

STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – April 16, 2015

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department, Chair
MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
DICK MONTEITH, Board of Supervisors
SHERIFF ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff's Department
CHIEF GALEN CARROLL, Modesto Police Department
JEFF ANDERSON, Sierra Vista Child & Family Services
DORIS FOSTER for Stan Risen, Chief Executive Officer
LIZ ELIZONDA for Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services
KATHY HARWELL, Community Services Agency
JEFF SABEAN for Madelyn Schlaepfer, BHRS
JORGE PEREZ for Pam Able, Modesto City Schools
NATASCHA ROOF, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
DR. CHAU-PU CHIANG, Community-at-Large Member
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education
TIMOTHY P. BAZAR, Public Defender's Office
CHIEF BRENT SMITH, Ceres Police Department
THE HONORABLE VALLI ISRAELS, Superior Court

OTHERS PRESENT

YAMLET VALLADOLID, El Concilio

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. Members of the group introduced themselves.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
No members of the public were present.
- III. **APPROVE JANUARY, APRIL AND OCTOBER 2014 MEETING MINUTES: JJCC**
MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: Chief Galen Carroll. The minutes of the January, April and October 2014 meetings were approved unanimously.
- IV. **REVIEW AND SIGN JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: JJCC**
Chief Silva explained that there are no bylaws for the JJCC and interpretation of a majority required to make decisions was vague. County Counsel was contacted and counsel suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed for the Council, which would include that action can be taken on an agenda item using a majority of those present at the meeting rather than a majority of the membership. A Memorandum of Understanding was written and circulated to the Coordinating Council members for their review prior to the meeting. The MOU was signed by the members of the Council present (or their designee). Chief Silva advised that members of the Coordinating Council may send a designee to the meeting.

- V. **APPROVE JJCPA PROGRAMS FOR FY 2015-2016:** Jill Silva, Chief Probation Officer
Chief Silva provided a brief description of the programs currently funded through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). The programs funded include:
- A. Juvenile High-Risk Offender program to provide supervision and evidence-based programming to the highest risk juvenile offenders who have not gone to State detention facilities and have remained in Stanislaus County.
 - B. Alternatives to Custody Program, which utilizes electronic monitoring and home supervision of juveniles in lieu of placing them in custody.
 - C. Juvenile Drug Court

Chief Silva advised that the Probation Department requires approval from the JJCC to continue these programs for next fiscal year. She reported that the County public safety agencies completed a five-year planning process for public safety restoration funding which included Probation Department strategies for the use of the State's special revenue. Chief Silva reviewed the development of the Gender Responsive Alternatives to Detention (GRAD) program utilizing funds from the Girls Juvenile Justice Initiative. This program was developed to reduce the use of Juvenile Hall for girls who have committed minor violations of probation. Alternative community-based resources were evaluated to address the issues involving these girls, such as substance abuse or abuse in the home. The GRAD program has been very successful and, since its inception, 70% of the violations of probation by girls have been diverted from custody. Chief Silva noted that the Juvenile Hall population has drastically reduced and it is more economical to provide out-of-custody services. After the GJJI grant ended, funding was temporarily provided by the department to continue this program. At this time, Chief Silva is proposing to utilize JJCPA funding to continue this program because of growth funds received through Prop 30. This funding would provide the services of one Deputy Probation Officer with a designated caseload of girls and a contract with the Center for Human Services to continue their case management services.

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: Kathy Harwell. The application to request grant funding for the JJCPA programs for FY2015-2016, with the proposal to include the GRAD program in JJCPA programming for FY2015-16, is unanimously approved to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and resolution.

- VI. **JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) PROGRAMS FOR FY2015-2016:** Natascha Roof, Division Director, Juvenile Field Services
Division Director Natascha Roof advised that the Probation Department was notified today, April 16, 2015 at 9:55 a.m. that Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funding will be available for FY2015-2016. The application for JABG funding is due to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) by May 31, 2015. Since the next meeting for the JJCC is not scheduled until July 16, 2015, County Counsel advised Ms. Roof to request that an agenda item be added to today's meeting for the Council members present to consider the Probation Department submitting an application for this grant funding due to the urgency of this matter. The agenda for the JJCC meeting today was posted on Monday, April 13, 2015.

MOTION: Jeff Sabean. SECOND: Jeff Anderson. The addition of an agenda item to the April 16, 2015 JJCC meeting to consider the Probation Department submitting an application for JABG funding for FY2015-2016 is unanimously approved.

Ms. Roof advised that JABG grant funding of approximately \$26,621 will be available, which is a decrease from last year when \$28,823 was provided. Ms. Roof is proposing this funding be utilized to continue offering the evidence-based practice program *Steps to Freedom*, which provides both in- and out-of-custody drug and alcohol services to juveniles. This funding will also be utilized to support incentives for the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) groups provided to high-risk out-of-custody youth facilitated by Juvenile Division Deputy Probation Officers.

MOTION: Kathy Harwell. SECOND: Sheriff Adam Christianson. The application to request JABG grant funding to continue the two JABG programs for FY2015-2016 is unanimously approved to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and resolution. One abstention from the voting was noted by Jeff Sabean, Juvenile Justice Mental Health, BHRS.

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liz Elizondo, Center for Human Services, advised that the center will be participating in Earth Day activities this weekend.

Mike Hamasaki, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, advised that R.E.D. grant interviews were conducted last week with The Burns Institute. Implicit Bias training session is scheduled for May 11th. Chief Silva expressed appreciation to all stakeholders for their participation with the interviews needed for the R.E.D. Grant.

VIII. **SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Sheriff Christianson suggested holding the next JJCC meeting at the Sheriff Operations Center and the Council members will be able to tour the new Day Reporting Center.

IX. **SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.