

STANISLAUS COUNTY

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – July 22, 2021

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Microsoft TEAMS

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

MARK FERRIERA, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department, Chair

JEFF ANDERSON, Sierra Vista Child and Family

KERI MAGEE, Director, Children System of Care, Behavioral Health & Recovery

LT. JOSHUA CLAYTON for Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff

KIMBERLY GONZALEZ, Public Defenders Office

RUBEN IMPERIAL, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery

THE HONORABLE RUBEN IMPERIAL, Stanislaus County Superior Court

TERRANCE WITHROW, Board of Supervisor

CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services

RENEE FLORA, Center for Human Services

JEFFREY LAUGERO, District Attorney

MONICA CORYEA, Chief Executive Officer

DAVE CHAPMAN, Juvenile Field Services Division Director, Probation Department

MARIAN MARTINO, GJJJ Volunteer

LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

JANICE CREE, Data Manager, Probation Department

MICHELL CAMACHO, Without Permission

EMILY HERRERA, Facility Superintendent, Probation Department

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group present on the TEAMS meeting were identified.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public were present.

III. **APPROVE MAY 2021 MEETING MINUTES: JJCC**

Motion: Marian Martino. Second: Cindy Duenas. The minutes of the May 19, 2021, meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. **JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS UPDATE**

Facilities Superintendent Emily Herrera provided a brief update of the Juvenile Facilities and the current COVID-19 situation. She reported the new safety protocols such as Family Style Quarantine and Rapid COVID-19 testing as part of the admitting process due to the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases within the Juvenile Institutions. Youth continue to attend school and court virtually. In-person programming has been suspended and will resume pending the second negative COVID-19 results and clearance from Public Health.

Ms. Herrera reported that following the authorization of early releases, the current Juvenile Institutions' population is 54 youth: 6 females and 48 males.

V. **JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES UPDATE**

Division Director Dave Chapman provided an update of the following:

- As of June 30, 2021, Juvenile Field Services currently has 232 Formal Wards, 54% under Intensive/High-Risk Supervision.
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART) has had six youth graduates since February 2021.
- Staff from both the Juvenile and Adult Division have been trained in Cognitive Behavioral Interventions – Core Youth (CBI-CY).

- Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) have been contracted to teach ART and CBI-CY starting in August.
- Without Permission for FY 2020-2021: 35 youth referrals for assessment were received, and 30 youth were serviced. The program has served and identified 149 youth needing some sort of intervention service since the program's start in 2018.
- Haven Women's Center for FY 2020-2021: mainly serviced out of custody youth due to the pandemic; over 30 out of custody youth received services.
- Due to the pandemic, Let's Work for FY 2020-2021 has mainly focused on out-of-custody services; there were four sessions, 22 youth attended, four youth employed, and 36 separate employer engagements. Let's Work is expected to start in-custody services soon.
- In partnership with the Probation Department, the Center for Human Services (CHS) assists youth with Mental Health, Substance Abuse Counseling, in-custody Choices programming, and the Gender Responsive Alternatives to Detention (GRAD) program, which currently services 21 female youth.
- Alternatives to Custody have replaced the home guard units with GPS units, which provide more efficient monitoring; 19 youth are currently on GPS.
- Placement currently has seven youth in a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP), 3 in AB12 Program, 3 in Wraparound services, and zero in Juvenile Hall pending placement.

VI. **YOUTH ASSESSMENT CENTER UPDATE**

Division Director Dave Chapman reported that FY 2020-2021 was the first full implementation year of the Youth Assessment Center (YAC), collaborating with the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Sierra Vista Child and Family Services. He stated that several presentations had been given to various agencies, including introducing a mobile referral application to some local law enforcement agencies for a more efficient referral process bypassing Probation and going straight to the YAC. The mobile application went live in May 2021 and is currently being tested by the Modesto Police Department, the Sheriff's Department and soon expanding to the City of Turlock jurisdiction. During FY 2020-2021, the YAC aided 38 youth and families, completely avoiding the Probation system. He stated that the YAC was expanded within the first two years of its implementation and aims to expand further in the coming years.

Mr. Chapman shared a YAC success story with the group, noting how at the beginning, resistance was displayed by the youth that was referred for services but with the continued engagement with the YAC Team, the youth's family relationship and outlook on services has changed positively. The youth continues to move forward with counseling services.

Board of Supervisor Terry Withrow gave kudos to Mr. Chapman, and everyone involved in this effort. He expressed enthusiastic comments about the great potential he sees in the Youth Assessment Center, noting how much has been accomplished in such a short time and the positive impacts it will have on the community.

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cindy Duenas thanked everyone who attended the Youth Navigation Center open house. She invited everybody who has yet to visit the center to do so by giving her a call. The Youth Navigation Center is scheduled to open in mid-August.

Chief Ferriera thanked Ms. Duenas for taking him on a tour of the Youth Navigation Center, expressing his excitement about what the center will provide to the community's youth.

VIII. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled for October 14, 2021, at Noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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Name	Agency	Member or Designee Signature
Mark Ferriera, Chair**	Probation Department	Present
Jeff Anderson**	Sierra Vista Child and Family Services	Present
Laura Arnold**	Public Defender's Office	Kimberly Gonzalez Present for PD
Rick Collins**	Ceres Police Department	
Scott Kuykendall**	Stanislaus County Office of Education	
The Honorable Ruben Villalobos**	Stanislaus County Superior Court	present
The Honorable Ann Ameral**	Stanislaus County Superior Court	
Sara Noguchi**	Modesto City Schools	
Jody Hayes**	Stanislaus County CEO	
Jeff Dirkse**	Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department	Joshua Clayton Present for Sheriff
Brandon Gillespie Int. Chief**	Modesto Police Department	
Chau-Pu Chiang**	California State University, Stanislaus	
Ruben Imperial**	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Present
Terrance Withrow**	Board of Supervisors	Present
Kathy Harwell**	Community Services Agency	
Birgit Fladager**	District Attorney's Office	Jeffrey Laugero Present for DA
Cindy Duenas**	Center for Human Services	Present
Renee Flora	Center for Human Services	Present
Jon Appleby	District Attorney's Office	
Chief Deputy DA Jeff Laugero	District Attorney's Office	
Madie Herrera	Modesto City Schools	
Richard DeGette	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	
Keri Magee	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Present
Robert Housden	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	
Dave Chapman	Probation - Division Director	Present
Leticia Ruano	Probation - Assistant CPO	Present
Janice Cree	Probation – Data Manager	Present
Emily Herrera	Probation – Facility Superintendant	Present
Marian Martino	Volunteer	Present
Monica Coryea	CEO	Present
Michell Camacho	Without Permission	Present