

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**HOST LOCATION:** Downtown Law Building, 3960 Orange Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Media Room, Riverside, CA

**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 Hake welcomed and requested introductions of the agencies represented:

Amaral, Melody	Chief Executive Officer	Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families
Acevedo, Rebecca	Executive Director	Path of Life Neighborhood College Program
Barajas, Maria	Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Becker, Viola	Principal Accountant	Riverside County Probation
Biegel, Norma	Grant Manager	Operation SafeHouse
Brown, Natalia	Administrative Service Analyst, Grants	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Carroll, Dennis	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County
Castellanos, Rosa	Supervising Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Clark, LeeAnn	Office Assistant III	Riverside County Probation
Correa, Ruben	Deputy Probation Officer II	Riverside County Probation
Crothers, Amber	Supervising Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Diaz, Sergio	Chief of Police	Riverside Police Department
Drawn, Johnie	Community Outreach Specialist	Communities 4 Children
Essenwanger, Evelyn	Deputy District Attorney III	County of Riverside District Attorney's Office
Gaines, Renel	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Gardner, Ron	Chief Executive Office/Founder	Kids In Konflikt
Holstein, Jessica	Senior Accountant	Riverside County Probation
Hulstrom, Bryce	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Hussein, Georgia	Chairperson	Juvenile Justice Delinquency Commission
Imara, Jitahadi	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County

Jaime, Paria	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Jones, Lynette	Chief Executive Office Co-Founder	Kids In Konflikt
Kondrit, David	Captain	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	County of Riverside District Attorney's Office
Mease, Larry	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
Prewitt-Wilhite, Cynthia	Director of Outreach	Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families
Ramirez, Daniel	Case Manager	Studentnest Riverside County
Raya, Geoffrey	Chief Deputy Sheriff B	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Sousa, Brian	Administrator II	Riverside County Office of Education
Terrell, Julie	Senior Administrative Analyst	Riverside County Probation
Tibbetts, Stephen	Program Director	California State University, San Bernardino
Tisdale, Brian	Legislative Assistant	County of Riverside Board of Supervisors
Torres, Luz (Pam)	Principal Accountant	Riverside County Probation
von Zabern, Susan	Director of Public Social Services	Department of Public Social Services

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING:**

Chief Probation Officer Mark A. Hake entertained a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Sergio Diaz, Chief of Police, Riverside Police Department, seconded by Susan von Zabern, Director of Public Social Services, County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services. Minutes were approved unanimously. Oppositions/Abstentions: None.

**PROGRAM UPDATE:**

**Maria Barajas, Division Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation**

**Tattoo Removal for Youth**

- Reported two Tattoo Removal vendors were secured for the Desert and Riverside areas of the county. This is the second year of a five year vendor contract.
- To date one youth has been referred, and that youth was ineligible due to a subsequent placement order.

- Recommended the expansion of the program scope to include youths involved in sex or human trafficking that are requesting removal of tattoo or coverage of branding regardless of the youth’s probation status.
- Proposed for a decrease in funding of the program from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

**Larry Mease, Assistant Division Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation Restorative Justice (Victim Mediation)**

- The program is a collaborative program between Chapman University and Riverside County Probation Department. The first mediation was held on November 10, 2016.
- This is the second year of a five year contract funded by the JJCC.
- The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission awarded Chapman University with the Juvenile and Justice Public and Private Partnership Award for outstanding work in delinquency prevention for the Restorative Justice/Victim Mediation Program in March 2018.
- In the first 15 months of the program there have been 52 cases referred to the program for mediation services. Forty-one mediations have been conducted with 40 settlements reached, resulting in a 97.5% mediation settlement. Additionally, 32 cases have been closed and 9 are currently under supervision.
- Recidivism to date reflects a 98% non-recidivism rate.

**David Kondrit, Captain, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Gang Intervention for Teens (GIFT)**

- GIFT is an acronym for Gang Intervention For Teens. It is a gang intervention program that focuses on middle school aged youth.
- Sheriff personnel was reduced to 10 staff assigned to this program this fiscal year. To better utilize resources and enhance services, Captain Kondrit submitted a proposal to his chain of command for YAT and GIFT staff to be supervised under one sergeant.

**Renel Gaines, Assistant Division Director, Juvenile Services Division, Riverside County Probation Successful Short Term Supervision (SSTS)**

Overview of SSTS Caseloads:

- There are seven supervision caseloads throughout Riverside County; four in SW region, two in Riverside region, and one in the Desert.
- The caseloads are comprised of 654, 725, and 790 WIC Probation youth.
- Overall goal is to assist youth and parents so youth can successfully complete probation at first review hearing.
- Specific goals include: improvement in school attendance/performance, abstinence from alcohol/substance use, participation in appropriate counseling (based on needs), and positive community involvement through community service and/or participation in pro-social activities. Additionally, attendance in four Child Advocate Team (CAT) meetings is required.

