



Sacramento County

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

Realignment Subcommittee

ACTION SUMMARY

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 2:00 PM

Location: Sacramento Area Sewer District - 10060 Goethe Road., Sacramento, CA 95827 - Sunset Maple Conference Room 1212

Meeting Coordinator: Shelly Cortez, (916) 875-2458, cortezs@saccounty.gov

Meeting Material: The on-line version of the agenda and associated material is available at <https://saccoprobation.saccounty.gov> or by contacting the meeting coordinator.

JJCC Subcommittee Members:

Judge Dena Coggins (Sacramento Superior Courts)	-	<i>not present</i>
Josef Gray (Community Member)	-	<i>present</i>
John Grimes (District Attorney's Office)	-	<i>not present</i>
Raechel Ibarra (Community Member)	-	<i>present</i>
Bryan Jones (Child Protective Services)	-	<i>not present</i>
Richard Matulia (Community Member)	-	<i>present</i>
Reuben Moreno (Public Defender's Office)	-	<i>not present</i>
Shanalle Patterson (Community Member)	-	<i>present</i>
Dr. Ryan Quist (Behavioral Health Services)	-	<i>present</i>
Jacqueline White (Office of Education)	-	<i>not present</i>
Marlon Yarber (Chair – Probation Department)	-	<i>not present</i>

JJCC Subcommittee Designees:

Nina Acosta (Alternate for Quist)	-	<i>not present</i>
Michelle Becker (Alternate for Grimes)	-	<i>not present</i>
Ashley Burg (Alternate for Moreno)	-	<i>not present</i>
Sarah Davis (Alternate for Judge Dena Coggins)	-	<i>present</i>
Barbara Modlin (Alternate for White)	-	<i>not present</i>
Jenny Ng (Alternate for Jones)	-	<i>present</i>
Julie Wherry (Alternate for Yarber)	-	<i>present</i>

JJCC Subcommittee Guests: Brandi Curry

PARTICIPATE IN MEETING

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Meeting Called To Order: 2:02pm

Agenda Item	Presenter(s)
1. Chair Update	Julie Wherry, Chair
<p>The Chair provided an update on Probation’s approved budget, a new mental health unit will be added to the adult services side of probation, Pre-Trial will obtain additional positions, and there will be Juvenile Community Outreach Re-Entry positions, including one supervising probation officer, one senior deputy probation officer and two deputy probation officers. The goal would be for VOYA youth to participate in outside work experience with the Parks and Recreation department under officer supervision. The fourth unit that was requested for VOYA was not granted at this time. The new mental health unit will assist in a decrease of the population in the Main Jail.</p> <p>The Chair stated Ending Girls Incarceration grant will provide technical assistance of \$125,000. The Probation Department is looking to send out a determination of interest to the community to see what services can be provided to girls currently in custody and to help prevent future girls from entering custody. On subsequent years, the Office of Youth Community Restoration is providing community-based organizations \$200,000-\$250,000 to continue with initial efforts.</p> <p>The Chair notified the subcommittee a county counsel representative will appear in the August meeting to address their concerns regarding the community members having alternates.</p>	
2. ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes From May 16, 2023	Julie Wherry, Chair
<p>Committee Action: Sarah Davis/Dr. Ryan Quist – Approved as recommended.</p> <p>AYES: Richard Matulia, Raechel Ibarra, Shanalle Patterson, Jenny Ng, Sarah Davis, Dr. Ryan Quist NOES: None ABSTAIN: Julie Wherry RECRUSAL: None (PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))</p>	

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3. VOYA Realignment Update	Supervising Probation Officer Kristy Dyson, Deputy Probation Officer Heather Horton, and Deputy Probation Officer Laticia Crump, Probation Department
<p>Kristy Dyson, Heather Horton, and Laticia Crump from Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA) inside the youth Detention Facility (YDF) provided the committee with an overview of what VOYA is and what they do. VOYA's program services include education and career technical training, mental health crisis intervention, medical health, therapeutic services, life skills/job training, pro-social enrichment activities, and re-entry. The program components are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) • 6 Month VOYA Progress Review hearings – opportunity for baseline reduction • Victim Empathy Course • Stanford Sierra Youth and Family • ProjectME: Life Skills and Job Training Program • VOYA Employment Program • “Who’s This, What’s That?”: A Multi-Cultural Journey • Juvenile Sex Behavior Treatment Model • Step-Down Opportunities <p>The VOYA program inside YDF provides a safe and secure environment for realigned youth serving commitments after the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Within 30 days of entering VOYA, a rehabilitation plan is created and every six months a court hearing is held for a possible baseline reduction of up to 6 months. They have career technical training such as culinary and construction to attend while they are inside YDF. The youth have expressed interest in having more types of career technical training, such as welding. There is also a step-down option based on requirements for the youth called Pine Grove Fire Academy. Member Gray inquired about what those requirements are. Supervising Probation Officer Dyson listed off some of the requirements: must be 18 years or older, certain offenses are not permitted, youth must have a high school diploma or GED, and there must not be any less than 6 months and no more than 2 years left on their term. The Sacramento County Office of Education provides three educational pathways for the youth, they can obtain their high school diploma, HISET, and an AA degree. There is also the option to obtain an AA degree with the ability to transfer to a university. Supervising Probation Officer Dyson explained in VOYA they try to treat them more as adults, so, they use a level system, and everyone has the same bedtime.</p> <p>Member Ibarra questioned if the youth upon release will be assigned to Probation or the Re-Entry Support Coordinator through SCOE. The Chair explained that they will be assigned to both, because they must be under Probation supervision for a certain period of time.</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> None</p>	

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4. Stanford Youth Update	Molly Howard and Elise Sampson, Stanford Sierra Youth & Families'
<p>Elise Sampson and Molly Howard from Stanford Youth Solutions provided an update on the services they provide. Elise stated they traditionally serve youth in the field, after an assessment and referral from their probation officer. Elise also stated that while a youth is in VOYA, they are required to participate in counseling. For the VOYA youth, they set concrete objectives and goals for their counseling and treatment progress reports are sent to Probation. Stanford Youth takes a collaborative approach to their counseling, they try to involve the family more and they have an after-care process. Molly Howard mentioned they have comprehensive assessments to determine needs for treatment based off trauma, family, safety, etc. Each treatment plan is individualized to the youth. There are plans for re-entry for VOYA, coping management, and substance abuse. Both Molly and Elise expressed their team is trying to problem solve around visiting the youth inside the Youth Detention Facility based off the staffing issue Probation is currently having.</p> <p>Member Patterson asked if they could take the youth to the sensory room if the youth requested it. She spoke with some of the youth, and they expressed interest in going to the sensory room.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
5. Discussion of Topics for Future Agenda Items	JJCC Subcommittee Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community College Update – Fall • Spiritual Leaders for VOYA • River Oak Presentation • Education Presentation – In August • Level System Presentation • Baseline Presentation 	
6. Public Comment On Off Agenda Items	All
<p>Member Gray mentioned that some of the youth in DJJ expressed concern that their time will start over. He asked about the resentencing baseline matrix and if it could be posted to the public site for all to see. He also asked for some insight and update on the resentencing and baseline redetermination guidelines. Chief Deputy Probation Officer Brandi Curry ensured that the youth's custody time is being considered and none have completed their baselines. She also stated the original baseline in not being reimposed and the DJJ time is being considered as well.</p>	
Adjournment at 3:38pm	