

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2016 2:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**HOST LOCATION:** Downtown Law Building, 3960 Orange Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Media Room,  
Riverside, CA 92501

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Bryce Hulstrom at 2:03p.m.

**WELCOME/OPENING COMMITTEE:**

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Bryce Hulstrom welcomed and requested introduction of the agencies represented:

Amaral, Melody	Chief Executive Officer	Wylie Center
Becker Viola,	Principal Accountant	Riverside County Probation
Bellanca, Todd	Regional Manager, Children Services	Department of Public Social Services Riverside County
Biegel, Norma	Grant Manager	Safehouse
Castillo, Elizabeth	Administrative Service Analyst II	Riverside County Probation
Bright, Curtis	Sergeant	Riverside County Sheriff
Davis, Shelly	Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Esch, Janice	Senior Accountant	Riverside County Sheriff
Fischer, Charles	Executive Director Alternative Education	Riverside Office of Education
Glenn, Diana	Youth Outreach Counselor	MFI Recovery
Hulstrom, Bryce	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	County of Riverside District Attorney
McConnel, Lisa	Lieutenant	Riverside County Sheriff
Mease, Larry	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Miller, Ron	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
Pierce, Michelle	Supervisor	MFI Recovery

Rogers, Maura	Supervising Deputy Public Defender	Law Office of The Public Defender Riverside County
Rull, Rosario	Assistant Chief Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Terrell, Julie	Sr. Adm. Analyst	Riverside County Probation
Tibbetts, Steve	Professor	California State University San Bernardino
Weaver, Carolyn	Grants	Riverside County Sheriff
Wilhite, Cynthia	Director of Outreach	Wylie Center
Williams, Cheryllyn	Administrative Service Manager	Riverside County Probation

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING:**

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Bryce Hulstrom entertained a motion to approve the November 9, 2015 minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Melody Amarael, Chief Executive Officer, Wylie Center, seconded by Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, County of Riverside.

Minutes were approved unanimously.  
Oppositions/Abstentions: None.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM**

**Shelly Davis, Division Director, Riverside County Probation**

- Riverside County consists of 20 Youth Accountability Teams (YAT), county-wide serving 17 school districts.
- Currently, there are over 60 members from 10 different agencies which makeup our current YAT programs.
- There are 446 youth currently on a YAT contract.
- Each month YAT members average 1500 personal contacts with youth in the community, 220 contacts with youth in their residence and 130 contacts engaging with family members in their residence.
- Monthly, YAT members perform an average of 100 programming sessions in areas such as; Life Skills, Gang Awareness, Career & Goals, Anger Management, etc.
- YAT members launched an effort to increase referrals in order to provide services to more youth and families resulting in a 189% increase in referrals received monthly.
- YAT referrals are received from a variety of sources which include school officials, law enforcement, parents and self-referral.
- Success of the program is a collaborative multi-agency effort with teams throughout the county, which consist of a Deputy Probation Officer, Law Enforcement Officer, Deputy District Attorney, and Youth Outreach Counselor.

## **UPDATE REGARDING NEW JJCPA FUNDED PROGRAM**

### **Shelly Davis, Probation Division Director, Riverside County Probation Department**

Gave an update on the progress of the new programs funded:

Restorative Justice; Victim Mediation

- Chapman College has been selected as the service provider. Currently, a review of the contract is being conducted.

Tattoo Removal for Youth

- Vendor bids resulted in two contract vendor for the desert area. Contracts are pending for those vendors. Currently, exploring options to secure a service provider for other parts of the county.

Gang Intervention for Teens (GIFT)

### **Sergeant Curtis Bright, Riverside County Sheriff's Department**

- There are eight Regional Gang Task Force teams which provide gang intervention services throughout Riverside County.
- Within the last two months, 82 operations were completed, and 144 families were contacted with 103 of those families agreeing to participate.

