

STANISLAUS COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – April 13, 2023

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department

Saundra Day, Stanislaus County Office of Education

Honorable Ruben Villalobos, Stanislaus County Superior Court

Marian Martino, Youth Mentor-Volunteer

Christine Huber, Community Services Agency

Richard Mury for Jeff Laugero, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office

Jon Appleby, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office

Vickie Trask, Community Member

Tracie Martin, Juvenile Facilities Superintendent, Probation Department

Leticia Ruano, Assistant Chief of Probation, Stanislaus County Probation Department

Antonio Prado, Manager, Stanislaus County Probation Department

Keri Magee for Tony Vartan, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

PJJ Annette Rees, Stanislaus County Superior Court

Members/Staff Absent

Kimberly Gonzales, Public Defender's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

3. APPROVE APRIL 20, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: JJCC SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION: Vicki Trask. SECOND: Marian Martino. The minutes of the April 20, 2022, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION, FEEDBACK, AND APPROVAL OF THE SB823 PLAN PRESENTED BY TRACIE MARTIN, SUPERINTENDENT (The PowerPoint Presentation is attached).

- a. Current Stanislaus County DJJ youth demographics were discussed. As of 03/23/23, there are 7 total commitments.
- b. 707(b) Offense is a serious or violent offense. Youth can be sentenced to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), which was formerly called the Department of Juvenile Justice. Youth can be tried as adults depending on their age and their crimes.
- c. In 2022, there were 5 SYTF commitments, who were all male. 3 were committed for assault related offenses, 1 robbery related offense, and 1 sex related offense.
- d. The average length of commitment is 31.2 months.
- e. In 2022, there were 229 youth ordered to a SYTF statewide.
- f. Supporting Healthy Individuals Needing Encouragement or commonly referred to as the SHINE Unit.
 - i. Unit 7 has been identified as the SHINE Unit
 - ii. With 20 beds in 10 rooms, there is the ability to have roommates.

- iii. There is an Honor Room, which is a behavioral modification incentive.
- iv. There is a dedicated classroom, recreation yard, counseling room, calming room, and dayroom.
- v. Upgrade considerations include the staff station, control panels, intercoms, recreation yard, and multi-sensory room.
- vi. Safety Measures & Protections include Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), LGBTQI training, Special Education, Multi-Disciplinary Meetings (MDTs), Suicide Prevention training/protocols, youth access to grievances, and access to an OYCR Ombudsman.
- vii. Programming Unit phased approach
 - 1. Phases A-D with A being the highest.
 - 2. Youth start at D and work up to A. If the youth receives a serious incident report or has contraband, they go back down to D and must work their way up.
 - 3. Youth can earn canteen incentive items.
 - 4. The Multi-Sensory Room is designed for de-escalation. Items in the room are available to allow the youth to come down from their heightened state.
 - 5. There is a family style lounge setting to encourage engagement.
 - 6. The recreation yard is completely outside and has grass, in addition to volleyball and basketball courts.
- viii. Unit Program and Supervision
 - 1. 1 dedicated Supervisor is assigned to the unit as well as 7 line staff.
 - 2. Two Probation Corrections Officers (PCO) will always be in the unit between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- ix. Education Programs
 - 1. The High School Education program is provided by Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) – West Campus and is accredited.
 - 2. Probation also partners with MJC for General Education; Vocational Program – “My Next Step”; and Career Technical Education (CTE).
 - 3. The Prison Education Project (PEP) holds 7-week sessions in the areas of Soft Skills, Introduction to Writing, Financial Literacy, and Introduction to Psychology.
 - 4. Project Rebound, through CSU Stanislaus, provides services for out of custody youth.
- x. Medical and Behavioral Health Services provided by Wellpath
 - 1. Medical services are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
 - 2. Mental Health services are provided 7 days a week.
- xi. Vocational Training & Volunteer Services
 - 1. Vocational Training includes SERV Safe Certificate, CTE courses, as well as vocational and general education courses from MJC.
 - 2. Volunteer Services
- xii. Hospice, Religious Services, Haven Women’s Center, SHARPE Program, Without Permission, Love Notes, Career Pathways, and Library provide services to our youth.
- xiii. Programming
 - 1. LCA provides Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI) trained staff. The LCA April SHINE Programming Calendar is included in the PowerPoint presentation.
 - a. Core Courses are 3 times per week.
 - i. Cognitive Behavioral Interventions
 - ii. “I Decide” CBI Program for Sexually Maladaptive Adolescents

