are down but used car sales have increased and that the VLF is not as susceptible to fluctuations as is the sales tax. The concern would be if the economy got to

the point at which people and their vehicles move out of the State, thus affecting VLF revenue. It is presumed that the VLF will be a more stable source of funding than the previous appropriations.

- The budget guaranteed VLF funding through FY 09-10 and it is on the ballot to be extended to FY 12-13.
- Damon provided the group with a handout of JJCPA funding for FY08-09 and for the new estimated VLF in FY 09-10 and reviewed the handout with the group.
- The estimated state reduction of 16.5% was actually a 19% reduction in JJCPA funding, which is a \$31,000 additional problem, however VLF is just an estimate.
- There is no longer an allocation for each fiscal year. Funding can now be used to balance subsequent years as long as it is spent for JJCPA programs.
- With the VLF funding, it is estimated to be a reduction of \$12,000 based on the FY 08-09 funding.
- The recommendation by Damon is to not spend the additional funds in FY 09-10 and use the funds to repair the deficit in this current fiscal year and to keep any overage as a safety net for shortage in the future due to the change in funding to VLF being uncertain month to month.
- The School Based Officers (SBOs) are spread out among high schools and junior highs within the county. There are two SBOs in Santa Barbara, two SBOs in Santa Maria, and one in SBO in Lompoc. The SBO provided by the grant through Safe School is dedicated to the Orcutt area, at Orcutt Junior High School, Delta, and Righetti High School.
- The Probation Department has had a significant reorganization in the Department and during these changes there have been opportunities with the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) to add positions back to the Juvenile Division. The Department will be applying for the Byrne Competitive Grant to add positions to the Adult Division which would consist of hybrid Adult/Juvenile Officers to work with transitional age clients focusing on high risk gang offenders.
- Al Rodriguez suggested adding data points to the motion or perhaps a specific number of days that the revenue is coming in under projection might make it more specific for members.
- Damon suggested adding the revenue update to the JJCC meetings for feedback from the group to address how to proceed with projected shortfalls. It is important to be aware of the effects of potential shortfalls on smaller fund recipients.
- VLF will be the funding stream for JJCPA for the remainder of FY 08-09 and all of FY 09-10 but the funding is a projection.
- Al Rodriguez suggested a set dollar amount instead of having a 10% margin for revenue fluctuations.
- There was discussion about tabling both items, but it was presented that there needs to be a decision about how the Council wants to handle the \$31,000 under projected revenue for FY 08-09.
- It was suggested by Al Rodriguez to modify “motion b” to allow for a redirecting of up to \$32,000 from FY 09-10 that could be applied to current year expenses as backfill should there be a shortfall based on the revised budget that was approved at the February 2009 JJCC meeting.
- Jerry Czuleger advised the group that “motion b” concerns the revenue reduction and “motion c” concerns the use of the revenue from future years to correct the shortage for the current year.
- With this funding stream, it is the nature of the services, not the timeline for the services that were delivered.
- A motion was made by Janet Wolf and seconded by Ken Jensen to approve notification to providers of up to a 10% reduction in JJCPA revenue requiring proportional project initiative

reductions. Revenue reductions exceeding 10% of the projected revenue will result in agenzizing a JJCC meeting to review/approve a modified fiscal year 08-09 spending plan.

- A roll call vote was taken of those without conflicts:
 - Ayes: 8
(Richard Morgantini, Geoff Banks, Gil Armijo, Ken Jensen, Jim Voysey, Janet Wolf, Teresa Menchaca, Jill Sharkey)
 - Nays: 0
- The school districts representatives requested why they were not able to vote. Patti clarified that the schools benefit from the services of the SBOs which results in a conflict.
- A motion was made by Jill Sharkey to approve that revenue in excess of the annualized projection, and which exceeds the approved fiscal year spending plan, will be designated for use in fiscal years in which revenues fall below projections. The motion did not receive a second and died.
- There was discussion about how to make the motion more specific for consensus from the group.
- A motion was made by Jill Sharkey and seconded by Janet Wolf to approve that revenue in excess of the annualized projection for FY 09-10 which exceeds the approved fiscal year spending plan, be designated for use in fiscal year 08-09 if those revenues fall below projections:
- A roll call vote was taken of those without conflicts:
 - Ayes: 8
(Richard Morgantini, Geoff Banks, Gil Armijo, Ken Jensen, Jim Voysey, Janet Wolf, Teresa Menchaca, Jill Sharkey)
 - Nays: 0
- The revenue projections will be a standing item on the Council's agenda.

