

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

August 11, 2025

NEXT MEETING:

September 8, 2025

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

JJCC Subcommittee Members Present: Chris Modica, Michael Rodriguez, Maureen Byrne, Dr. Kristen Roye

JJCC Subcommittee Members Absent: Veronica Martinez, Noe Villa

Other meeting attendees: Shawna Hunt, Sylvia Rodriguez, Curtis Heath, Kate English, Lucas Saucedo, Linda McKenzie, Danica Selvaggio, Mike Ramos, Heather Garcia, Deirdre Smith

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/ Actions	Responsible
1. Call to Order Chris Modica called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.		
2. Announcements None.		
3. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda None heard. None received telephonically or via email.		
4. Presentations from JJCCPA funded programs on the efficacy of their program/service. Big Brothers Big Sisters Evening Reporting Center (ERC) – Ventura and Simi Valley: Danica Selvaggio, CEO, BBSVC, presented an overview of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and how the Evening Reporting Centers, also known as Youth rooms, help Case Managers assess youth and ensure their basic needs are met before youth are matched with a mentor. During Fiscal Year 2024-25, an average of 1,200 youth with varying levels of system involvement were served. The majority of referrals come from Community Partners, School Counselors, or Parents/Guardians. An average of 15-25 youth per quarter are direct referrals from Probation. Most referrals are for youth ages 11-18, but there has been a rise in youth ages 6-10 served at Ventura and Simi Valley due to the High School Mentor Program. Average attendance for any program hour during the week is 12-18 youth. 87% of youth reported having a trusted adult they can turn to and know how to contact after completing assigned hours at the ERC. 85-90% of youth participating in Life Skills programs (avg. 8-10 participants per session) reported improved confidence in managing emotions and social interactions. 87% of youth participating in restorative practices and social emotional learning strategies reported improved relationships with peers; 80% reported reduced behavioral incidents at school. Examples of achievements include: • 4 out of 5 system involved youth who completed community service hours with the ERC complete an additional goal, such as improving grades or learning a new skill. • 15 high school youth signed up to be mentors to elementary youth in their communities. • 7 youth created first resumes and used them to pursue jobs through Mentor Academy. Challenges and solutions for improved service and definitions of referrals and retention/engagement for billing purposes were discussed. Current contract amount - \$391,206/annually. Chris Modica expressed concerns about the significant reduction in average daily population at the ERCs: only 8/day at Simi Valley, 14/day at Ventura, 22/day on average for two sites. Working on ways to bolster the ADP at Simi Valley.		

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Interface Restorative Justice: Heather Garcia presented an overview of the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program - Harm to Healing, serving youth ages 12-17 and transitional-aged youth ages 18-24. Program is offered in the community and at the Juvenile Facilities. Referral criteria is determined by the District Attorney's Office in collaboration with Probation. Up to 60 clients served annually with flexible access to the program. Reporting available weekly, quarterly, and annually via Welligent. Evidence-based tools used for interactive journaling and motivational interviewing. Between 7/2022 through 8/2025: • 147 youth were referred • 54 youth successfully completed the program • 2 in-custody Restorative Justice Circle Keeping groups were facilitated. • 15 youth completed 24 weeks of in-custody Circle Keeping. Current contract amount - \$199,900/annually. Chris Modica noted that 62% of referred cases were closed unsuccessfully mainly due to difficulties contacting youth and families. Currently, there are 18 youth in the program. Looking at LIFT expansion and how many of these cases might be appropriate under that program where staff would have direct access to youth on school campuses.		
5. Approval of the July 14, 2025, meeting minutes Michael moved to approve the July 14, 2025, meeting minutes; Maureen seconded the motion. All in favor; minutes approved.		
6. Roundtable • None		
7. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.		