- iii. Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- iv. Barriers to Employment – Begins in June
- v. Financial Literacy
- vi. Change Companies/Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling
- xiv. Contracted Services/Regional Contracts
 - 1. Sex Offender Services are contracted with LCA and Parents United.
 - 2. Regional contracts could be explored when or if they are developed and deemed appropriate.
- xv. Female Youth
 - 1. Female youth will be housed with other female youth so they will be in the right environment and still get the services that the secure track youth are currently getting or will be getting.
 - 2. Regional contracts could be explored when or if they are developed and deemed appropriate. Right now, they are receiving services in house.
- xvi. Re-Entry Services
 - 1. Youth who do not have any place to go after release will be working with the Center for Human Services in their Youth Navigation Center to find housing. LCA also assists with connecting youth to resources for housing.
 - 2. While the youth are in custody, LCA provides employment readiness courses. LCA is contracted to assist out of custody youth at the Day Reporting Center (DRC) with job readiness classes. LCA also works with youth to assist them in obtaining identification, social security cards, resumes and things they will need once employed.
 - 3. Education is provided by MJC, SCOE, and PEP. Youth are able to take classes to obtain their GED at the DRC.
 - 4. Reintegration Meetings includes all parties such as Religious Services, Without Permission, Behavioral Health, Education, Medical, Modesto City Schools, BHRS, parents, and Probation Officers, that way everyone can offer this youth services to help them be successful. LCA also works with these youth to create a re-entry plan.
 - 5. Once released, the youth is supervised by a Probation Officer. MJC and LCA will also be following up with them.
- xvii. Family Engagement
 - 1. Prior to their commitment to a maximum-security unit, youth had non-contact visits. Now they will have in-person visitation at the JCF. Additional virtual visits are allowed the last Sunday of every month with their family and siblings as long as they are maintaining their behavioral points, which includes Judges Honor Roll. The goal is to have youth attend special events & engagements such as weddings and births.
- xviii. Data Collection
 - 1. The Data Research Unit reviews data, identifies trends, provides demographic data, and statistical information on progress and recidivism.
 - 2. The RFID System documents all the youths' movement whether it be for programming or school. This allows staff to track program participation. LCA and MJC provide monthly statistics on their services.
 - 3. Performance Based Standards (PBS) collect data analysis to identify statewide trends. They identify things that work and do not work in the custody setting. They work with the facility to ensure they are doing everything they need to do to service our youth correctly.
 - 4. Surveys will be provided to the youth to get their input on programming.

5. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

a. Chief Ferriera noted that the Department made the decision to join a statewide consortium. Out of the 58 counties, 55 have joined the consortium. The department joined for the purpose of ensuring that services are available for youth if local services do not meet their needs. For instance, if a neighboring county had a robust program dealing with severely mentally ill female offenders, the department would have the ability to go through the consortium and contract with that county to provide services to that particular youth. The youth would likely be housed in that particular county for a period of time. The consortium serves as a backstop in case the department does not have the ability to provide services to one or a few youth.

b. Dr. Vicki Trask commended the amazing work the Department has done and continues to do for the youth. She also commented on the SHINE Unit being dream come true. Dr. Trask asked if any youth over the age of 18 are being housed in the facility. Chief Ferriera responded that we have housed youth as old as twenty-one. Dr. Trask further suggested that parents receive training in groups with parents, external parents and students. She offered to provide recommendations of these various programs.

c. Marian Martino commented on the healthier atmosphere the SHINE Unit has created. She asked if there is a way to create the same atmosphere in all the units. Chief Ferriera stated that he is open to this idea but would like to see how the ideas work in the SHINE Unit before implementing them in any other parts of the institution.

d. The items mentioned by Dr. Vicki Trask and Marian Martino will be looked into for consideration.

6. APPROVAL OF UPDATED SB 823 PLAN

MOTION: Christine Huber SECOND: Dr. Trask SB 823 Plan passes unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Dr. Trask announced she will be retiring in July and will continue to serve in this role on the JJCC Subcommittee until July 1, 2023. Glen Stovall, Director at MJC, was recommended to take her position. Chief Ferriera stated the committee will have further discussion to consider his appointment upon reconvening.

b. The full body JJCC meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

A notice will be sent out informing the subcommittee and the public of the next subcommittee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



Stanislaus
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SB 823 Plan

APRIL 13, 2023

Current Stanislaus county DJJ youth demographics

As of 3/23/23

7 Total Commitments:

- 86% (6) Male, 14% (1) Female
- Median Length of Stay= **33.4** months

Types of Offenses:

- 57% (4) for assault related offenses
- 43% (3) for robbery related offenses

Age:

- 100% are between 18-21 years old

Ethnicity:

- 86% (6) Hispanic
- 14% (1) Caucasian

Demographics of youth booked into Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall for a 707(b) WIC offense for 2022:

- Total number of youth booked for a 707(b) WIC offense = 78
- Total number of youth booked for a non-707(b) WIC = 337