Success Rate of Terminated Cases (July 2017-January 2018):

Case Type	Total Cases	Successful	Unsuccessful
SSTS	139	114 (82%)	25 (18%)
Non-SSTS	45	24 (60%)	18 (40%)
On-Going SSTS	191	N/A	N/A

Drug Testing Comparison (July 2017-January 2018):

Case Type	# of Drug Tests	Negative Test Results	Positive Test Results
SSTS Cases	96	56 (81.2%)	13 (18.8%)
Non-SSTS Cases	17	9 (52.9%)	8 (47.1%)

**Paria Jaime, Assistant Division Director, Juvenile Services Division, Riverside County Probation**  
SSTS Academic Performance (July 2017-January 2018):

Mean	# of Clients Observed	Pre-SSTS	Post- SSTS	Change
Attendance	116	76%	85%	+9% Points
School Credits	100	100	115	+15
GPA	115	1.6	2.09	+0.46
Expulsion Rate	133	19.5%(26)	6.8%(9)	-12.7% Points
Promoted/Graduated	136	N/A	32.4%(44)	N/A

**Ruben Correa, Deputy Probation Officer, Juvenile Services Division, Riverside County Probation**  
SSTS Pro-Social Activities # of Clients (July 2017 – January 2018):

Type of Activity	# of Clients
School Based	46
Employment	29
Community Service	18
Religious	12
Other Athletics	7
Family	5
Refused	4

Thus far, SSTS data shows:

- Increase of school visits helps reinforce academics, behavior and enrollment;
- Involvement in school, counseling, and pro-social activity participation and progress;
- Communication with parents helps to improve family dynamics, repairing relationships; and strengthens family bonds;
- A decrease in number of positive drug tests.

**Evelyn Essenwanger, Deputy District Attorney III, County of Riverside District Attorney**  
Gang Awareness Mentorship & Education (GAME) Program

- The Gang Awareness Mentorship & Education (GAME) 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 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Organization – Educate and inform parents with Parenting PowerPoint Presentations including parenting tips on why youth join gangs, warning signs, and provide resources.
- Youth Presentations, available for youth and parents, include Gang Awareness, Opioid Abuse, CVS Pharmacy, and Illicit Drug Awareness.
- Hard Core ex-gang members and recovered drug abusers share their devastating personal experiences.
- Meetings are conducted the third Monday of the month.
- Partnered with CVS pharmacy to include a pharmacist to travel to the various schools in Riverside County to do an Opioid awareness presentation because of the abuse of prescription drugs.

- Mentoring program was implemented in January 2018 in the Desert and Riverside areas of the county. Youth are referred for their attendance, grades or discipline. Both parents and student must agree to participate in the program. Programming includes sex trafficking, gangs and drug topics.
- Women Who Read program has been implemented at AMC-YTEC and Southwest Juvenile Hall. Real Men Read program has been implemented at AMC-YTEC and Southwest Juvenile Hall.

GAME presentation stats from July 2017 – March 2018:

ACTIVITY	# of PRESENTATIONS, or youth or parents who participated
Parenting Presentations	28
Gang Awareness Presentations	101
Illegal Drugs Presentations	42
CVS Prescription Drugs	3
Number of Youth	12,944
Number of Adults	1,214
Home Visits	21
School Visits	33
Contact with Minors (Other)	95

**Dr. Steve Tibbetts, Project Director, California State University San Bernardino, Youth Accountability Team (YAT) Annual Technical Report (Handout)**

The Youth Accountability Team statistics were evaluated from July 01, 2001 to June 30, 2017. There were 41,551 referrals. In reference to FY2016/17, there were 1,926 referrals reflecting a significant increase from last fiscal year. A vast majority of the 2016/2017 referrals were from law enforcement (55.4%), followed by school staff (30.4%), and parent/guardians (12.3%). More than half of the youths were referred for defiance/incorrigibility (58.9%), followed by property offenses (17.1%), violent offenses (12.6%), and drugs/alcohol (8.7%). Close to half of these referrals resulted in a contract (45.6%), followed by ineligible (14.8%), rejected (14.7%), counsel/close (12.0%), and consequence agreement (7.7%).

The data shows a percentage of youth placed on contract who successfully completed the program was 72.9%, compared to 26.5% who were unsuccessful. This was a 9% increase in successful program completions compared to the previous fiscal year, and was higher than the overall percentage of successful program completions over the last 15 years (71.5%).

Attitudinal Measures consisted of over 40 items given to youth in both Pre and Post entry and exit questionnaires measuring eight separate scales, including: support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies, and positive identity.

After examining approximately 9,000 Pre/Post measures over the last 15 years, findings show consistent improvement over all scales. Some items are more predictive than others, with school truancy determined to be the most accurate predictor of future delinquency.

All of the key attitudinal Pre/Post scores for the last cohort (2016/2017) were positive. Qualitative Responses consisted of subjective data collected from thousands of youth who completed the program, with nearly all showing positive attitudes and insights about the program.

Qualitative opinions were also collected from dozens of staff who worked on the program, ranging from what they thought were the largest barriers in the program to what they considered positive factors that made YAT successful.

