# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 25, 2019, 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 Assistant Chief Probation Officer Ron Miller at 2:00 p.m.

#### **WELCOME/OPENING COMMITTEE:**

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

Chief Executive Officer	Carolyn E. Wylie Center for
	Children, Youth and Families
Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Administrative Service Analyst II	Riverside County Sheriff's
	Department
Grant Manager	Operation SafeHouse
Deputy District Attorney III	County of Riverside District
	Attorney's Office
Supervising Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Commissioner	Juvenile Justice Delinquency
	Prevention Commission
Presiding Judge Juvenile Court	The Superior Court of California
	County of Riverside
Supervising Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Sheriff Captain B	Riverside County Sheriff's
	Department
Education Director	Riverside County Office of
Alternative Education	Education
Deputy District Attorney III	County of Riverside District
	Attorney's Office
Principal Accountant	Riverside County Probation
Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
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lmara, Jitahadi	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County
Johnson, Deborah	Assistant Health Director	Behavioral Health
Jones, Lynette	Chief Executive Officer/Founder	Kids in Konflict
Keyser, Mark	Lieutenant	Beaumont Police Department
Lewis, Renita	Regional Manager – Youth and Family Services	Department of Public Social Services
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	County of Riverside District Attorney's Office
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
Miller, Ronald	Assistant Chief Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Roberts, Joann	Administrative Service Manager I	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Rogers, Maura	Supervising Deputy Public Defender	Law Offices of the Public Defender, Riverside County
Salazar, Lisa	Accounting Technician II	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Taylor, Hunter	Deputy District Attorney IV	County of Riverside District Attorney's Office
Terrell, Julie	Senior Administrative Analyst	Riverside County Probation
Tisdale, Brian	Legislative Assistant	County of Riverside Board of Supervisors
Tibbetts, Stephen	Professor, Project Director	California State University, San Bernardino
Thomas, LaToya	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Vargas, Brigette	Office Assistant II	Riverside County Probation
Williams, Cherilyn	Administrative Service Manager III	Riverside County Probation
Wright, Christopher	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018 MEETING:**

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Ronald Miller entertained a motion to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Judge Judith Clark, Juvenile Court Judge, seconded by Melody Amaral, Chief Executive Officer, Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families.

Minutes were approved unanimously. Oppositions/Abstentions: None.

#### **PROGRAM UPDATE:**

# **LaToya Thomas, Assistant Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation** Tattoo Removal for Youth:

- Reported four Tattoo Removal vendors are providing services to youth age 14-17 ½ years
  old. Currently two providers are in the Desert region and two are in the Riverside region
  of the county. This is the second year of a five year vendor contract.
- To date four youth have received tattoo removal services. From the committee's recommendation to expand the program scope to include all Riverside County eligible youth, in December 2018, these services were posted on Probation's Facebook page. Thus far, there have been positive responses of 350 likes and 70 comments regarding the program. Updates will run periodically on Facebook as we move forward in our efforts to "get the word out."

#### Restorative Justice (Victim Mediation):

- The program is a collaborative program between Chapman University and Riverside County Probation Department.
- This is the second year of a five year contract funded by the JJCC.
- Restorative Justice is a diversionary program, whereby youth who commit crimes that include an actual victim are assessed and vetted for eligibility into the program. Once deemed eligible, a Probation Officer ensures both the youth and victim are willing to participate, and if so, the case is referred to Chapman University for mediation.
- Between October 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, there have been 17 cases referred to the program for mediation services: 6 mediations have been conducted with settlements reached, 3 were mediated and unable to reach a settlement and 8 failed to proceed to mediation.
- Since the program's inception 29 months ago, there have been 88 cases referred to the program for mediation services. Collectively, 27 cases did not proceed due to either party failing to appear for mediation services or the youth was deemed ineligible due to acquiring a new law violation. The remaining 61 cases did proceed to mediation. Of the 61 mediations, 57 cases reached a settlement (93.4%). Of the 57 cases that reached a settlement 48 cases have been closed out, and 9 youth are currently active in the program.
- To date, of the program participants, 98% have not committed a new offense.

#### Danny Feltenberger, Captain, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

• GIFT is a preventive gang intervention program that focuses on middle school aged teens.

- Between September 2018 and February 2019, 81 families were contacted for intervention, 15 signed up for intervention, 17 successfully completed GIFT, and 26 families are currently participating in GIFT.
- Between September 2018 and February 2019, personnel spent 787.5 hours on family interventions.