➤ Gender:

Male 68 (87.2%)
Female 10 (12.8%)

➤ Ethnicity:

African American = 13 (16.6%)
Hispanic = 45 (57.7%)
Caucasian = 18 (23.1%)
Asian = 1 (1.3%)
Other = 1 (1.3%)

➤ Age:

12-14 years = 14 (17.9%)
15-17 years = 62 (79.5%)
18-21 years = 2 (2.6%)

Offense:

Felony Assault = 28 (36%)
Robbery/car jacking = 35 (45%)
Attempted homicide = 1 (1.3%)
Rape = 4 (5.1%)
Kidnapping = 3 (3.9%)
Other = 3 (3.9%)

Disposition:

Sustained 707(b): 34 (43.6%)
Sustained non-707(b): 22 (28.2%)
Dismissed: 18 (23.1%)
Pending court: 4 (5.1%)

DEMOGRRAPHS FOR YOUTH RECEIVING A SYTF COMMITMENT (2022)

FIVE (5) COMMITMENTS: All Male

Offenses:

- Assault Related = 60% (3)
- Robbery Related = 20% (1)
- Sex Related = 20% (1)

Age:

- 80% (4) were under the age of 18 at the time of commitment
- 20% (1) was 18 or older at the time of commitment

Ethnicity:

- 60% (3) Hispanic
- 40% (2) Caucasian

The average length of commitment is **31.2 months**

No baseline term reductions or increases have occurred to date

Demographics of youth committed to SYTF Statewide (2022)

Statewide Data

229 youth ordered to a SYTF

224 ordered to SYTF within the county of
adjudication

5 ordered to SYTF outside the county of
adjudication

10 youth requiring sexual behavioral treatment

18 youth requiring specialized mental health
treatment

11 youth received a baseline term reduction
pursuant to 875(e)(1) WIC

3 youth received an increase in the baseline
term pursuant to 875(b) WIC

Facility Plan: “SHINE” Supporting Healthy Individuals Needing Encouragement

Unit 7

- **20 bed spaces:**
 - Honor Room
 - Roommates
- Dedicated classroom, rec yard, counseling room, calming room and dayroom
- **Upgrade Considerations**
 - Staff Station / Control Panels/Intercoms
 - Recreation yard: Basketball Court, Turf, Workout Equipment
 - Multi-Sensory Room

Safety Measures & Protections

- **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA):** all sexually based accusations/complaints are investigated
- **Transgender Youth:** Sexual Vulnerability Assessment / LGBTQI questionnaire to determine housing/classification
- **Special Education:** Dedicated Para-Professional / MHC
- **Multi-Disciplinary Meetings (MDTs):** Discuss challenges in programming / any ADA accommodations that need to be made
- **Suicide Prevention:** Wellpath uses an assessment to determine history, current state of mind, and potential for self-harm
- **Youth Grievances**
- **OYCR Ombudsman**

Programming unit phased approach


- **Unit Highlights**
- Graduated levels depending on participation and conduct
 - Phases A-D
 - Ability to earn canteen items
 - Honor Room
- **Multi-Sensory room for de-escalation**
 - Sounds, Furniture, Stress Reducing tools, Lighting, games, journals
- **Home-like furniture**
 - Family style lounge set-up
 - Bean bag chairs
 - Shelving and nightstands in housing rooms
- **Rec Yard**
 - 2 Large Volleyball / Basketball Courts
 - Grass
 - Completely outside





Unit Program and Supervision-Corrections Staff

- Two Probation Corrections Officers (PCO) always in the unit from 7am – 11 pm, One PCO from 11pm-7am
- Dedicated Supervising Corrections Officer assigned. Seven line-staff assigned.
 - Trained in de-escalation techniques, trauma-informed care, crisis intervention, defensive tactics, gender & culturally responsive training, and LGBTQI
 - Work in partnership with education, mental health and programming providers
 - Provide direct supervision, guidance and emotional support to youth
 - Hold youth accountable for misbehavior while providing opportunities and incentives to redirect negative behavior
 - Ensure continuity of services
 - Participate in MDT & re-integration meetings for successful community transition



Education Program

- High School Education Program Provided by Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE)-West Campus
 - Dedicated classroom and teacher
 - Dedicated Special Education Para-Professional
 - Mental Health Clinician
 - Accredited Curriculum
 - Career Readiness Program-Naviance
 - MJC enrollment liaison (non-vocational track)
 - MJC Vocational Program- “My Next Step”
 - Career Technical Education (CTE) Program
 - Prison Education Project (PEP):
 - - 7-week sessions
 - -Completed Soft Skills and Introduction to Writing
 - -Next classes will begin 6/5/23: Financial Literacy and Introduction to Psychology
 - Project Rebound – CSU Stanislaus (Out of Custody)

