

**San Bernardino County**  
**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)**  
**Executive Subcommittee on DJJ**

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**Minutes for Thursday, January 16, 2025**

<b>Executive Committee Members</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>
Tracy Reece, Chairperson, CPO	Kimberlee Drury, DCPO
Richard Sterling, Chief Deputy Public Defender	Khara Garnett-Todd, Division Director II
Timothy Hougen, Deputy Director, Department of Behavioral Health	Hon. Jessica Morgan, Juvenile Judge, VV
Tony Collins CiFuentes, Highlanders Boxing Club	Hon. Geraldine Williams, Assistant Presiding Juvenile Judge, SB
Owen Duckworth, Inland Empire Rebound Reentry Services	Hon. Candice Garcia-Rodrigo, Juvenile Judge, SB
Donald English, Director, Superintendent of Schools	Lynn Poncin, Juvenile Presiding Judge
Robert Brown, Assistant District Attorney	Kristie Armistead, Deputy Director of Operations, Juvenile Court
Morgan Baxter, Chief Court Executive Officer	Sandy Bonilla, Founder, Urban Conservation Corps
Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries	Minutes by:
Jeany Zepeda, Director, Department of Social Services	Shannon Veckey, Executive Administrative Assistant I

**Opening of the Meeting**

DCPO Kimberlee Drury called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The meeting opened with introductions.

Motion to approve October 17, 2024, meeting minutes, as written, all in favor.

Motion by Robert Brown and seconded by Kristie Armistead

**Roll Call** - Attendance Roster on File

**Probation Update**

Khara Garnett-Todd, Division Director II for ARISE:

- Current population is 70, 3 females and 67 males
- Since the last meeting in October, there have been five releases for reentry, two pending commitments, eleven new commitments, and two recommitments
- Two youth at Pine Grove are currently battling the Eaton Fires

Aliena Darling, DDI for ARISE:

- Open House for the youth in High School was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Parents met with teachers, the vice principal, and the principal
  - A taco truck was provided, and parents were able to eat lunch with the youth

- On November 20<sup>th</sup>, there was another SBCSS school event; 18 Thanksgiving baskets were donated to the High School youth families
- Board members from SBCSS also donated pizza, holiday gift bags which included hygiene products, books, and The Freedom Writers book
  - The author of The Freedom Writers, Erin Gruwell will also be coming in 1 a month, starting February – June, to conduct an all-day course with the youth regarding English Literature and personal social development
- The Religious Volunteers hosted a Christmas Social; they sang, ate, and crafted
- 16 students completed the fall term and will transition out to online courses
- There will be a total of 26 students for the winter term online classes at Victor Valley and LA Mission
- Youth are very busy with school and enjoying it
- VVC Construction update:
  - 1 Tiny home completed and ready to start on the 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Youth have completed another mobile library
    - Youth selected Snoopy and Paw Patrol themes for the completed mobile libraries
  - Albert Duarte, the Executive Director of the Building and Trades Council for San Bernardino and Riverside, is planning a visit in February to present the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum Certificates to the youth who completed the courses
    - Youth will then move on to the Electrical Trades portion of the program
  - Youth will be able to utilize the certificates for employment in construction
- MOU is currently being drafted for Cal State San Bernardino University, hoping to begin in the fall of 2025 (August)
- CBO for Indigenous youth started on 11/14; youth are enjoying the programming
- The Driving Simulator started this week; this will be 2 times a week for 16 weeks
  - Youth will obtain a DMV certificate upon completion

Mary Garcia, DDI for SOAR:

- Currently working on light fixtures, roof, and cameras; no tentative opening date

Shonna Rossler, Programming Manager:

- Started an Apprentice program for peer mentoring, Google Sweep a class that allows youth to get computer skills for computer graphics, web design, business productivity, and computer coding
- Upcoming programming is the certified DMV driving school, Manners Matter, and Expressive Art
- A Love Literacy program in the works with County Schools
- The Youth Justice Center is in the process of being transitioned to our Youth MAP Program

**Roundtable**

Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries:

- 01/18 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All About the Children Event from 11-3 pm
  - Anticipating 1300 kids and 60 vendor booths

Robert Brown, Assistant District Attorney:

- Two Juvenile Supervisor switches at the district attorney's office; Teresa Smith is now the supervisor at Central, and Chris Walton is the supervisor in Victorville

**Public Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Kim Drury at 2:23 p.m.

*The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on*

*April 17, 2025*

*Probation Administration*

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