TYPE OF ISSUE	SHOWING IMPROVEMENT	PERCENTAGE
Attendance	Out of 61 youth showing	56%
	attendance issues, 34 of them	
	showed improvement	
Behavioral	Out of 81 youth displaying	70%
	behavior issues 57 showed	
	improvement	
Grades	Out of 70 youth with grade	31%
	matters, 22 of them showed	
	grade improvement	
Drugs	Out of 42 kids using drugs,	0.7%
	three of them improved on	
	avoiding drugs	

# LaToya Thomas, Assistant Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation Successful Short Term Supervision (SSTS):

Overview of SSTS Caseloads:

- The majority of non-wards in Riverside County are supervised by Successful Short Term Supervision (SSTS).
- There are ten supervision caseloads throughout Riverside County; six in SW region, three 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 to 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 prosocial 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).
- Pro-social activities SSTS staff to encourage and assist.

#### **Outcome Measures**

- School, counseling, and pro-social activity participation and progress.
- 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.
- 546 youth participated in SSTS at some point between January 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019.

SSTS Participant Supervision Status on January 31, 2019

		SSTS PARTICIPANTS (N = 547)	
CASE STATUS:	n	%	
Total Terminations	465	85.0 %	
Successful	355	76.3%	
Unsuccessful	103	22.2%	
Ongoing	82	15.0%	

#### SSTS Pro-Social Activities (as of January 31, 2019 (n-322)

TYPE OF ACTIVITES	# of CLIENTS
School Based	48
Employment	47
Community Service	31
Religious	20
Other Athletics	14
Family	7
Refused	7
Other Arts	4

# SSTS and Non-SSTS Court Non-wardship Supervision Outcomes (as of January 31, 2019)

CASE TYPE	SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL
SSTS Cases (n=458)	355 (76.3%)	103 (22.2%)
Non-SSTS Cases (n=149)	98 (65.8%)	51 (34.2%)

- As of January 31, 2019, there were 207 former SSTS participants who had successfully completed the program at least six months prior. 189 of these youth had no record of a new arrest or referral to the Riverside County Probation Department six months after completing SSTS; however, 18 youth had a new arrest within 6 six months of successfully completing SSTS. That is a success rate of 91.3% compared to the unsuccessful rate of 8.7%.
- Overall, SSTS has been very beneficial and we have seen positive improvements in this type of supervision compared to the standard supervision of probation.

### Evelyn Essenwanger, Deputy District Attorney III, 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 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
- The program provides resources, parenting tips, warning signs and why kids join gangs.
- In 2018, 273 presentations were provided to 27,000. The graph below shows presentations and attendance between October 2018 and March 2019:

ACTIVITY	Presentations provided and # of Youth/Parents attended
Parent Power Presentation	25
Gang Awareness Presentation	69
Drug Awareness Presentation	41
Number of Youth Attend Presentation	13,497
Number of Adults Attend Presentation	744
Contact with Minors (Other)	929

- The 929 youth contacts noted as "Other" in the table above, were in addition to school visits, one on ones, and reading program.
- The Youth Presentations consist of gang awareness, Opioid abuse, and illicit drug awareness. The presenters are ex-gang members and recovering drug users that share their devastating personal experiences of gang lifestyle.
- The GAME mentorship program has started a new group of mentees at Arizona Middle School, Riverside, CA. The program currently has 6 students being mentored.

Evelyn added youth in the Women Who Read program at Southwest Juvenile Hall, in addition to the WRAP program (Women Read and Parlance, which includes literary-based programming), have read over 79,000 pages since March 2018. Additionally, Girls Empowering Minds (GEM) is a new mentoring program for females. 10 sessions have been conducted since October 2018. The program seeks to discuss important subject matter affecting females today.

# 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, 2018. There were 43,827 referrals. In reference to FY2017/18, there were 2,216 referrals reflecting a significant increase from last fiscal year. A vast majority of the 2017/2018 referrals were from law enforcement (47.6%), followed by school staff (38.1%), and parent/guardians (11.3%). More than half of the youths were referred for defiance/incorrigibility (61.2%), followed by property offenses (17.3%), violent offenses (13.3%), and drugs/alcohol (3.3%). Over a third of these referrals resulted in a contract (36.0%), followed by ineligible (16.3%), rejected (19.2%), counsel/close (16.3%), and consequence agreement (7.6%).

The data showed the percentage of youth placed on contract that successfully completed the program was 72.3%, compared to 27.7% who were unsuccessful.

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 showed consistent improvement over all scales. Some items are more predictive than others.

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 in the

program, ranging from what they thought were the largest barriers in the program to what they considered positive factors that made YAT successful.

Overall, the findings showed that YAT is an efficient and successful program for diverting youth from offending behavior in the future. The program continues to have a successful graduation rate of approximately 72%, and the youth that successfully graduated have a significantly lower rate of re-arrest and true findings/convictions than do the youth who are not in the program in the 180-day follow-up.

### CONTRACTS TO COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO) PROGRAM/SERVICE CONTRACT UPDATE:

Representatives from JJCC funded Community Based Organizations gave program updates.

