

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

**August 14, 2023**

**NEXT MEETING:**

September 11, 2023

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

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

Absent: Noe Villa

**Other meeting attendees:** Aramis Nahabedian, Mike Kitchen, Ana Magbitang, Jessica Davis, Kate English

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/Actions	Responsible
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b> Chris Modica called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.</p>		
<p><b>2. Announcements</b></p> <p>3. Jennifer announced that their intake process has changed from a centralized team to a decentralized team process. Access and Outreach team will remain in place to request or be referred to services, but the actual mental health assessment will now be provided by the community clinics. Assessment will be conducted at the various clinics. Jennifer explained that this will also make it easier to access services if clients walk into the clinics. Jennifer stated that Ana Magbitang has taken the lead on this project and should service the community better. Jennifer explained their goal is to have the assessments done within 10 days. Ana added that for those in custody, they have more coordination, and a goal to have assessments completed less than 10 days.</p> <p>4. Chris announced that the JJCC approved the youth advocate positions and the educational advocate position. The RFP for the program coordinator will close on Friday, 8/18.</p>		
<p><b>5. 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>6. Approval of the June 12, 2023, minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen moved to approve the June 12, 2023, meeting minutes; Michael Rodriguez seconded the motion All in favor; minutes approved.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. Discuss and vote to utilize JJCPA funding for the young adult population supervised in the Juvenile Division</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining multiple areas in which JJCPA funding could be utilized to support the TAY population (ages 18-25). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expansion of GEO Re-entry services (Adult Reporting and Resource Center) into the Oxnard area.</li> <li>○ Enhance casework collaboration With Dr. Kathleen Antwerp utilizing her Care Navigation Network.</li> <li>○ Support programming for SYTF in Juvenile Facilities</li> <li>○ Sober Living Beds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen asked if the funding provided from the state for SB 823 was sufficient. Chris explained it helped but it is not enough.</li> <li>• Maureen asked if there could be sober living beds within the JF. Aramis explained there can't be sober living beds at the JF due to licensing issues.</li> <li>• The group discussed the need for mental health and substance abuse programs in Simi Valley.</li> <li>• Further discussion ensued.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to recommend to the JJCC to utilize a portion of JJCPA funding to establish more programs and services for the TAY population. Chris moved; Michael seconded; All in favor; motion approved.</b></p>		
<p><b>8. Discuss and vote to request additional funding (.5FTE) for Interface Youth Advocates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris explained that interface was awarded the contract for the youth advocate.</li> <li>• The \$128,000 awarded allows us to employ only 1.5 staff. Chris asked if this group would approve another \$45,000 to allow for 2 full time youth advocates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to request an additional \$45,000 from the JJCC committee for the youth advocate RFP awarded to Interface. Chris moved; Maureen seconded; All in favor; motion approved.</b></p>		
<p><b>9. Roundtable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No items were presented or discussed for a roundtable discussion.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>10. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.</b></p>		