### **COLLABORATIVE BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO)**

The representatives from the Community Based Organizations that were recently awarded funding through the JJCC were invited to give an overview of their programs.

#### **Daniel Ramirez, Case Manager, Studentnest**

StudentNest provides mentoring, parenting groups, truancy intervention and life skills to youth both on and off probation in the County of Riverside. They are a mobile providing service in the home, at schools, and community partners such as churches and youth centers.

#### **Johnie Drawn, Community Outreach Specialist, Jay Cee Dee Children Home Inc., d.b.a. C4C/Communities 4 Children**

The program is a short-term outreach alternative to placement/incarceration. Drawn 2 Success program gives clients access to professional advice assistance to help them make better choices that consist of a Therapeutic Behavior Specialist for life skills, anger management and conflict resolution. Additionally, gang exit intervention, alcohol and drug prevention, safe sex and educational referral services are provided.

#### **Norma Biegel, Operation SafeHouse, Inc.**

Operation SafeHouse offers emergency shelter, as well as intervention and outreach services to youth in crisis. In Riverside, 30 clients were serviced for the month of February. In the desert, SafeHouse shelter served 18 clients for the month of February. Shelter services included shelter, food, counseling, education, life skills and recreation.

#### **Rebecca Acevedo, Path of Life Neighborhood College**

The Neighborhood College funding received will expand the GED program to 100 students ages 17½-24 with less than 100 credits. They will be provided with GED instructions, transportation and test fees. Currently, the Neighborhood College program operates out of the Youth Opportunity Center with 58% of the students on formal probation. The goal of the program is to service 100 students per calendar year. Last year 84 students received services in Riverside and 27 students received on-site services in Corona. The program's success rate is 70%, with students receiving their credentials, GED, and/ or employment.

#### **Ron Gardner, Kids In Konflikt**

The program provides opportunities for disadvantaged at-risk youth to receive counseling, guidance, tutoring, parenting classes, and life skills courses.

#### **Cynthia Wilhite-Prewitt, Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families**

The Wylie Center provides early intervention, medical therapy services, autism intervention, mental health treatment, community education and outreach services for children, youth and families. The after-school program provides counseling sessions for youth expelled or suspended from school.

The Student Assistant Program provides counselors in the schools. Since January 2018, counselors were provided for the Corona/Jurupa Unified School District, Rising Star Academy, and Norte Dame High School. Additionally, there is a growing concern for elementary school aged students struggling with

weapon violations, and sexual acting out behaviors including pornography. The program will provide counselors concentrating in these areas.

### **FY 2018/2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

#### **Doug Moreno, Chief Deputy Probation Administrator, Riverside County Probation (Handout)**

Available Funding:

- Reviewed the FY18/19 budget proposal. In FY 2018/19, Riverside County is expected to receive an estimated state allocation of \$6.4M in JJCPA Operating Funds.
- Riverside County is also estimated to receive \$3.26M in FY2017/18 State growth allocation, which will be distributed in FY2018/19.
- Using the estimated state allocation, estimated growth allocation and the anticipated carryover balance (resulting from projected unexpended funds in FY2017/18) the Riverside County Probation Department proposed the following JJCC budget for FY 2018/19:
  - Fund each agency at 100% of their respective budget requests.
  - Place the remaining available balance of \$3.62M in the contingency fund.

#### **Bryce Hulstrom, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Riverside County Probation**

Provided SSTS program funding update, including staffing which consists of seven DPOs, and four Office Assistants. Bryce proposed continuing the program with an increase to 10 DPOs, and decrease from four to two Office Assistants. He also requested increased funding for the three additional probation officers, which will allow expansion of the program from seven caseloads to 10 caseloads.

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

Reviewed the District Attorney's JJCC FY2018/19 Proposed Operating Budget. The funding will continue to be allocated for YAT, SARB and GAME attorneys, as well as Supervising Deputy District Attorney salaries and benefits.

#### **David Kondrit, Captain, Riverside Sheriff Department**

Stated he proposed to his chain of command a designated Sergeant position to oversee RSO YAT officers in order to better deliver services consistently. The cost of the Sergeant would be absorbed in Sheriff's existing JJCC budget allocation.

#### **Youth Outreach Counselors/CBO**

Requested Probation review existing background process due to delay in processing Youth Outreach Counselors for YAT. Chief Hake advised a committee will be convened at Probation to include CBOs to review and update process.

Chief Mark A. Hake entertained a motion to approve the budget proposal as presented. Motion to accept the budget proposal as submitted was made by Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, County of Riverside District Attorney, seconded by Georgia Hussein, Chairperson, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. The budget proposal was approved unanimously.

Oppositions/Abstentions: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Chief Hake reiterated that the JJCC November meeting will allow for an overview of the budget and adjustment if needed.

Gerry Lopez acknowledged the work and commitment involved in the success of YAT.

Chief Hake thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next JJCC Meeting**

Date/Time: November 5, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Location: AMC-Youth Treatment Education Center (YTEC)  
10000 County Farm Road  
Riverside, CA 92503

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Gail Moore*