#### StudentNest Foundation:

StudentNest Foundation (SNF) began identifying service areas along with program population during the months of April and May 2018, with service beginning in June 2018. In November of 2018, SNF presented and submitted a progress report, summarizing program outcomes since the start of the program. Since the November report, New Birth Church, Riverside, Ca. has been added as a program site. Since the inception of the program at New Birth Church, the parents of participant youth have noticed an improvement in the child's behavior, communication, and house chores.

#### Reporting Period: November 2018 to March 2019\*

Total Number of Youth Served	83
Total Number of Families Served	53

<sup>\*</sup>During the program period, all program participants remained arrest free.

#### **Additional Outcomes**

Attendance Improvement	89%
Grades Improvement	96%*
Long and Short-term goals for school and Behavioral	100%
Parenting Skills	94%
Applied for Higher Education	85%

<sup>\*</sup>Baseline data was the previous semester grades.

#### **Prosocial Activities:**

Saturday events to allow youth to interact with their peers in the program. The students share their successes and challenges. Peers are encouraged with incentives for many categories.

Meetings are scheduled for parent, individual and group. All parents have been signed up for school programs to monitor students' grades and assignments.

## 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. The Drawn 2 Success program gives clients access to professional advice assistance to help them make better choices. Therapeutic Behavior Specialists provide life skills, anger management and conflict resolution classes. Gang exit intervention, alcohol and drug prevention, safe sex and educational referral services are provided.

#### Reporting Period: November 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

Total Number of Programs Provided	9
Total Number of Services Provided	9
Total Number of Youth Served	512
Total Number of Families Served	76

#### **Type of Programs/Services Facilitated**

Program of Services Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Anger Management / Substance Abuse	16	20
Victim Awareness	16	25
Restorative/Transformative Justice	8	10
Youth Empowerment	15	129
Tutoring	15	10
Mentoring	15	250
Black/Brown Conflict Mediation	8	20
Black/Brown Impact Groups	3	48
Parent Empowerment Summit	1	N/A
Community Outreach/Collaborative Referrals	N/A	N/A

#### **Additional Outcomes**

Improvement in school attendance/non truancy	80%
Reduction in school suspensions/expulsions	90%
Increased their overall G.P.A.	93%
Youth & Families referred to collaborative partners or community agencies	95%
Youth with individual long/short term goal plans	100%
Parents noticed improvements in behavior, communication, and initiative completing homework and household chores.	100%

#### Norma Biegel, Operation SafeHouse, Inc. (Western & Desert Programs):

Operation SafeHouse offers emergency shelter, as well as intervention and outreach services to youth in crisis. Shelter services included shelter, food, counseling, education, life skills and recreation. SafeHouse were the recipient of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Award 2019.

#### Reporting Period: November 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019\*

Total Number of Programs Provided	1 Emergency Shelter Program
Total Number of Services Provided	Various (housing, counseling, education, life skills)
Total Number of Youth Served	68
Total Number of Families Served	42

<sup>\*96%</sup> of youth exiting the program during the reporting period had a safe exit.

#### Type of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes	Youth Served
Ex: Anger Management	5	20
Individual Counseling Hours	393.25	68
Family Counseling Hours	52	52
Bednights	651	68
Meals	1,302	68
CPS Report Filed	19	19

#### SafeHouse Life Skill Groups

Why Try (Evidence Based)	
Goals/ Check in group	
Anti-Human Trafficking Presentation	
Fire and Safety Group	
SafeHouse Outreach Group	
Anti-Bulling Group	

#### **Lynette Jones, Kids In Konflict:**

Kids in Konflict (KIK) is a Gang awareness, Cultural Diversity, Anger Management, substance Abuse, Life Skills Program providing prevention, intervention and suppression services to at-risk youth in Western Riverside County. In addition, KIK has incorporated a Parenting, Tutorial and Victim Awareness component based on the needs of the youth and their families.

#### Reporting Period: November 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019\*

Total Number of Programs Provided	1
Total Number of Services Provided	8
Total Number of Youth Served	110
Total Number of Families Served	11*

<sup>\*</sup>Total number indicates number of families (single parent, two parent, and grandparent household) who solely participated in the parenting class.

#### Type of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Anger Management	11 sessions	61
Substance Abuse	14 sessions	61
Gang Awareness	8 sessions	61
Cultural Diversity	15 sessions	61
Victim Awareness	6 sessions	61
Life Skills	8 sessions	61
Tutorial	14 sessions	12
Parenting	10 sessions	11

#### **Service Hours Performed**

Gang (Substance Awareness, Cultural Diversity, anger	297.5 hours
Management, Life Skills, Victim Awareness)	25715116415
Parenting	79.5 hours
Tutoring	66 hours
Grand Total of Service Hours Performed	443.0 hours

#### **Number of Contacts**

Gang (Substance Awareness, Cultural Diversity, anger	360	
Management, Life Skills, Victim Awareness)		
Parenting	11	
Tutoring	12	
Grand Total Contact Hours	404*	

<sup>\*</sup>Total number of contacts reflects face to face, telephone, text message(s), court appearances, school visits, and apprenticeship/internships.

