

# STANISLAUS COUNTY

## JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday – April 14, 2016

Stanislaus County Probation Department - Training Room

#### MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department, Chair  
JEFF ANDERSON, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services  
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors  
CANDACE HUBBARD for Timothy P. Bazar, Public Defender  
THE HONORABLE VALLI ISRAELS, Superior Court  
DR. CHAU-PU CHIANG, Community-at-Large Member  
SHEELA GRANT for Kathy Harwell, Community Services Agency  
DORIS FOSTER for Stan Risen, Chief Executive Officer  
JEFF SABEAN for Madelyn Schlaepfer, Director, BHRS

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

CHIEF GALEN CARROLL, Modesto Police Department	CHIEF BRENT SMITH, Ceres Police Department
SHERIFF ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff's Department	BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education	PAM ABLE, Modesto City Schools

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**  
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. She noted that the meeting time has been changed to NOON. Members of the group introduced themselves.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
No members of the public were present.
- III. **APPROVE OCTOBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES: JJCC**  
**MOTION:** Supervisor William O'Brien. **SECOND:** Dr. Chau-Pu Chiang. The minutes of the October 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.
- IV. **APPROVE JJCPA & JABG PROGRAMS FOR FY2016-17 GRANT APPLICATIONS: Chief Jill Silva**  
Chief Silva reviewed that this quarterly meeting for the Commission is required by the Welfare and Institutions Code for the JJCPA (Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act) application. The Probation Department has been receiving these funds since 2000 and this group is required to oversee and approve how this funding is spent. Currently, the Juvenile High-Risk Offender program is funded and this unit has a vacant position because the juvenile criminal population has decreased. In FY2016-2017, this position will be filled by a DPO II to work as a community liaison officer. This officer will work with high-risk juvenile offenders and in conjunction with the RED grant to foster better relationships in the community. Funding is available and will be a sustainable position for the next five to seven years. This officer will also work with the Strengthening Families program. This position will not amend the JJCPA application since the position already exists. Modesto Police Department is considering similar type work for one officer and they will partner with the DPO in this position.

Chief Silva noted that the Alternatives to Detention program is part of the JJCPA funding and there will be no changes to that program. Probation Corrections Officers are funded to provide services to this population seven days a week. In addition, the Juvenile Drug Court and Girls Juvenile Justice Initiative position are funded with JJCPA funds. These programs have been consistently successful and outcomes will be presented at the October 2016 meeting.

**MOTION:** Jeff Sabeau. **SECOND:** Jeff Anderson. The JJCPA programs for the FY2016-2017 application were approved unanimously.

Chief Silva advised that the JABG (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) funding has been received by the Probation Department since the 1990's. At the present time, a step-down drug and alcohol program, Steps to Freedom, is offered in partnership with BHRS, and Cognitive Behavioral Training (CBT) is offered to youth utilizing Deputy Probation Officers to conduct this program. The JABG funding of approximately \$23,000 per year will no longer be available. The CBT program will continue to be funded through Probation Department funds and the contract with BHRS for the Steps to Freedom program will be further evaluated.

The Girls Juvenile Justice Initiative continues to be sustained and funded with JJCPA funds and this has proven to be a successful program.

V. **R.E.D. GRANT UPDATE: Chief Jill Silva**

Chief Silva provided an update on the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) State Grant noting that this a four-year grant received to address racial and ethnic disparities in the Juvenile Institutions and the criminal juvenile justice system. In year two, the stakeholder work groups have been meeting on a monthly basis. This grant will focus on youth in the system but will also include a prevention piece. The Steering Committee met and developed a Memorandum of Understanding with requirements outlined to oversee the stakeholder work groups and training. Last year, training on implicit bias was presented with mixed evaluations received. A train-the-trainer model was going to be utilized, but the instructor did not complete this aspect of the training. Therefore, the Steering Committee is looking at other available trainers in the area of implicit bias. A professor from the University of California, Berkeley, is being considered whose ideas are different and emphasizes using decision-making tools to identify and eliminate the bias. Law enforcement should be receptive to this trainer and four sessions will be offered to community-based organizations and law enforcement.

The Steering Committee will be evaluating the types of reports to be provided from the data being gathered. Quarterly reports will be shared with the JJCC during this meeting. GIS mapping is being developed in a confidential manner utilizing different variables to report on areas such as expulsion rates, DCSS and Mental Health information, and poverty rates with the juvenile justice youth by ethnicity, gender and age group. This mapping will also identify where areas of concentration are in the County which require attention because of high need and risk. Base line information gathered will assist in pursuing other grant funding. Youth Leadership Council contracts are being developed used and through this process, youth will be asked to serve on the JJCC.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Silva advised that the Probation Department has entered into an agreement with Modesto Junior College for their Administration of Justice students to participate in an internship program at the Juvenile Institutions. The department already has an agreement in place with California State University-Stanislaus for Field Services internships. The internship length of time varies from six months to a year. As part of the CSU-S program, interns can accompany DPO units on field work.

Chief Silva reported that for the past 1-1/2 years she has participated in a state-wide work group for juvenile justice data sharing to consolidate the JJCPA and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) reporting requirements. Three Chief Probation Officers participated in the group along with youth advocate groups. Reporting for these grants was cumbersome and some meaningless data had to be submitted. As a result, data variables have been eliminated. The YOBG wanted outcome-driven data but researchers were not available in most counties. As a result, certain youth were designated to be evaluated which resulted in meaningless data. Therefore, the legislature formed this committee to improve what is being reported. Two separate reports were submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and to the legislature. As a result, data will be gathered on every juvenile arrest in the County and this information will be available to the public. The data will be aggregated to a higher level and be broken down by variables such as age, ethnicity, subsequent/original petitions, and length of stay. This data will be gathered at the system level and will be utilized to determine trending and each County will report on what possibly attributed to a system change. A Juvenile Division Crime Analyst has been hired by the Probation Department and will be analyzing the juvenile programs for effectiveness by looking at recidivism rates. In the upcoming year, reporting for the JJCPA grant will be different.

Judge Israels reported that Juvenile Drug Court is doing well but is experiencing mixed success with the youth participating in this program. The youth are coming back more frequently and mental health services are being offered. Jeff Sabeau outlined the mental health substance abuse counseling services being offered to youth at the Juvenile Institutions.

Judge Israels advised that the Judges Honor Roll program is going well with more youth making the honor roll. This has proven to be a good program to encourage behavior compliance.

Judge Israels reported on the progress of the restoration to competency program. Services are being offered to in-custody and out-of-custody youth. A protocol has been established and DPO's have been trained in this curriculum and are working with youth. This has been a positive collaboration effort with the Probation Department and BHRS.

Judge Israels advised that a Delinquency Team to address issues or grievances has been formed and meets on a quarterly basis.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Noon at the Probation Department.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 a.m.