

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Probation Administration, 175 West Fifth St., 4th Floor, Room 401
July 26, 2022

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PRESENT: Kimberly Epps, Kathleen Huaman, Don English, Claudia Walker, Amber Carpenter, Julie Peterson, Jennifer Cannady, Robert O’Brine, Jeany Zepeda, Chris Deveau, Julie Francis-Hovis, Jennifer Roth, Scott Nichols, Henry Rosas, Kathy Gonzalez, Shaina Ulloa, Michele Morales

Absent: Shannon Dicus, Rebecca Irwin, Marisa Miley, Myrlene Pierre, Tracy Reece, Cynthia Wallace-Guerrero, Ann Marie Pierce, Daniel Edber, Melanie Carrion, Lynn Poncin, Scott Wyatt, Chris Catren, Thomas Kamara, Robert Saldana

Agenda Items	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome & Introductions	Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.	K. Huaman
II. Review & Approve Minutes	It has been moved and seconded that the 4/26/22 meeting minutes are approved.	1 st Motion – Don English 2 nd Motion- Jeany Zepeda
III. Review and Approve JJCC Spanish Pamphlet	It has been moved and seconded that JJCC Spanish Pamphlet has been approved and adopted.	K. Huaman 1 st Motion – Jennifer Cannady 2 nd Motion- Jeany Zepeda
IV. New Proposals	Nothing to discuss.	
V. Financial Report	Mr. Nichols provided a hand-out. There were no questions or concerns.	S. Nichols
VI. Probation Updates	We have new counseling contracts with 10 providers as of July 1 st . We also have a new Innovative Strategies RFP submitted into e-PRO. The deadline is 8/1/22 at 4pm. The purpose is to gain new ideas to engage youth. Any type of innovative strategy is welcomed and will be reviewed.	K. Huaman
VII. LET Update - District Attorney	Ann Marie met with families of 60 students, attended the county wide SARB meeting in June and State meeting in July. Received 467 direct referrals. The main issues continue to be parent/student lack of motivation, mental health concerns, fatigue and disruption to family routine. The most recent referrals were for tutoring and counseling. Several district schedules begin in Aug. and LET anticipates a higher referral rate. Distributed 19 gift cards as incentives to students to improve attendance. Shared success stories. Attended various trainings.	J. Peterson

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<p>VIII. LET Update - Public Defender</p>	<p>Roth: The new LET DA for the Desert Division in Victorville which runs to Nevada and Arizona borders. There are 13 school districts with 126 schools. Last year, LET worked collaboratively with families along with Barstow Probation in helping kids graduate as well as getting them to school. Attended various SARB meetings, Working with Adelanto High School Youth Court and Criminal Justice Law Day at Oak Hills High School along with Probation.</p> <p>Rosas: The Central Division DA. LET has 116 families with similar issues such as mental health, emotional issues, lack of family stability, etc. which keep kids from going to school. Parents are hesitant to get services. Distributed gift cards and alarm clocks.</p> <p>Shared success stories. Received the same state training and taught classes regarding truancy.</p> <p>Upcoming events: Operation Safe Recovery notifies kids and parents that school is about to start.</p> <p>Requested to present at next meeting.</p>	<p>J. Roth</p> <p>H. Rosas</p> <p>J. Cannady</p>
<p>IX. Roundtable</p>	<p>We have 4 additional LET positions; 1 in the Desert 3 in the Valley. There is difficulty filling attorney vacancies. We will be expanding educational components.</p> <p>Last quarter JJCC talked about School PO funding; during COVID JJCC didn't ask for reimbursement. If we do ask for reimbursement from the schools, Mr. Wyatt indicated that we need to give advance notice to schools. At this time, we have plenty of funding with a large reserve balance.</p> <p>Encouraging JJCC members to provide input about schools in districts without POs that we can discuss about filling.</p> <p>Canady: Some districts are no longer interested, such as Colton.</p> <p>Rosas: Ann Marie is the one to contact the Superintendent.</p> <p>Epps: Kathleen will be meeting with Superintendents to remind them that the program is starting up and to explain the services we offer.</p> <p>English: Contacts: Colton's new Assistant Superintendent is Anthony Ortiz. The Director of Student Services is Melissa Kingston and the Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance is Christy Padilla.</p>	<p>J. Peterson</p>

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	<p>Epps: Alternatives to Detention/State Plan: Our numbers have decreased to 28 in placement, 15 awaiting placement, 11 in AB12 and 7 on our C.A.S.E. caseload for sexually exploited youth. We have drafted sanctions /incentives with Drug Court, as we look to strengthen the program. Working with DBH to look at softer assessments for the types of services they can move towards. We continue to work on the Homework Program and bringing back the Community Service Program. Post COVID, agencies are still not accepting large groups of kids. There was an article in the paper re depression and mental health issues among students. The Chief wanted us to organize an outreach. We held a Build Better Bridges Conference for youth on our caseloads. Sixty-four (64) male youth attended. There were several excellent speakers and workshops. The feedback was very good. This Fall we are planning to include families in a conference.</p> <p>The speakers were excellent. The youth were very engaged.</p> <p>English: We are working on eradicating chronic absenteeism. In preparing for school to begin again, we gave away 5000 backpacks in the Desert Mountain region last week. Committee attendees were invited to Child Welfare Attendance meetings which are the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9 to 11; we have districts meet and discuss best practices of in-county problems. Annual certification training is a 2 year certificate for all supervisors of child welfare, and for any district with 1,000 or more students.</p> <p>Mental health trauma: many of our districts are establishing Wellness Centers for our kids.</p>	<p>K. Epps</p> <p>A. Carpenter</p> <p>D. English</p>
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25, 2022 at 2:00.</p>	<p>K. Huaman</p>