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TO: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Members  
FROM: Scott DeuPree, Chief Probation Officer  
DATE: April 3, 2007  
RE: New Program Description

On March 26, 2007, you were sent an email from me via Jan Helzer listing the April 6<sup>th</sup> JJCC meeting agenda, the February 2<sup>nd</sup> JJCC meeting minutes, a letter from me dated March 26, 2007, a draft of the Local Action Plan, JABG funding spreadsheets, JJCPA utilization report, and proposed JJCC Bylaws. Also included were the 2007-2008 Local Action Plan workgroup's recommendations and FY 07-08 JJCPA budget plan, henceforth denoted as "Option A".

As indicated in my letter to the Council dated March 26, 2007, I asked Probation Department staff to prepare an alternative program strategy ("Option B") to address the rise in juvenile gang activity and violence as described in the draft Local Action Plan (LAP). The need to consider a gang/violence mitigation strategy has been further reinforced recently by various legislative proposals and activity by the Governor on this topic, where the need for multiple and cooperative state/local strategies to combat rising gang violence is being encouraged. Probation Departments statewide have also been notified by the Corrections Standard Authority, who oversees our JJCPA Grant, to take a critical look at our Local Action Plans. In a CSA communication dated March 19<sup>th</sup>, it was stated, *"We suggest that each county take a critical look at its existing Plan, since it is highly likely that resources, programs, and target populations have shifted within your jurisdictions since the original plan was completed in 2000."* It is noted that our local strategies have not changed since originally implemented except as necessitated by revenue and expense fluctuations.

The Probation Department is proposing to make strategic modifications to the Truancy Mediation Program that are designed to maintain established truancy mitigation outcomes, while allowing Deputy Probation Officers the flexibility to provide on-campus support to schools, and to focus not only on minors with truancy issues but those involved in gang activities or having a high risk for violent behavior. This Option B program description is identified as Attachment 1 to this email, and the accompanying budget for this proposal is identified as Attachment 2. I want to thank the LAP Workgroup for meeting last week on such short notice to consider this proposal and provide input on this alternative strategy.

With this proposal from the Probation Department, there will now be two JJCPA program options and budgets for the JJCC to review, discuss and vote upon at our April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. We also have other critical issues on the agenda to be discussed and voted upon, so hope to see you all on Friday!