

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017 2:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

HOST LOCATION: Downtown Law Building, 3960 Orange Street, 1st floor Media Room,
Riverside, CA 92501

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chief Deputy Probation Officer Bryce Hulstrom at 2:00 p.m.

WELCOME/OPENING COMMITTEE:

Chief Deputy Probation welcomed and requested introductions of the agencies represented:

Aybar, Micki	Assistant Director	Riverside County Probation
Amaral, Melody	CEO	Wylie Center
Barajas, Maria	Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Biegel, Norma	Grant Manager	Safehouse
Brown, Natalia	Administrative Service Analyst Grants	Riverside County Sheriff
Clark, LeeAnn	Office Assistant III	Riverside County Probation
Diaz, Sergio	Chief of Police	Riverside Police Department
Dom, Madeleine	Accounting Technician II	Riverside County Sheriff
Essenwanger, Evelyn	Deputy District Attorney III	County of Riverside District Attorney
Fischer, Chuck	Executive Director	Riverside Office of Education
Harmon, Steven L.	Public Defender	Law Offices of The Public Defender Riverside County
Hendrickson, Melody	D.A. Information Specialist	County of Riverside District Attorney
Hulstrom, Bryce	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	County of Riverside District Attorney
McKenzie, Amy	D.A. Information Specialist	County of Riverside District Attorney
Mease, Larry	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
Petersen, Mark E.	Honorable Judge	Superior Court of California County of Riverside

Pingel, John	Captain	Riverside County Sheriff
Smith, Emma	Deputy Public Defender	Law Offices of The Public Defender Riverside County
Storm, Caitlin	Assoc. Management Analyst	County of Riverside Executive Office
Terrell, Julie	Sr. Administrative Analyst	Riverside County Probation
Tripp, Mike	Deputy District Attorney III	County of Riverside District Attorney
Wilhite, Cynthia	Director of Outreach	Wylie Center
Williams, Cheryllyn	Administrative Service Manager	Riverside County Probation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2017 MEETING:

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Bryce Hulstrom entertained a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Honorable Judge Mark Peterson, Superior Court of California of Riverside, seconded by Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, County of Riverside.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Oppositions/Abstentions: None.

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM

Maria Barajas, Division Director, Riverside County Probation

- Program consists of 21 Youth Accountability Teams (YAT), county-wide serving 17 school districts. The teams are comprised of Deputy Probation Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Deputy District Attorneys, Probation support staff, and Youth Outreach Counselors from various community based organizations.
- YAT has 50 staff employed from 9 different agencies.
- There are approximately 357 youth currently on a YAT contract.
- From April 2017 to September 2017 there have been 950 referrals to the program. Approximately 40% were placed on contract, 13% were counseled and closed, and 9% were placed on consequence agreement, serving 62% of the referrals.
- YAT referrals are received from a variety of sources which include school officials, law enforcement, parents and self-referral.
- An update was given at the November 7, 2017 meeting on efforts to standardize programming in YAT that is offered, so youth from all areas would receive the same level of service and quality programming.
- Programming topics include Theft Awareness, Victim Impact, Communication Skills, Goal Setting, Resume Writing, Gang Awareness, Dangers of Sexting, Anger Management and Self-Esteem.
- Field trips are an important component of the program in an effort to expose the youth to different ideas and professions. Field trips that are chosen are based on educational components and are geared towards providing awareness on subjects of importance. Since April, numerous field trips were planned and provided by YAT during school breaks

and holidays to such places as the Museum of Man, Bodies Exhibit, Salon Success Beauty School, an animal shelter, park clean-ups, Lake Perris and Noble Creek litter removal events, and events at Habitat for Humanity and Martha's Village and Kitchen.

- Several "Thanksgiving Give Back" events are planned for Thanksgiving break this year, where YAT youth will be involved in community events at various food banks, community clean-ups and litter removal events.
- YAT hosted two Youth Strength Academies this summer at local colleges. One was held at the College of the Desert and one at the University of California, Riverside. This year's theme was "Career Path: Navigating the Workforce." Altogether, over 100 youth graduated. Presentations and information regarding various career opportunities and skills necessary to be successful in the workforce were the central focus of the camps. (The publication will be available shortly and will be provided to JJCC members).

UPDATE REGARDING NEW JJCPA FUNDED PROGRAM

Larry Mease, Assistant Director, Riverside County Probation

Restorative Justice (Victim Mediation)

- The first mediation was held on November 10, 2016.
- Currently, there have been 26 mediations conducted.
- Attitudinal surveys from victims and offenders have been overwhelmingly positive and complementary of the program.
- Victims appreciated the opportunity to sit down with the offenders and be heard and offenders indicated the importance of apologizing to the victims.
- Of the 26 mediations, 19 have been closed and 7 are still open. Out of the closed cases, one has committed a new law offense, which makes the success rate of the program 94%.