6. **Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) update** – Bev Taylor

- There are three Senior Deputy Probation Officers located in each region of the County funded by YOBG.
- There are currently 38 wards countywide that are on YOBG caseloads with individualized case plans.
- There is a juvenile hall component to this program. There are 13 wards currently in custody for various reasons; some awaiting transportation to Camp, serving in the in custody component of the YOBG program, or serving time for violations of Probation.
- There are three staff from Community Action Commission (CAC) that do outreach to these wards whether they are in the community or in custody.
- The State made three recommendations: the first was to create an outcome oriented juvenile justice system for California; the second was to consolidate State funding; and, the third was to create a California Board of Juvenile Justice.
- The current Santa Barbara Assets and Risk Assessment (SBARA) is going to be re-normed by UCSB over the next several months.
- There has been discussion over the years about consolidating State funding such as JJCPA, JPCF, and YOBG. Patti is concerned that if funding streams are combined it could greatly jeopardize the level of supported funding allocated to currently independent programs.
- The next step is to consult with IT staff to develop a more systematic approach for program reports.
- The YOBG is continuous funding based on crime rate and population age range (11-17 yr) within the County for programming of those youth that would formally be sent to DJJ.

7. JJCPA Utilization – Dean Farrah

- Dean Farrah distributed the utilization report and realized that it was incorrect and lacks the explanation of the anomalies that was previously requested. Melanie will e-mail the correct report this afternoon to all Council members.
- Dean provided an oral review of the correct utilization report.
- Patti reminded the members that the biannual review will be provided at the August 7, 2009 JJCC meeting.

8. Public Comment for Council Members

- Fred Razo announced that there is a new educational component being utilized in the institutions to allow those students that have large educational credit gaps to complete their GED while in the Juvenile Hall or Camp.
- Beverly Taylor announced that on May 4th there will be a High School Graduation with 15 graduates receiving their diploma from Los Robles High School. The ceremony will be held the County Education Auditorium in Santa Barbara at 3:00 p.m.
- Ken Jensen commented that Department of Social Services continues to be very busy; there is not an escalation in Child Welfare referrals, but an increase in younger children at a greater rate of abuse. Many are trying to draw a nexus with the declining economy and the increase in abuse referrals, but the true nexus is the difficult economy causes an increase in drug and alcohol use which results in an increase in child abuse.
- Jeffrey Hearn announced that Doug Kimberly will be representing the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District on this Council effective July 1, 2009.
- Al Rodriguez stated that ADMHS has been holding forums around the County for the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component of the MHSA Initiative; he thanked those staff that participated from the Department of Social Services, Probation and Jill Sharkey's group at UCSB for their assistance. The next round will be to provide feed back opportunities for the community in order to gather ideas for programming for the identified population. Mental Health does not typically have money available for prevention services or programs, but with this Initiative, the Department has about \$8 million to be used for these types of services.
- Dean stated that the Probation Department continues to make staffing adjustments due to all the fiscal challenges and changes. Dean thanked all the staff for their flexibility with the displacements or lay offs and everyone has been very positive and team oriented.
- Patti thanked Damon for his fiscal analysis and she looks forward to the future budget updates.
- Janet Wolf stated that the A1-G1 initiatives will be before the Board in the next couple of weeks. Supervisors Wolf also stated that at the last Board meeting there was a transfer of \$1.6 million from the strategic reserves to help the Probation Department deal with reduced MediCal revenue. The good work of the Department was acknowledged by the Board.
- Patti thanked all JJCC members for their participation and support.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: August 7, 2009 – Pea Soup Andersen's, Valley Room