

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
Program Review and Development Subcommittee  
MINUTES**

**April 08, 2024**

**NEXT MEETING:**

May 13, 2024

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**JJCC Subcommittee Members Present:** Chris Modica, Jennifer Dougherty, Noe Villa, Maureen Byrne, Michael Rodriguez, Veronica Martinez

**Other meeting attendees:** Caroline Prijatel-Sutton, Mark Howe, Jessica Davis, Aramis Nahabedian

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions	Responsible
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b> Chris Modica called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.</p>		
<p><b>2. Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noe stated CFS met goal of 150 former foster youth in system that are receiving general income for foster youth under THRIVE.</li> <li>• Maureen - 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation of RJP coming up.</li> <li>• Veronica - Graduated 52 families from Breakthrough Parenting, getting ready for summer program.</li> <li>• Mark Howe leaving Probation for CEO's office.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>3. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None heard. None received telephonically or via email.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>4. Approval of the February 12, 2024, meeting minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noe moved to approve the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes; Michael seconded the motion. All in favor; minutes approved.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>5. Discuss and vote to recommend to the JJCC, funding for the Coalition's Youth Advocate Contract not to exceed total contract amount of \$275,000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caroline Prijatel-Sutton, Coalition Executive Director, gave presentation to request additional funding for Youth Advocates. She is having difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified YAs because the pay is only \$20/hr.</li> <li>• Funding requested to increase salary of 2 YA's and YA manager and include 5k for incidentals when the YAs travel out of county and need to purchase meals for youth. The YAs provide mentoring, transportation, prosocials, etc. for ROPP youth. Group discussion on whether proposed increase is enough to attract and keep YAs for at least 2 years, providing continuity/mentorship to youth. Further discussion about building in small salary increases on an annual basis, to remain competitive.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to recommend to the JJCC, funding for the Coalition's Youth Advocate Contract not to exceed total contract amount of \$275,000; unanimous vote to approve; motion approved.</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roundtable</b></li> <li>• Noe - CFS continues to practice Forever Connection Forums to rekindle relationships for foster children to go back home / family member to achieve some range of permanency. About 50% success rate.</li> <li>• Jennifer – VCBH having robust discussions with CBOs to increase network adequacy and to collaborate on CalAIM payment reform changes</li> </ul>		

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<p>which began 7/1/23. VCBH Juvenile Justice team embedded at JF is working closely with VCPA on implementing operational changes to align with DHCS expectations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen – RJP – starting conferencing in JF (SYTF). Would like to bring in people with lived experience to talk to JF residents.</li> <li>• Chris – Insights Court – going to shut down program but talk about alternative programming for the future.</li> <li>• Navigation services – Ready to roll out in next week or so.</li> <li>• Writing new contract for dedicated ROPP therapist.</li> <li>• Interface JJQA – Evaluating all JJCPA funded programming. Will have full report for June JJCC.</li> <li>• Housing contract for SYTF youth over 18 and adults on juvenile probation. WOSMOH (Women of Substance Men of Honor)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>6. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.</b></p>		