

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING  
April 6, 2020, 2:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**HOST LOCATION:**

Conference Call

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Miller at 2:00 p.m.

**WELCOME/OPENING COMMITTEE:**

Ron Miller welcomed everyone to this unique meeting and LaToya Thomas took roll call:

Acevedo, Rebecca	Director	211 Community Connect
Biegel, Norma	Grant Manager	Operation SafeHouse
Briscoe, Raphael	Chief Financial Officer	Communities for Children
Carrol, Dennis	Consultant	Studentnest
Carter, Collen	Research Assistant	West Ed
Castro, Cristine	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Chavez, Alex	Executive Director	Chavez Education Services, LLC
Clark, Judith	Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court	Superior Court of Riverside
Cook, Laurel	Commissioner	Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
Derilo, Roberta	Commissioner, Vice-Chair	Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
Dolstra, Tari	Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Douglas, Charity	Deputy Director	Department of Public Social Services
Drawn, Johnie	Community Outreach Specialist	Communities for Children
Essenwanger, Evelyn	Deputy District Attorney	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Ezinwa, Ginika	Deputy Director	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Fischer, Chuck	Education Director, Alternative Educations	Riverside County Office of Education
Gardner, Ron	CEO/Founder	Kids in Konflikt
Gonzalez, Larry	Chief of Police	Riverside Police Department
Hussein, Georgia	Commissioner, Secretary-Treasurer	Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission

Imara, Jitahadi	Consultant	Studentnest
Jackson, Cory	Chairman/CEO	Sigma Beta XI
Jones, Lynette	Chief Executive Officer	Kids in Konflikt
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
MacDonald, Scott	Founder	JustSolve
Miller, Ron	Chief Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Miranda, Celia	Director of Operations	Raincross Boxing Academy
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
O'Farrell, Jennifer	Executive Director	Big Brothers and Sisters
Pirelli, Sophia	Executive Director	Calicinto Ranch
Prewitt, Cynthia	Director of Outreach	Carolyn E. Wylie Center
Robinson, Miranda	Behavioral Health Supervisor	RUHS-BH
Taylor, Hunter	Deputy District Attorney	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Terrell, Julie	Senior Admin Analyst	Riverside County Probation
Thomas, LaToya	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Wendt, Staci	Senior Research Associate	WestEd
Williams, Cherilyn	Principal Management Analyst	Riverside County Executive
Wright, Christopher	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2020 MEETING:**

Ronald Miller entertained a motion to approve the January 13, 2020, minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Gerry Lopez, seconded by Jitahadi Imara. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Oppositions/Abstentions: None.

## **PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **TATTOO REMOVAL**

#### **LATOYA THOMAS, ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR, RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION**

LaToya Thomas provided an update on the efforts to expand services. Unfortunately, numbers have not increased as we hoped. Currently, three youth are in the program. They all are utilizing services out of the Riverside region. In October 2019, the program was expanded to include youth/clients in Riverside County, up to the age of 21. However, anticipated numbers have not been observed. Yet, inquiries have been received from a variety of different entities, particularly for adults, and the Probation Department is connecting them with services.

### **VICTIM MEDIATION: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - PROBATION**

Restorative Justice is a program where youth who committed low level offenses are directly connected to the victim for mediation services to facilitate understanding of victim impact. However, the program is on hold while the Probation Department is making some modifications to bring this program current.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT BY WestEd**

#### **Staci Wendt, Director of the JJCPA evaluation, presented the 2019 Evaluation Report.**

The committee was provided with the Evaluation of Riverside County Probation Department's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Programs – 2019 Evaluation Report and a two-page summary of report.

The evaluation primarily focused on the number of youths served. Overall, improvements in school attendance, increases in GPA, decreases in suspension and expulsion, and improvements in youth behavior were noted. In 2020, WestEd will work to reduce duplication in counts, along with identifying specific outcome data for all programs to help increase the rigor of evaluation activities so that more definitive information is known about the specific impact these programs make in the youths' lives.

They thanked all partners for collaborating with them on getting data to them to produce the report.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 20/21**

### **AVAILABLE FUNDING**

#### **Doug Moreno, Chief Deputy Probation Administrator, Riverside County Probation**

Estimated JJCPA funding for Riverside County for FY 20/21 will be around \$6.5 million, consistent with prior fiscal years. However, growth funding is also anticipated in an amount estimated to be just under \$4 million. Additionally, in November 2019, the JJCPA approved a contingency fund balance of \$1.16 million, which remains held in reserves, but available for use in FY 20/21. Furthermore, there is an estimated \$4.7 million in unspent JJCPA monies that will be rolled over into FY 20/21. Therefore, the overall estimated dollar amount for next fiscal year is just over \$16.4 million.

## **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **LaToya Thomas, Assistant Division Director, Riverside County Probation**

The Probation Department is requesting funding of \$4.5 million to fund staff positions and programming as outlined in the attached, 'Riverside County Probation Department, JJCPA Budget Program Narrative for FY 20/21.'

## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

#### **Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney (SDDA), District Attorney**

The DA's Office requested \$2.6 million as detailed in Agenda Item 7: JJCPA Budget Proposal document provided in funding to support the services and programs outlined in the 'DA 20-21 JJCPA Proposal', also

provided.

### **SB439**

Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) is proposing the budget for the entire year along with the two community-based organizations working with RCOE. The associated budget requesting \$31,150 is outlined in the attached SB439 Budget Proposal.

### **APPROVAL OF THE 20/21 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Chief Ron Miller recommended the motion for the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council to approve the JJCC budget proposal for FY 20/21; seconded by Gerry Lopez.

Oppositions/Abstentions: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney** recommended to WestEd that in future evaluations, as it relates to YAT, it would be helpful to include the number and percentage of youth who both successfully and unsuccessfully completed the program. WestEd was agreeable.

A question was asked if a recording of the meeting or notes will be released to the public. LaToya Thomas commented that the Probation Department will complete meeting minutes and once they are finalized, they will be available and posted on the Probation Department Website, under the JJCC link.

A question was asked if the Probation Department can provide the contact information and services provided by the 11 new contracts? LaToya Thomas commented that the Probation Department will provide a complete list of vendors along with their contact information. LaToya will also give a quick synopsis of the main services provided.

Chief Probation Officer Ronald Miller thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

### **Next JJCC Meeting**

Date/Time: November 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: RCIC Building

3450 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
Riverside, CA 92501

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Cathy Piech*