### **Dr. Steve Tibbetts, California State University San Bernardino, Technical Report**

The Youth Accountability Team stats were evaluated from July 01, 2001 to June 30, 2015. There were 37,873 referrals. In reference to FY2014/15, there were 1,478 referrals reflecting a small decrease from last year. A vast majority of the referrals were from law enforcement (77.5%) followed by school staff (16.8%), and parent/guardians (4.6%). More than one-quarter of the youths were referred for property offenses (31.95%) followed by other (23.6%), violent offenses (16.3%), and drugs/alcohol (12.5%). Well over 50% of these of referrals resulted in a contract (63.5%) followed by such actions as rejected/ineligible (27.5%), consequence agreement (4.5%) and counsel/close (3.7%). Of those youths placed on contract with a known disposition, 69.5% successfully completed compared to 30.5% unsuccessfully completed.

A review of the graph shows a percentage of youth placed on contract has increased recently. In addition, the comparison between 2001-2014 fiscal years, and 2014-2015 fiscal year contracts with known disposition shows a consistent 70% plus success rate. This is considered very well in published scientific evaluations for a program of this size.

Dr. Tibbetts referenced a suggestion from Commissioner Kubelun at the previous JJCC meeting, for a global snapshot of the YAT success rate for 3 years post completion of YAT. Statistical analysis regarding the last three years follow-up of successful YAT graduates was completed. Identification of a YAT population of over 900 cases was reviewed and determined if there was any subsequent adjudication or convictions following their YAT involvement for three years. A comparison group of minors, who were not referred to YAT during the same time period and sent to other diversion programs, were evaluated to determine if they had any subsequent adjudications or convictions. The data was analyzed to determine the findings (Refer to the chart). The recidivism/conviction rate of YAT graduates versus comparison group, and the rate of amount of convictions/adjudications of YAT graduates versus comparison group were reviewed. Division Director Davis explained that 85% of the minors in

the YAT program did not re-offend or have any new convictions for a period of 3 years post termination of YAT. The comparison group had a 78% rate of no adjudications or convictions for the same time period. Steve advised he will include this information in all future technical reports.

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Rosario Rull commented on the results of the three year comparison study as being a powerful measure revealing long lasting facts.

Data submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections was reviewed. In a 180 day follow-up, percentage of arrests decreased slightly compared to FY2013/14, whereas incarceration rate and violation of probation rate increased slightly for FY2014/15. Completion of probation rate also increased compared to FY2013/14.

### **FY 2015/2016 BUDGET REVIEW**

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

- Reviewed the FY 2016/17 Budget Proposal (handout).
- The JJCC receives a statewide annual allocation based on a percent-to-total of each county's total population based on the most recent estimates published by the Department of Finance. The estimated allocation for this fiscal year is \$6.4M.
- Proposed budget includes total request of \$8,079,465. This includes requests from all participating agencies and Community Based Organizations, including programs implemented in the current fiscal year.
- The 2016/17 budget request is approximately \$1.7M more than the statewide allocation.
- Due to the one-time available funds, the JJCC have sufficient funds within its budget to fund all requests this fiscal year.
- These one-time funds include:
  - FY 2015/16 approved contingency funds - \$3.60M
  - Estimated FY 2015/16 carryover funds - \$0.86M
  - Estimated FY 2015/16 growth funds - \$1.3M
- The Probation department is proposing the following JJCC budget for FY2016/17:
  - Distribute the baseline state allocation of \$6,368,910 based on the historical distribution.
  - Fund any additional budget gaps with available one-time funding.
  - Deposit any remaining funds and the FY2015/16 state growth allocation into the contingency fund upon receipt. This projected contingency fund is estimated at \$4.1 M. These are estimated figures and subject to change at year end.

Chief DPO Bryce Hulstrom entertained a motion to approve the FY2016/17 budget proposal of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). Motion to accept the budget proposal as submitted was made by Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, County of Riverside District Attorney, seconded by Todd Bellanca Regional Manager, Children Services,

Department of Public Social Services Riverside County. The budget proposal was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Maura Rogers, Supervising Deputy Public Defender, asked if the YAT program staff were providing information to youth that successfully complete the YAT program regarding how to seal their records. Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Gerry Lopez, responded regarding the recent legislation and whether it mandates YAT records be sealed. He offered to have a follow up conversation for clarification regarding this request.

Shelly Davis Division Director referenced the Special Services Division YAT Organizational Chart and phone list as a resource and provided in the JJCC folders.

Assistant Chief Rull and Chief Deputy Hulstrom thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next JJCC Meeting**

Date/Time: November 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.  
Location: 3960 Orange Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Media Room  
Riverside, CA.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Gail Moore*