Medical & Behavioral Health Services

-Wellpath-

- **Medical Services**

- On-site medical care 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
- Basic Dental, Vision and Medical Needs
- Transportation capability to outside appointments
- Participation in MDT & Reintegration Meetings
- Monthly stats provided

- **Behavioral Health Services**

- On-site mental health care 7-days a week and after hours on-call care
- Therapeutic Interventions (suicide prevention, crisis intervention, screening, assessment, family intervention)
- Psychiatric Care
- Participation in MDT & Reintegration Meetings
- Provides small group sessions focusing on substance use, anger management and life skills.

Vocational Training & Volunteer Services

- Vocational Training

- SERV Safe Certificate: Good for 2 years
- Career Technical Education (CTE)
 - Truck Driving (TBD): 1 hr/ 5 days/wk
 - Culinary (3x/wk)
 - Principals of Agriculture (1x/wk)
 - Computer Programming/Coding (1-2x/wk)
- Modesto Junior College
 - My Next Step: Vocational
 - General Education

- Volunteer Services

- Hospice
- Religious Services
- Haven Women's Center
- SHARPE Program
- Without Permission
- Love Notes
- Career Pathways
- Library

Programming

Leaders In Community Alternatives, LLC:

- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI) trained staff
- Group Ratios 1:12
- Facilitators in the unit 5 days per week
- Case Management-Individual Service Plans (ISP) (2x/wk)
- Risk Assessment (YLS-CMI 2.0): Within 7 days of commitment
- Core Courses (3x/wk)
 - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions – Core Youth Curriculum
 - “I Decide” CBI Program for Sexually Maladaptive Adolescents **currently running**
 - Aggression Replacement Training (ART): 3 components: Social Skills, Anger Control Training, Moral Reasoning **currently running**
 - Barriers to Employment Assessment and Training **begins in June
 - Financial Literacy **currently running**
 - Change Companies / Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling **currently running**

Parents United: Provides sex offender counseling (group & individual) weekly.



LCA April SHINE PROGRAMMING CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3 4PM CBI GRADUATION	4 Case Management Sessions*	5 Case Management Sessions*	6 3PM FORWARD THINKING	7 3PM FORWARD THINKING
10 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART	11 Case Management 3PM Financial Literacy	12 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART/ Financial Literacy	13 Case Management 3PM Financial Literacy	14 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART
17 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART	18 Case Management 3PM Financial Literacy	19 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART/ Financial Literacy	20 Case Management 3PM Financial Literacy	21 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART
24 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART	25 Case Management 3PM Financial Literacy	26 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART/ Financial Literacy	27 Case Management 3PM Financial Literacy	28 11AM CBI-I Decide 3PM ART

Contracted Services / Regional Contracts



Sex Offender Services

- Minimal (1) Number of Youth (SYTF)
- No youth at DJJ for sex offense
- Contract with LCA and Parents United (3x/wk)
- Regional contracts could be explored when or if they are developed and deemed appropriate

Female Youth

- Low Population- 1 commitment last four years
- One female currently at DJJ
- No female currently in SYTF
- Ability to house female within our facilities. Will be housed with other female youth.
- Regional contracts could be explored when or if they are developed and deemed appropriate

Re-Entry Services

- **Re-Entry Services**

- **Housing**

- Center for Human Services Youth Navigation Center (13-24 yrs)
 - Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA)

- **Employment**

- LCA

- **Education**

- MJC
 - SCOE
 - PEP
 - GED (DRC)

- **Vocational Services**

- SERV Safe
 - CTE Truck Driving Program
 - Culinary
 - Principals of Agriculture
 - Computer Programming / Coding
 - MJC "My Next Step"

- **Behavioral Health**

- Adult System of Care
 - Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Program

- **Reintegration Meetings**

- Key stakeholders involved
 - Re-entry Plan

- **Post-Release Supervision**

- Deputy Probation Officer
 - LCA
 - MJC (30-90 days)

Family Engagement

- Family Engagement
 - In-Person Visitation
 - Phone Calls
 - Monthly Virtual Visits
- Special Events and Engagements



Data collection

- Data Research Unit
 - Reviews data / identify trends / provides demographic data/provide statistical information on progress and recidivism
- RFID System : Ability to track program participation
- LCA: Provides monthly stats
- MJC: Provides monthly stats
- Performance Based Standards (PbS): Conducts rigorous data Collection and analysis that identifies statewide trends, provides evidence of what is and is not working, and supports improvement plans for our facilities.
- Youth Input: Surveys
- **QUESTIONS?**

