

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2019, 2:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

HOST LOCATION: Downtown Law Building, 3960 Orange Street, 5th floor Training Room, Riverside, CA 92501

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chief Probation Officer Mark A. Hake at 2:00 p.m.

WELCOME/OPENING COMMITTEE:

Chief Probation Officer Miller welcomed and requested introductions of the agencies represented:

Amaral, Melody	Chief Executive Officer	Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families
Biegel, Norma	Grant Manager	Operation SafeHouse
Briscoe, Raphael	Chief Financial Officer	Justice Children Deserve
Castellanos, Rosa	Supervising Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Carroll, Dennis	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County
Crothers, Amber	Supervising Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Diaz, Serigo	Chief of Police	Riverside Police Department
Douglas, Pennie	Student Advocate	William H Douglas Foundation
Drawn, Johnnie	Community Outreach Specialist	Communities for Children
Feltenberger, Danny	Sheriff Captain B	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Fischer, Chuck	Education Director Alternative Education	Riverside County Office of Education
Imara, Jitahadi	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County
Jamie, Paria	Assistant Director	Riverside County Probation
Jones, Lynette	Chief Executive Officer/Founder	Kids in Konflikt

Kondrit, Dave	Chief Deputy Sheriff B	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	County of Riverside District Attorney's Office
Mack, Sarah	Assistant County Executive Officer	County Executive Office
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
Miller, Ronald	Assistant Chief Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Prewitt, Cynthia	Director of Outreach	Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families
Reid, Robin	Supervisor Legislative Assistant, COB	Board of Supervisors
Rogers, Maura	Supervising Deputy Public Defender	Law Offices of the Public Defender, Riverside County
Serna, Olivia	Assistant Director	Riverside County Probation
Thomas, LaToya	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Thompkins, Reggie	Associate Superintendent of Schools	Riverside County Office of Education
Vargas, Brigette	Office Assistant II	Riverside County Probation
Wright, Christopher	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018 MEETING:

Chief Probation Officer Mark A. Hake entertained a motion to approve the March 25, 2019 minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Jitahadi Imara, Consultant, Studentnest, seconded by Norma Biegel, Grant Manger, Operation SafeHouse.

Minutes were approved unanimously. Oppositions/Abstentions: None.

PROGRAM UPDATE:

LaToya Thomas, Assistant Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation

Youth Accountability Team (YAT):

- Program consists of 21 Youth Accountability Teams (YAT) county-wide serving 15 school districts. There is approximately 50 staff working in the YAT program from 9 different agencies.
- YAT is a voluntary program for the youth and the parent/legal guardians.
- As of June 30, 2019, 128 youth were in the program. Between April 1st through June 30th 2019, there have been 471 referrals to the program. Of the 471 referrals, 51 (11%) were placed on contract, 71 (15%) were counseled and closed, 102 (22%) were placed on

consequence agreement, and 4 were provided diversion classes, serving approximately 48% of the referrals. The remaining 243 referrals were either ineligible for the program pursuant to 654.3 WIC, were unable to locate, or declined to participate.

- Field trips and pro-social events continue to be an important component of the program in an effort to expose the youth to different ideas, healthy activities and potential professions. Since April, YAT has planned numerous such fieldtrips and activities during school breaks, weekends and holidays to include places such as the March Air Field Museum, March Air Reserve Base, the Living Desert, Riverside Art Museum (RAM), and Angel's Stadium.
- To equip parents with the skills and techniques to respond to difficult adolescent behavior, YAT continues facilitating Parent Project classes throughout the county. During this reporting period, two sessions were conducted.
- YAT hosted two Youth Strength Academies this summer, one in the desert, which was held at the College of the Desert, and one on the western side of the county held at the University of California, Riverside. This year's theme was "Live Your Best Life." The desert had 24 and Riverside had 40 youth graduate. Presentations and information regarding various career paths, hobbies, and healthy decisions were the central focus of both YSAs. Several motivational speakers were utilized to convey these messages. Activities/presentations included: a culinary arts lesson, volleyball, big ball soccer, a clean comedy show, an escape room activity, the SoCal Coyotes Football presentation, an automotive presentation, and the UCR Ropes challenge course, to name a few. The youth seemed to have a good time.