Tattoo Removal for Youth

- Previously reported securing two Tattoo Removal vendors in both the Desert and Riverside. In service training to field probation officers and briefing to the field managers county-wide was provided by our JJCPA coordinator and the supervising probation officer supervising the program.
- To date one youth has been referred, and that youth was ineligible due to a subsequent placement order.
- Based on the lack of referrals, the target age group of 12 to 17 years old may not be ready to have their tattoos removed.
- The Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC) offers a tattoo removal program that targets older and more sophisticated youth, which seems to garner more interest and referrals. YTEC's program is funded through the Youth Offenders Block Grant (YGOB).

Micki Aybar, Assistant Director, Riverside County Probation

Successful Short Term Supervision (SSTS)

Overview:

- Supervision of the majority of non-wards in Riverside County.
- There are seven supervision caseloads throughout Riverside County; four in SW region, two in Riverside region; one in the Desert. There are four clerical staff assigned.
- The caseloads are comprised of 654, 725, and 790 WIC Probation youth.
- Overall goal is to assist youth and parents to successfully complete probation at first review hearing.

- Specific goals include: improvement in school attendance/performance, abstinence from alcohol/substance abuse; participation in appropriate counseling (based on needs), positive community involvement through community service and/or participation in pro-social activities.

Intervention Strategies:

- Reduction in time for first appointment. Once assigned a case, staff will have five days to setup an initial appointment. The appointment will be set at the youth's residence and will be within 15 days from the dispositional hearing.
- Mandatory attendance in four week Child Advocate Team (CAT) meetings. Child advocates are invited to this meeting. PO identifies any barriers to completion of probation and advocate and PO provide assistance/solutions. Parents/CAT member to bring proof of enrollment to Court ordered programs and/or community service to this meeting.
- Monthly contact in accordance with supervision level standards. Every minor seen at least every 60 days, most once or twice per month.
- DPO is present at review hearings when the recommendation is for an extension of probation or recommendation for unsuccessful completion (lift DEJ, declared ward, revoke 654).
- SSTS staff to encourage and assist pro-social activities.
- Field Trips and events are modeled like YAT, with YAT staff working with SSTS staff.
- Continued work connecting youth to community resources with CBOs.

Outcome Measures:

- Success-completion of probation at first review hearing.
- Success with extension, still a success, but amount of time extended is tracked.
- Not successful- probation revoked, DEJ lifted, 725 violated and declared a ward and/or if new law violation occurs after completion of probation within 6 months.
- School, counseling, and pro-social activity participation and progress.

John Pingel, Captain, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Gang Intervention for Teens (GIFT)

- GIFT is an acronym for Gang Intervention for Teens. It is an intervention program that focuses on middle school age teens.
- The program is designed to identify and work with youth that are at-risk for gang involvement. The program consists of deputies and probation officers making home visits to educate youth and their parents regarding the perils of gang involvement.
- The youth are evaluated as they meet benchmarks in the program. They are assessed and encouraged to follow productive paths in life. Parents are supported and educated, as well.
- Statistics from March, 2016 – September 2016: 185 families participated in the GIFT program. From March 2017 – June 2017, personnel worked 325 hours to perform GIFT visits.
- Statistics show from July 2017-September 2017, personnel worked 299 hours to perform GIFT visits.
- Personnel worked more than 624 hours from March 2017 through September 2017.

- Information regarding the youth comes from teachers, parents, and staff. Common issues are the youth’s attendance, grades, behavioral issues, and drug usage.

TYPE OF ISSUE	SHOWING IMPROVEMENT
Attendance	50%
Behavioral	40%
Grades	2 out of 3

Butane Honey Oil Informational Video

Amy McKenzie, Information Specialist, County of Riverside District Attorney

Gave a review of the success of the overall social media marketing campaign.

- Video production stayed within the approved budget of \$9,700 and all goals were accomplished.
- Video implementation through social media was posted on You-Tube, Facebook, Twitter, and the DA’s office website.
- The click-through rate was over 4%. This tells that the ads did a great job in getting people’s attention and gaining enough interest to see other videos in the series.

Melody Hendrickson, Information Specialist, County of Riverside District Attorney

- YouTube efforts were also great. The videos were seen by people in Riverside County searching for how to make BHO and 25% didn’t click the skip button which is great.
- The videos reached 151,638 Facebook viewers with an engagement of slightly more than 25,000.
- News conference was held on July 18, 2017 announcing the release of the Butane Honey Oil public service announcement videos.
- The Press Enterprise published a front page article about the BHO PSA and victim.
- All local media markets (desert, inland and LA) attended the conference and aired segments highlighting the PSA.

