



AGENDA

KERN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department
2005 Ridge Road
Bakersfield, California 93305
(Access via Teleconference)

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.

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1) Call to Order

Council Members: TR Merickel, Cynthia Zimmer, Robin Walters, Donny Youngblood, Leticia Perez, Dena Murphy, Jennie Sill, Linda Hoyle, Greg Terry, Mary Barlow, Henry Castaneda, Jamie Henderson, Anthony Meeks, Tamarah Harber-Pickens, Tom Corson

2) Roll call

3) Minutes from the Meeting of April 29, 2020

APPROVE

4) Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.**

5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)

General update and/or information relating to Juvenile Probation (Fiscal Impact: None) –
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED

- 6) Juvenile Services Report (Shay Molennor, Probation Division Director)
General update on Juvenile Services
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED
- 7) Juvenile Programs Report (Shay Molennor, Probation Division Director)
General update on Juvenile Programs
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED
- 8) Update on Previously Approved RFP (Chief Merickel)
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED
- 9) SB 823, Division of Juvenile Justice Realignment (Chief Merickel)
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED
- 10) Council Member Announcements or Reports
Council members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.
MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS
- 11) Next JJCC Meeting
APRIL 2021, WITH DATE TO BE DETERMINED
- 12) Adjourn



MINUTES

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1) Call to Order

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN MERICKEL AT 8:32 A.M. CHAIRMAN MERICKEL WELCOMED NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS LINDA HOYLE AND GREG TERRY.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: TR Merickel, Robin Walters, Donny Youngblood, Cindy Uetz for Dena Murphy, Jennie Sill, Linda Hoyle, Greg Terry, Mary Barlow, Henry Castaneda, Jamie Henderson, Anthony Meeks, Tom Corson

Members Absent: Cynthia Zimmer, Leticia Perez, Tamarah Harber-Pickens

Staff Present: Scott Royer, William Dickinson, Thad Kennedy, Shay Molennor, Rosanne Vela

Guests Present: None

3) Approve minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting

APPROVED; Henderson-Sill: 12 Ayes; 3 Absent

4) Public Comment

An opportunity was provided for members of the public to address the Council on issues not listed on the agenda.

NO ONE HEARD

5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)

General update and/or information relating to Juvenile Probation.

NO REPORT GIVEN, BRIEFLY MENTIONED THE DEPARTMENT IS DEALING WITH CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19.

6) Juvenile Services Report (Thad Kennedy, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Services.

HEARD REPORT BY THAD KENNEDY, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR, INCLUDING AN UPDATE OF EACH UNIT OF THE PROBATION JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION.

DR. MARY BARLOW EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS IN KERN COUNTY FOR KEEPING THEM SAFE AND ENSURING THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED.

7) Juvenile Programs Report (Shay Molennor, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Programs.

HEARD REPORT BY SHAY MOLENNOR, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON EACH UNIT OF THE PROBATION JUVENILE PROGRAMS DIVISION.

JAMIE HENDERSON ASKED ABOUT WEEKEND VISITATIONS AT THE JUVENILE FACILITIES. WILLIAM DICKINSON RESPONDED AND SPOKE ABOUT THE INCREASE IN PHONE CALLS, FREE PHONE CALLS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ZOOM VISITS VIA SCHOOLS CHROMEBOOKS WITH THE HELP OF KCSOS.

8) Approval of FY 2020/2021 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Plan (Chief Merickel)

Present and discuss Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Plan and request approval to submit grant application for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) in the amount of \$2,458,299 (Fiscal Impact: \$2,458,299)

APPROVED; AUTHORIZED PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL

Barlow-Castaneda: 12 Ayes; 3 Absent

9) Council Member Announcements or Reports

NO REPORTS GIVEN

10) Next JJCC Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2020, WITH THE DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

11) Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 A.M.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

SB 823 DJJ Realignment

- I. Overview of Legislation
 - a. Realigns DJJ from State to Counties
 - b. DJJ (Division of Juvenile Justice), formerly CYA
 - c. Becomes effective 7/1/21
 - i. Prospective – Youth stay local
 - ii. DJJ closes via attrition – Existing Youth stay at DJJ
 - d. Age of Jurisdiction
 - i. 21 – Normal Cases
 - ii. 23 – WIC 707(b) Offenses
 - iii. 25 – WIC 707(b) with 7+ year aggregate term
 - e. Creates OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration)
 - i. Under HHS Agency at State
 - ii. Shifts Juvenile grants from BSCC to OYCR by 1/1/25
 - iii. Receives and reviews County plans
 - iv. Creates Ombudsman
 - f. Funding Formula
 - i. DJJ population 30%, WIC 707(b) offenses 50%, county population of 10-17 20%
 - ii. Rolls out over 3 years
 - iii. Re-evaluate formula for FY 24/25
 - g. Creates Subcommittee of JJCC
 - i. Probation (Chair), Representatives from DA, PD, DHS, BHRS, Court and 3 Community members
 - ii. To develop plan and submit to OYCR by 1/1/22
 - iii. No plan needed for year one
 - iv. OYCR reviews plan to ensure contains statutory requirements
 - v. Prohibits DA or SO from providing rehabilitative or supervision services for realigned population.

- II. Local Discussion
 - a. DJJ Numbers
 - i. Approximately 35 in custody at DJJ
 - ii. Offenses ranging from most common to least: Robberies & car jackings, assaults, attempted murder, sex offenses, arson, murder
 - iii. Kern Admissions: 2016: 6, 2017: 12, 2018: 21, 2019: 13
 - iv. Average length of stay 28 months
 - b. Vacant Pod at Kern Crossroads Facility
 - i. Holds up to 40 youth
 - ii. Separate population
 - iii. Handle in County vs. contracting out
 - iv. Female Youth population (2)

- c. Research on Services
 - i. Education -Secondary and Post-Secondary
 - ii. Job skills
 - iii. Mental Health services
 - iv. Specialized treatment including Sexual Offender services
 - v. Evidence-based treatment

- III. Moving Forward
 - a. Continue research on services
 - b. Will form subcommittee and begin plan discussions (2021)
 - c. Continue to report back to full JJCC on progress