#### Melody Amaral, 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.

#### Reporting Period: November 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

#### **Provider Overview**

Total Number of Programs Provided	5
Total Number of Services Provided	5
Total Number of Youth Served	1001
Total Number of Families Served	Total of 50
SARB Families	31
<ul> <li>Expulsion/Suspension Families</li> </ul>	19

#### Type of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Safe Coping Skills Group		
Rising Star	26	147
Norte Vista HS	5	26
RCOE Safe	16	92
Perris HS Safe	16	46
2. SARB (Student Attendance Review Board)	N/A	31
3. Expulsion/Suspension Families	N/A	19
4. Extended Learning – Social Skills, Self Esteem, Thinking For Yourself, Stressors, Friendship & Bullying	10	42
5. Student Assistance Program Counseling and Crisis, Intervention Program	N/A	598
TOTAL	73	1001

#### **Additional Outcomes**

With the Juvenile Justice funding, the Wylie Center Outreach Department provided 5 programs: Safe Coping Skills Group, SARB, Expulsion/Suspension Families, Student Assistance Program Counseling and Crisis Intervention Program. The modalities include: Risk and Crisis Assessment, Safe Coping Skill Groups, 6-12 counseling sessions to expelled and suspended students, and behavior health counseling. Services were provided in the following locations:

Rising Star Business Academy	
Alvord Unified School District Extended Learning Elementary and Middle School Program (12)	
Riverside County of Education Learning Centers (6)	
Perris High School	
Norte Vista High School	

Student Assistance Program Counseling and Crisis Intervention Program served a total of 598 students at 22 schools.

#### **Budget Presentation for Fiscal Year 19/20:**

# Cherilynn Williams, Administrative Service Manager III, Riverside County Probation (Handout) Available Funding:

In FY 2019/20, Riverside County is expected to receive an estimated state allocation of \$6.50M in JJCPA Operating Funds. These funds are dispersed to each participating agency based on a historical distribution. In addition, Riverside County is also estimated to receive \$3.75M in FY 2018/19 state growth allocation, which will be distributed in FY 2019/20. The contingency fund balance as approved at the November 5, 2018 is \$4.07M. We are estimating a FY 2018/19 carryforward balance of \$1,583,285. The majority of this rollover is a result of both the awarded YAT CBO contracts and the 1<sup>st</sup> round of expansion contracts was less than previously budgeted. Overall, we are projecting the total FY 19/20 estimated available funding at \$15.9M. Keep in mind that the information provided is subject to change. Final numbers for both the state allocation and growth funds as well as final year-end numbers will be provided at our meeting in the fall.

#### FY 19/20 Probation Budget:

Probation requested a FY19/20 budget of \$6,233,582, an increase of \$305,563 above the FY18/19 budget allocation due to labor and pension cost increases. This budget request does not fund any new programs and is a continuation of current programs which include YAT, Tattoo Removal, Restorative Justice and SSTS. Listed as separate line items are the current CBO contracts, both YAT and the 1st round of the expansion. Also included in the FY19/20 budget request is the estimated budget for the 2nd round of CBO contracts. This is just a rough estimate based on submissions received; it does not indicate award amounts.

#### Danny Feltemberger, Captain, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

The Sheriff's Department requested a FY19/20 budget of \$1,716,996, increased due to salary costs to include one sergeant and 10 deputies designated to YAT. Additionally, the GIFT FY19/20 budget request of \$193,423.87 includes an increase of 6.1% due to salary cost increases for one sergeant, two deputies and one deputy probation officer.

### Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, County of Riverside District Attorney's Office

The District Attorney's Office FY19/20 budget request of \$2,406,026 has no change in staffing and will continue to fund staff. Funding will continue with YAT, SAR and GAME.

#### <u>APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 19/20 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</u>

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Ronald Miller entertained a motion to approve the following Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) budget for FY 19/20:

- Fund each agency at 100% of their respective budget requests.
- Place the remaining available balance of \$2.29M in the contingency fund.

Motion to accept the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year budget as submitted was made by Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, seconded by Melody Amaral, Chief Executive Officer, Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families. The budget was approved unanimously.

Oppositions/Abstentions: None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Miller thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned

#### **Next JJCC Meeting**

Date/Time: July 15, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. Location: Downtown Law Building

3960 Orange Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Media Room

Riverside, CA. 92501

Minutes submitted by Secretary Gail Moore