Evelyn Essenwanger, Deputy District Attorney III, County of Riverside District Attorney

Gang Awareness Mentorship & Education Program (GAME)

- The Gang Awareness Mentorship & Education Program (GAME) represents the DA’s office commitment to prevention and intervention of gang involvement among our youth.
- The purpose for the program is to reach at-risk youth within our county in an effort to intervene and prevent gang affiliation among our youth.
- Program offers education, communication and community outreach with gang awareness presentation, and outreach through schools for students grade level 4th-12th.
- Community Organization – We educate and inform parent with Parenting Power Presentations including parenting tips on why youth join gangs, warning signs, and provide resources.
- Youth Presentations are available for youth and parents: Gang Awareness, Opioid Abuse, CVS Pharmacy, and Illicit Drug Awareness.
- Hard Core ex-gang members and recovered drug abusers share the devastating personal experience of gang lifestyle.
- The most important component is the Parent Power presentation. The presentation is for parents struggling with their youth and gang affiliation.

- Meetings are conducted the third Monday of the month.
- Group from the size of 5-20.
- Stats from July to October, 2017 consist of 15 parent presentations, or 592 parents since July 1, 2017.
- Implementation of a drug presentation incorporating the BHO video. The video is impactful and the interest of the youth increases.
- 15 drug awareness presentations since July 1, 2017.
- Partnered with CVS pharmacy to include a pharmacist to travel to the various schools in Riverside County to do an Opium awareness presentation because of the abuse of prescription drug usage.
- For the first time Moreno Valley High School has requested a gang, drug and CVS presentation to be conducted in January 2018.
- The DDA became a mentor to a 14 year old minor to give him an opportunity to unearth his potential for a chance to walk away and change his life. He is currently enrolled in school and drug free.
- GAME had 32 total presentations as noted in chart below:

ACTIVITY	JULY-SEPTEMBER 2017
Parenting Presentations	6
Gang Awareness Presentations	26
Illegal Drugs Presentations	2
CVS Prescription Drugs	1
Number of Youth	1866
Number of Adults	189
Home Visits	17
School Visits	3
Contact with Minors (Other)	95

Mike Tripp, Deputy District Attorney III, County of Riverside District Attorney
Gang Awareness Presentation

- 44 Gang Awareness presentations were conducted during July 2017 to October 2017 to an audience of 3,336 students countywide.
- The youth requested information regarding various concerns (i.e. family situation, school, and gang affiliation). The team avails themselves to assist with resources and partnerships to direct the students as needed.
- Follow-up of 144 youth contacts in addition to school, home visit, and juvenile hall.

FY 2017/2018 BUDGET REVIEW

Cherilyn Williams, Administrative Services Manager, Riverside County Probation (Handout)

- Reviewed the FY17/18 budget. On March 21, 2016, the JJCC approved the FY 17/18 proposed budget of \$14.21M, funding all agencies at 100% of their budget request (\$10,999,402) and included a contingency fund balance of \$3,210,945.

- Since the approval of the proposed budget, the state allocation schedule has been finalized and distributed by the Department of Finance (DOF). Based on the final schedule, the FY17/18 JJCPA Allocation has increased by \$56,748.52.
- In addition to an increase in the statewide allocation, the DOF also distributed one-time growth funds in the amount of \$2.52M, a \$19,271 increase from the previous estimated amount.
- The member agencies were also able to submit finalized year end numbers. As a result the FY 15/16 carryover increased to a final amount of \$666,166.
- Based on the adjustments to the available funds, there is an overall increase of approximately \$476,781.
- The Probation Department is proposing that the additional one-time revenues be placed in the contingency fund. This will increase the contingency balance from \$3.21M to \$33.69M. This proposal would not impact the current budget in place for all member agencies. The contingency is available for agencies to come back to the JJCC and request additional funds if needed.

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Bryce Hulstrom entertained a motion to approve the budget proposal as presented. Motion to accept the budget proposal as submitted was made by Cynthia Wilhite, Director of Outreach, Wylie Center, seconded by Gerry Lopez, Supervising District Attorney, County of Riverside District Attorney. The budget proposal was approved unanimously.

Oppositions/Abstentions: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mark Petersen, Honorable Judge, Superior Court of Riverside requested information on tattoo removal service providers. Gerry Lopez, Supervising District Attorney, elaborated on expanding the scope of the program so more clients can receive the service.

Sergio Diaz, Chief of Police, Riverside Police Department questioned the reason for the Public Record Act (PRA) from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Bryce Hulstrom advised currently the reason hasn't been released.

CDPO Bryce Hulstrom thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned.

Next JJCC Meeting

Date/Time: March 26, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.
 Location: 3960 Orange Street, 1st Floor Media Room
 Riverside, CA.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Gail Moore