



Sacramento County

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

Realignment Subcommittee

ACTION SUMMARY

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - 2:00 PM

Location: Sacramento Area Sewer District - 10060 Goethe Road., Sacramento, CA 95827 – Valley Oak Conference Room

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

Meeting Material: The on-line version of the agenda and associated material is available at <https://saccoprobation.sacounty.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>present</i>
Raechel Ibarra (Community Member)	-	<i>not 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>not present</i>
Jacqueline White (Office of Education)	-	<i>present</i>
Marlon Yarber (Chair – Probation Department)	-	<i>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>present</i>
Sarah Davis (Alternate for Judge Dena Coggins)	-	<i>present</i>
Barbara Modlin (Alternate for White)	-	<i>present</i>
Jenny Ng (Alternate for Jones)	-	<i>present</i>
Julie Wherry (Alternate for Yarber)	-	<i>present</i>

JJCC Subcommittee Guests: Brandi Curry, Synthy Lathipanya

PARTICIPATE IN MEETING

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Agenda Item	Presenter(s)
1. Chair Update	Marlon Yarber, Chair
<p>The Chair welcomed the committee and guests. The Chair mentioned the budget for Probation and how Probation is growing with several initiatives going into effect and the new Mental Health unit for the adult side. Probation is still waiting for the final budget to see the allocation for DJJ/VOYA. The Chair stated that it was planned for 9.2 million but, has been slated for 8.9 million. Probation plans to utilize any unspent finds that can be carried over from the previous year.</p> <p>The Chair also mentioned DJJ youth returned with numerous tattoos and/or addicted to drugs. The Chair stated Chiefs statewide are asking for an investigation to be conducted</p>	
2. ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes from June 20, 2023	Marlon Yarber, Chair
<p>Committee Action: Josef Gray/Richard Matulia – Approved as recommended.</p> <p>AYES: Sarah Davis, Ashley Burg, Jacqueline White, Shanalle Patterson, John Grimes, Jenny Ng, Josef Gray, Richard Matulia, Marlon Yarber NOES: None ABSTAIN: None RECRUSAL: None (PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))</p>	
3. Delegates for Community Members	Rick Heyer, County Counsel
<p>Rick Heyer from County Counsel provided the reasoning behind the community members not having delegates. He stated that the community members are chosen based on their individuality, whereas the others are representing the organization they are from. Member Matulia suggested the concept of an “alternate jury,” where the alternates would always attend and be on stand-by. Rick Heyer stated there would have to be a clear process for that, possibly would have to go through bylaws, so in the event the community member and the alternate are present, that only the community member would be eligible to vote. The Chair stated the committee does not have bylaws and this could possibly create an additional burden. Member Gray agreed with Member Matulia’s suggestion stating he is not there to represent himself; he is there to represent on behalf of the community. Member Gray noted when community members are not present, their votes are not captured. Member Gray suggested possibly not adding a new member but adding a proxy. He imagines that it would be a much simpler process that way and would be willing to submit his choice of proxy to the committee. Rick Heyer inquired as to how the community members were chosen and suggested coming up with a process to nominate them. This would require the governing Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council to vote on this matter.</p>	

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4. Baseline Determination - Baseline Matrix	John Grimes, District Attorney's Office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Grimes provided a presentation on baseline determination. The secure youth treatment facility is under WIC 875 where the base term is set at the disposition. For this, the youth must be at least fourteen years, have a 707(b) offense, and least restrictive means are not available. For DJJ, base term is set on a matrix separated into four categories. <p>To determine the length of the sentence, numerous factors are considered, such as prior delinquent history, success of rehabilitation effort, anticipated need, and programming received. Also considered are facts such as exposure to trauma and developmental maturity. There are some advisory points also considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific facts Severity Extent of harm to victims Role of youth and coparticipants Any exculpatory circumstance <p>Previously, the Parole board would move the date back for DJJ youth. Now, under the juvenile court a baseline is set and cannot be pushed back. Every six months, there is a progress hearing set where the youth is eligible for a six-month reduction. This provides incentive to the youth to keep programming. The Chair inquired about additional programs in community options. Member Grimes stated they are hopeful for new programs.</p>	
5. Level System	Kristy Dyson, Supervising Probation Officer
<p>Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Kristy Dyson explained the level system to the committee. She stated that it differs from the rest of the facility as VOYA operates on rule infractions and a good day system. Bedtime is set at 10pm and residents earn that bedtime based on behavior. There are four levels for the residents to obtain which range from six to 14 months. Each level receives different incentives such as extra commissary and writing prompts which at times, provides insight as to how to make the program better. Member Gray inquired why the youth at honor or mentor status go over to VOYA as only level one and if they could come in as level 2. SPO Dyson stated honor or mentor status is equivalent to VOYA level one and has the same incentives. Also, VOYA youth can also receive VOYA bucks. It cannot be traded for actual cash but, it can be used to purchase commissary. SPO Dyson relayed they receive commissary on a weekly basis which consists of larger and more items than in the general population.</p>	
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6. Adhoc Re-Entry Committee Update	Josef Gray/Jacqueline White
<p>Member Gray stated the Adhoc Re-Entry Committee has not met in a couple of months, however, they are still active. Member White provided an update regarding the Re-Entry Support Coordinator position. Member White stated the job description was too close to others so, they are going back to the drawing board with it and should have a revised version posted in a couple weeks.</p>	
7. Education Presentation	Jacqueline White, Office of Education
<p>Member White stated VOYA youth highlighted areas for the Office of Education to work on. The youth would like continued support for athletics and further educational options beyond obtaining an associate degree. The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) is focusing on literacy and how to help VOYA youth obtain a bachelor's degree. VOYA youth have requested music and media for vocational opportunities, as</p>	

well as, simply listening to more music. The youth have also requested business, real estate, and resume building for more experience.

8. Housing

Josef Gray

Member Gray brought to the committee's attention the budget only allocated \$10,000 a year for housing, which does not fit the need. Youth being released are struggling with housing. Member Gray stated there need to be more resources put into housing. He also mentioned adults that are paroled receive support from parole for one year. Member Patterson stated there is currently a youth in YDF leveraging their freedom to obtain AB12. The Chair noted the dollar amount for housing is the chiefly complaint, however, there are no leftover funds to contribute to it. The Chair suggested leveraging other funding resources and the need to help fund the nurses in YDF. Member Matulia suggested having employer incentives to waive payroll taxes, so the employers could keep the employees on payroll. Member Gray urged prioritizing housing stability otherwise, all the wonderful things the youth have accomplished will counteract without adequate housing stability. Member Gray suggested to reprioritize in other areas for at least six months to help the youth get on their feet.

9. Discussion of Topics for Future Agenda Items

JJCC Subcommittee Members

None.

10. Public Comment On Off Agenda Items

All

None.

Adjournment at 3:32 p.m.