Tattoo Removal:

- There continues to be four Tattoo Removal vendors providing services to youth age 14-17 ½ years old. Currently two providers are in the Desert region (Contour Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery Center and Scar Treatment Recovery Center) and two are in the Riverside region (Fountain of Youth Medical Spa and Sublime MD/Advanced Dermatology).
- Since our last report in March, two youth did not complete the program (1 family did not follow up with services; another youth had medical issues preventing program completion).
- Currently, there are 4 minors receiving services; 2 in Riverside and 2 in the desert.
- Services remain open to all Riverside County youth.
- Probation's Facebook page post regarding tattoo removal has been the department most viewed post over the last year: 107,600 people "reached," 26, 178 "engagements", 848 "shares" and 353 "likes".
- Continual effort has been made to advertise/promote the program at several school sites and collaborative meetings.
- Gerry Lopez suggested that Probation consider enlarging the scope to providing tattoo removal services to ages 14-25 years old. This would accommodate those seeking an opportunity for a life change and a future career i.e. military guideline. Chief Hake stated program scope and budget would be reviewed, and further discussion will be conducted at the November 4, 2019 meeting.

Restorative Justice (Victim Mediation):

- The program is a collaborative program between Chapman University and Riverside County Probation Department.
- This is the third year of a five year contract funded by the JJCC.

- Since our last report in March, there has been an additional 14 cases mediated, bringing the total since inception of the program to 75 mediations.
- Of the total 75 mediations, 54 have been closed, 18 remain open, and 3 were not settled. Of the 54 closed cases, three have committed a new law offense warranting court intervention. As such, the success rate of mediations is currently 94.5%.
- Attitudinal surveys are used to receive feedback from those having gone through the program. Both the victims and offenders have been overwhelmingly positive and complimentary of the program. Victims reported their appreciation for the opportunity to sit down with the offenders and be heard, and offenders reflected on the importance of them being able to apologize directly to the victims.

Paria Jamie, Assistant Director, Riverside County Probation

Successful Short Term Supervision (SSTS):

Overview of SSTS Caseloads:

- On May 01, 2018, our department began the Successful Short-Term Supervision project with the overall goal of assisting the youth and their parents to successfully complete probation by their first review hearing. Specifically, the goal is to provide appropriate supervision to assist with the youth’s improvement in school attendance/performance, abstinence from alcohol/substance abuse, participation in appropriate counseling (based on their needs), positive community involvement through community service and/or participation in pro-social activities.
- Some intervention strategies include reduction in time for probation’s first appointment to meet with youth and family, youth are seen within fifteen day of dispositional hearing, mandatory attendance in four week follow-up Child Advocate Team (CAT).
- Monthly contact is in accordance with supervision level standards. Most youth are seen once to twice per month.
- Probation Officer is present at review hearings when the recommendation is for an extension of probation or recommendation for unsuccessful completion (revoke 654, lift DEJ, or declare ward).

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.

SSTS Participant Supervision Status on May 31, 2019

	SSTS PARTICIPANTS (N = 1,140)	
CASE STATUS:	n	%
• Total Terminations	539	88.7 %
• Successful	411	76.3%
• Unsuccessful	128	23.7%
• Ongoing	69	11.3%

SSTS Pro-Social Activities (as of May 31, 2019 (n=374))

TYPE OF ACTIVITES	# of CLIENTS
School Based	50
Employment	112
Community Service	46
Religious	28
Other Athletics	78
Family	9
Refused	28
Other Arts	14
Unknown	8

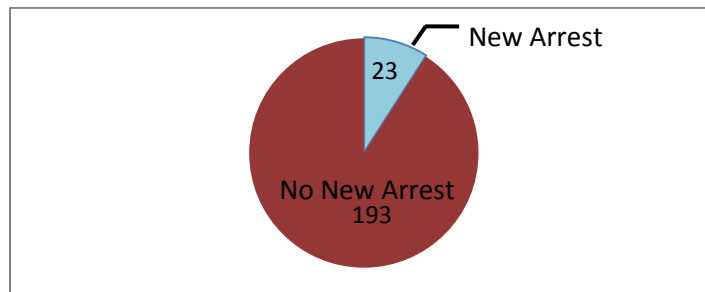
**SSTS and Non-SSTS Court Non-wardship Supervision Outcomes
(as of May 31, 2019)**

CASE TYPE	SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL
SSTS Cases (n=532)	411 (76.3%)	128 (23.7%)
Non-SSTS Cases (n=113)	72 (63.7%)	41 (36.3%)

- A comparison between SSTS and Non-SSTS cases demonstrates that since May 31, 2019, 76% of the SSTS participants terminated probation successfully. Whereas, with Non-SSTS cases, the success rate was 64%.

