

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
MINUTES

August 14, 2024

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

4:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m.

J2 Courtroom

Note: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has not yet approved these minutes.
There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted
in final form.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Committee Present: Gina Johnson, Probation; Dr. Loretta Denering, Behavioral Health; Claudia Bautista, Public Defender; John Garcia, City Impact; Steve Jenkins, Sheriff; Kevin Drescher, District Attorney; Denise Morehouse, VCLECC; Valerie Salazar, JJDPC; Chrissy Ortega, CEO; Melissa Livingston, HSA; Dr. Consuelo Williams, VCOE; Seleta Dobrosky, Public Health

Absent:

Judge Romero, Juvenile Court; Supervisor Vianey Lopez, 5th District; Supervisor Jeff Gorell, 2nd District

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions
<p>1) Welcome/Announcements/Roll Call Chief Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Johnson – SB1057 is moving through the Senate. If passed, it will change the makeup of JJCC membership. • Chief Johnson – Juvenile Facilities passed the BSCC targeted inspection August 13-14. • Chief Johnson – Chief Deputy Carrie Vredenburg and the JF Housing Managers will attend training in Florida for best practices for Juvenile Facilities. • Stefanie Rodriguez – First day of school today. • Valerie Salazar – Resource and Job Fair for Teens & TAY in the county to be held at Oxnard High School on 10/20/24, in recognition of Youth Justice Action Month. 	
<p>2) Approval of the JJCC Meeting Minutes Dated April 17, 2024. Motion to approve minutes as submitted. Moved by Kevin Drescher; seconded by Steve Jenkins. All in favor. Motion approved.</p>	
<p>3) Public Comments None.</p>	
<p>4) Role of the JJCC and Responsibilities of Committee Members Chief Johnson reviewed various portions of the Bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items will no longer be solicited. Members wishing to provide input shall contact the Chair no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting. • Discussed the purpose of the JJCC, who the members are, and their responsibilities. • Membership could expand with the addition of up to three school districts. Five districts have expressed interest as non-permanent members. • In addition to the permanent member CBO, up to two non-permanent CBOs may be recommended by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. • Discussed the purpose of various Subcommittees. <p>Valerie Salazar reiterated that JJCPA funding is available to fund programs and services for all Ventura County youth, not only justice-involved youth.</p>	
<p>5) Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update – Recommendation for Community-Based Organization (CBO) representative(s) Presentation by Ad Hoc Subcommittee Lead Michael Rodriguez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went over the JJCC CBO application process (draft). • Will submit proposal at October or December JJCC meeting. • Discussion ensued on how to reach out to possible CBOs. The CBO application is hosted on the Probation website, but outreach hasn't been discussed. • Michael to request guidance on how to solicit possible CBOs. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad Hoc Subcommittee will meet to discuss and provide recommendations. 	
<p>6) Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan Update and Planning Subcommittee for Realigned Youth</p> <p>Chief Johnson gave an update, reviewed, and summarized what has been discussed the last couple meetings.</p> <p>AB 505, which became effective 1/1/2024, modified the requirements of the JJRBG Subcommittee meeting schedule and approval of the plan. Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) had acknowledged some counties may not be able to facilitate the new requirements by the 5/1 deadline. Our plan was submitted by the May 1st deadline noting the JJRBG Subcommittee was not solidified and therefore did not approve the plan. Ventura was granted an extension until 9/30 to revise and resubmit.</p> <p>Chief Johnson reached out to the three previous Community Members; two are committed, one is unable. Request was sent to Supervisor Lopez for a Community Member recommendation to fill the third spot. No update at this time.</p> <p>Members volunteered or will have an agency representative attend: Cheryl Fox, Behavioral Health; Judge Romero, Juvenile Court; Michael Rodriguez, Public Defender; Kevin Drescher, District Attorney; Leticia Morales, HSA; and Dr. Consuelo Williams, VCOE. Community Members: Dwight Thompson, Sal Flores. Meeting to be scheduled.</p>	
<p>7) YES Update</p> <p>Presentation by Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Kate English and Lucas Saucedo:</p> <p>Youth Equity Initiative 2023-24 FY: Slide presentation showed how JJCC funding has been utilized.</p> <p>Summary of work on capacity building, collaborative connections, and centering youth voice. YEI offers free consultation and is currently working with the Youth Advisory Councils.</p> <p>YES Collaborative Update – Focus is on community-based solutions, for example, the Evening Reporting Center (ERC), LIFT, and Risk Assessment Instrument. A task force is researching options for emergency housing. YES is committed to youth, their decision making, and sharing power.</p> <p>Annual Youth Event – Youth Equity Summit 2024 – Took place at Ventura College, 140 attendees. Next will be in March 2025, and will have youth be involved in planning, budgeting, etc.</p> <p>Surveys indicate youth want housing, more indigenous-informed practices, and services for mental health and wellness.</p> <p>Training: 11/12/24 – Learning Lab Series #1, 9am-2pm at Williams BH Training Room. Register before 10/1/24.</p> <p>Dr. Williams applauded their accomplishments and offered VCOE as a partner and conduit in their efforts.</p>	

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8) VCOE Triennial Plan for Expelled Students Update Presentation by Ventura County Office of Education – Stefanie Rodriguez	Carried over to next meeting
9) Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm. Next meeting: October 9, 2024 at 4:00pm.	