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SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice
Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
“Virtual Meeting”
1:30 p.m. Meeting

PURPOSE STATEMENT – Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee

On November 19, 2020, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council established a subcommittee (the “JJCC Subcommittee”) to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for the realignment target population identified in Senate Bill 823 [Juvenile justice realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration]. The JJCC Subcommittee is necessary for the County to be eligible for Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program funding identified in section 1991 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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ITEM

STAFF

- 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 16, 2021)
- 4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Hansen

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter of the jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matter may be referred to staff for placement on future agenda.

Discussion

AGENCY/STAFF

- 5. **Plan for Naming County Youth Program**
(No Action)

Probation/Chief Hansen

The Subcommittee will receive information on the plan to name the County program. The proposed names under consideration by the youth include Reaching into Successful Endeavors (RISE), Stop, Think and Advance in a New Direction (STAND), and Academy for Habilitation and Advancement (AHA).

- 6. **Juvenile Justice County Realignment Plan**
(Action Item)

Probation/Donna Robinson

The Subcommittee will review the County Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan. The Subcommittee will consider a recommendation to approve the Plan as written or modified, and forward to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council for review, input and approval.

Closing Comments

Chief Hansen

ADJOURNMENT

**Solano County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

Present: JJCC Subcommittee Members

Chris Hansen, Probation Department
Elena, D'Agustino, Public Defender's Office
Aaron Crutison, Social Services Rep
Julie Hilt, Community Member
Katherine Kellum, Behavioral Health
Judge Ellis, Court Rep.
Gerry Huber, Social Services Rep.

Non-Member Participants

Donna Robinson
Katie Ward
Damien Spieckerman
Amy Potter
Jennifer Washington
Ruben Vang
Dean Farrah
Shawna Albright
Gerardo Garcia-Flores
Ahmar Willis
Veronica Trahan
SJ Worley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm. Chief Hansen welcomed everyone to the “zoom” meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Gerry Huber made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Judge Ellis. No opposition. Motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Minutes

Elena D’Agustino made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Julie Hilt. No opposition. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comments

No Public Comments

All information presented is accompanied by a Power Point titled “JJCC Subcommittee Meeting”.

Continuation of DJJ Questionnaire Responses

Donna Robinson went over additional responses received from the DJJ Realignment Questionnaire. The questionnaire was sent out to the following recipients:

- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
- Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
- Judges Ellis, Daniels and Stashyn
- Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)
- Probation Officer and Supervisor assigned to youth returning from DJJ
- Youth Achievement Center (YAC) youth focus group
- Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) youth
- Solano County youth currently at DJJ**
- Parent/Guardian of Solano County youth currently at DJJ**
- 18-25-year-old young adults in Solano County Jail
- Parent of a youth previously involved in the juvenile justice system

We are still awaiting additional responses from youth and parents of Solano County youth currently at DJJ.

Overview of DJJ Aftercare

Gerardo Garcia-Flores from the Probation Department discussed his shift in seeing the DJJ youth as youth instead of adults. He noted that there is a misconception that youth released from DJJ are functioning adults who do not need support. In his interactions

with them and phone calls with prior youth, the commonality is they all need more support. Most indicated they wished they had better tools to adapt to the community. Officer Garcia-Flores believes that Life skills and/or “customer service” training would be beneficial in their transition into the community. Additionally, establishing support systems prior to release to ensure youth have the necessary resources is crucial to their success. Overall, these youth return home with the same level of habilitation at the time that they were placed in detention. Finally Officer Garcia-Flores noted that without the necessary support, resources and mentoring their return to the community may not be as successful as we wish it to be.

Update on Probation Internal Committees

JDF

Ruben Vang provided an update on the Operations focus area. The Community Safety workgroup is looking at the survey results to see how some of the suggestions can be incorporated to make a more home-like environment for the youth. On February 23rd the workgroup will have an all day (8 hour) meeting to discuss the needs moving forward to include long term effects of incarceration, appropriate staffing for the housing pod identified for this population, and training for staff to better serve this population.

Jennifer Washington gave an update on the Programs focus area. She noted that the workgroup discussed the programs and interventions listed below. She is working with the Reentry workgroup to ensure that services are seamless from detention to community supervision.

- Cognitive Behavioral Programming for Realigned Youth (Expansion & Modification)
- Behavior Management System and Youth Incentives for Realigned Youth
- Expanded educational & career preparation opportunities
- Counseling and Mental Health Support
- Independent Living Skills and transition planning (preparing for exit upon entry)
- Family Engagement and counseling
- Integration of Transitional Services person
- JDF staff Training

Also discussed were the below suggestions for the name of the program. The Committee members were asked to provide their opinions on the suggested names and/or provide additional names for consideration.

- RISE-Reaching into Successful Endeavors
As we want to prepare the youth to sustain success
- STAND-Stop, Think & Advance in a New Direction
The foundation of our COG programming is to teach individuals how to stop for self-regulation and think to maintain self-control over their actions
- AHA- Academy for Habilitation and Advancement
As we want this to be a learning environment where youth can grow, advance and prosper

Court and Supervision

The Court and Supervision workgroup will be focusing on how to better serve this population on the supervision side and formulate a better connection to reentry. Once legislation gets clarification on the Court side of things, the workgroup will have a better idea of what action steps need to be taken and what that will look like moving forward.

Reentry

The Reentry workgroup has met several times to review and revise the transitional and discharge planning services, evidence-based treatment, community programming, support services, life skills and vocational training plan. Katie also recommended that we look closely at investing start up and first year of implementation time and effort into staff development to ensure we both develop programs that work and deliver programming with fidelity to the models. Katie also reported that members of Health and Social Services joined the committee and provided additional feedback to the plan.

County Realignment Plan Format and Next Steps

Donna Robinson went over the plan format developed by the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). The draft format will be assembled as follows:

- Cover Page: (Date, County Name, Contact Name, Telephone and Email)
- Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (to include names, email and phone number)
- Part 2: Target Population
- Part 3: Programs and Services
- Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (Budget Information)
- Part 5: Facility Plan
- Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System
- Part 7: Regional Efforts
- Part 8: Data

The hope is to have a draft assembled prior to the next meeting on March 16, 2021 to be discussed and then finalized prior to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting in April 2021.

Committee Comments

The next JJCC Subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:30pm-3:00pm via zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.