Recidivism Comparison:

Rate of New Arrest within 6 months of Successful Termination of SSTS



As of May 31, 2019, there were 216 former SSTS participants who had successfully completed the program at least six months prior. 193 of these (89.4%) had no record of a new arrest or referral to the Riverside County Probation Department six months after completing SSTS; 23 (10.6%) had a new arrest within 6 six months of successfully completing SSTS.

Danny Feltenberger, Captain, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

- GIFT is a preventive gang intervention program that focuses on middle school aged teens.
- Between March 2019 to June 2019, 58 families were contacted for intervention, 6 signed up for intervention, 2 successfully completed GIFT, and 28 families are currently participating in GIFT.
- Between March 2019 to June 2019, personnel spent 284.5 hours on family interventions.

TYPE OF ISSUE	SHOWING IMPROVEMENT	PERCENTAGE
Attendance	Out of 17 youth showing attendance issues, 12 of them showed improvement	71%
Behavioral	Out of 17 youth displaying behavior issues 12 showed improvement	71%
Grades	Out of 17 youth with grade matters, 11 of them showed grade improvement	65%
Drugs	Out of 5 kids using drugs, one of them improved on avoiding drugs	0%

Gerry Lopez, Supervising District Attorney, County of Riverside District Attorney

Gang Awareness Mentorship & Education (GAME) Program:

- The program is designed to reach at-risk youth within our county in an effort to intervene and prevent gang affiliation.
- Program offers education, communication and community outreach with gang awareness presentations, and outreach through schools for students grade levels 4th-12th.
- The program provides resources, parenting tips, warning signs and why kids join gangs.
- April through July, 2019, the GAME program provided 66 presentations to approximately 6,755 people which includes 6,180 youth. These presentations included Gang Awareness, Drug Awareness, and Parent Power presentations.
- CPS referred a student to the Eastern Division GAME mentorship program in the desert. The student was referred because he was failing all of his classes, drug usage, and was not on track to graduate. After the six months of GAME mentorship, the student stopped using drugs, passed his classes, and graduated with his senior class.

SB 439 COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Jitahadi Imara, Committee Chairperson (StudentNest Foundation):

At the January 8, 2019 meeting, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council establishes an AD Hoc Committee to develop a plan of action to address Senate Bill (SB) 439. In response, the SB 439 AD Hoc Committee is proposing the following as Riverside County’s plan and response to the SB 439 legislation:

- SB 439 Protocol: The Protocol is a guide for referring children under 12 years of age who meet the criteria for SB 439 services (see handout).
- Established SB 439 Clearinghouse for Notification of Services: Riverside County Office of Education will serve as the central point of contact for notification of SB 439 referrals and services.
- School SB 439 Pilot: Alvord Unified School District (AUSD) and Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE). The Committee will oversee the pilot of one school from AUSD and one school from RCOE, beginning August 12, 2019 and concluding November 8, 2019. The purpose of the pilot will be to vet the SB 439 Protocol and gather data that will inform the full implementation of the protocol on January 1, 2020.

- Riverside University Health System and JJCPA Funded CBOs (volunteers) will be service providers for SB439.
- Next Steps:
 - School Pilot – implementation meeting July 29, 2019.
 - Develop plan and strategy for notification of agencies impacted by SB 439 Protocol.
 - Continue to map resources for SB 439 services.
 - Schedule training for SB439 service providers.
 - Discuss and approve referral form.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Chief Hake stated the YAT lawsuit is moving forward and settlement is to be determined.

Gerry Lopez acknowledged Chief Hake on his upcoming retirement and stated on behalf of the District Attorney’s Office and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council that it has been a pleasure to have a Chief that has been ethical and hardworking.

Chief Probation Officer Chief Mark A. Hake thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned

Next JJCC Meeting

Date/Time: November 4, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.
 Location: Downtown Law Building
 3960 Orange Street, 1st Floor – Media Room
 Riverside, CA. 92501

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cyndi Malsed