

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2019, 2:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

HOST LOCATION: Downtown Law Building, 3960 Orange Street, 1st floor Media Room, Riverside, CA 92501

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chief Deputy Probation Officer Christopher Wright at 2:00 p.m.

WELCOME/OPENING COMMITTEE:

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Wright welcomed those in attendance and requested introductions of the agencies represented:

Barajas, Maria	Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Biegel, Norma	Grant Manager	Operation SafeHouse
Carl, Bonnie	Administrator	Riverside University Health System
Carroll, Dennis	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County
Carter, Colleen	Research Assistant	West Ed
Castro, Cristine	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Clark, Judith	Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court	Superior Court of Riverside County
Drawn, Johnnie	Community Outreach Specialist	Communities 4 Children (C4C)
Egson, Quinton	Chief Executive Officer	Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley
Essenwanger, Evelyn	Deputy District Attorney	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Feltenberger, Danny	Sheriff's Captain	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Fischer, Chuck	Education Director, Alternative Education	Riverside County Office of Education
Gaines, Renel	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Gardner, Ron	Chief Executive Officer / Founder	Kids in Konflikt (KIK)
Gonzalez, Larry	Interim Chief of Police	Riverside Police Department

Greene, Jeff	Chief of Staff, 1 st District	County Board of Supervisors
Holstein, Jessica	Principal Accountant	Riverside County Probation
Imara, Jitahadi	Consultant	Studentnest Riverside County
Jones, Lynette	Chief Executive Officer / Founder	Kids in Konflikt
Kondrit, David	Chief Deputy Sheriff	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Lam, Arena	Research Associate	West Ed
Lopez, Gerry	Supervising Deputy District Attorney	County of Riverside District Attorney's Office
Mack, Sarah	Assistant County Executive Officer	County Executive Office-DPSS
Moreno, Doug	Chief Deputy Probation Administrator	Riverside County Probation
Nguyen, Navan	Deputy Public Defender	Riverside County Public Defender
Perez, Matthew	Administrative Service Analyst	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Prewitt, Cynthia	Director of Outreach	Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families
Salazar, Lisa	Accounting Technician	Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Serna, Olivia	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Terrell, Julie	Senior Administrative Analyst	Riverside County Probation
Thomas, LaToya	Assistant Division Director	Riverside County Probation
Thompkins, Reggie	Associate Superintendent of Schools	Riverside County Office of Education
Van Wagenen, Jeff	Assistant County Executive Officer	County Executive Office
Wendt, Staci	Senior Research Associate	West Ed
Williams, Cherilyn	Administrative Services Manager Probation	Riverside County Probation
Wright, Christopher	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	Riverside County Probation
Zimiles, Justine	Research Assistant	West Ed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2019 MEETING:

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Chris Wright entertained a motion approve the July 15, 2019 minutes of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting. Quinton Egson requested a change to the minutes to note that he was in attendance at the July 15, 2019 meeting. No other changes were requested. Motion to accept the minutes as modified was made by Jitahadi Imara, Consultant, Studentnest, seconded by Reggie Tompkins, Associate Superintendent of Schools, Riverside County Office of Education.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

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

Tattoo Removal:

- There are three youth participating in tattoo removal services from the Riverside area.
- There was one referral received from a non-probation youth. We are hoping to get the youth started with services within the next week.
- At the last JJCC meeting, there was discussion related to increasing the age of youth who are eligible to participate in this program. Probation is going to expand the tattoo removal program to include youth up to the age of 21. These services are available to all youth in Riverside County.
- Probation will be posting the changes on Facebook in hopes of providing this service to more County youth.
- As a reminder, this program is not designed for just probation youth. It is actually applicable to any youth or young adults throughout Riverside County.
- Youth can have tattoos and branding removed which impact their ability to seek employment or educational services. The program removes tattoos around and above the neckline, face and hands. As part of the criteria, youth cannot get more tattoos while they are in the removal process.

Jitahadi Imara, Consultant, Studentnest

Studentnest Foundation provided an overview of the programs and services they delivered between March 1, 2019-October 1, 2019:

Provider Overview

Total Number of Programs Provided	5
Total Number of Services Provided	6
Total Number of Youth Served	169
Total Number of Families Served	148

Types of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Youth Mentoring	96	169
Life Skills Training/ Character Development	96	169
Tutoring	72	101
SAT Prep	25	48
College Financial Assistance Application	23	19
Library Services	197	112
Prosocial Activities	69	69
Parent Training	7	48

Summary of Program Results:

- Arrests: None
- 83% of program youth improved their school grades (baseline data was the previous semester grades)
- 94% of the program you improved their school attendance (contribution to school districts average daily attendance)
- 88% youth achieved their case plan goals (which include a school and behavioral goal)
- 81% of parents have improved parenting skills (monitoring youth peers and extracurricular activities, school grades and homework/study time)
- 97% program retention

Lessons Learned:

- The outcome data shows a correlation between youth mentoring and youth prosocial behavior.
- Access and use of the public libraries has contributed to an increase in youth academic performance, i.e. improvement in grades.
- The public libraries have now become a resource and asset which the youth are using for school purposes.
- Parental monitoring of participant youth’s homework and school performance has been a contributing factor in the improvement of youth academic performance.
- No one single factor or service is responsible for the program outcomes. Rather, the program outcomes are the result of the combined program services, targeting risk and protective factors which research asserts are essential to delinquency prevention and promoting prosocial behavior.
- Leveraging the services and programs of the YMCA (afterschool supervision and prosocial youth activities) and public libraries has contributed to and been a vital protective factor as well as a critical program resource.
- Parents are central and essential to collaborating to StudentNest Foundation’s program success.

Johnie Drawn, Community Outreach Specialist, Communities 4 Children (C4C)

Communities 4 Children (C4C) provided an overview of the programs and services they delivered between March 1, 2019-October 1, 2019:

Provider Overview

Total Number of Programs Provided	1
Total Number of Services Provided	13
Total Number of Youth Served	757
Total Number of Families Served	112

Types of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Anger Management/Aggression Replacement Training	16	46
Community Service Hours	7	59
Victim Awareness	12	25
Restorative/Transformative Justice	6	14
Tutoring	24	66

Mentoring	28	310
Youth Empowerment –Essentials for Living and Working	28	214
Positive Parenting Empowerment	4	N/A
Substance Abuse/Awareness	12	23
Community Outreach/Collaborative Referrals	N/A	N/A

Additional Information (Narrative):

- Community Service Hours – These have been an accomplishment. We partner with the senior living center in Moreno Valley. The youth that are in AVID are required to complete community service hours. The youth used to go once a month, but they have been going there on a regular basis and establishing relationships with our elders and learning a lot about previous times before there were cell phones, computers, and everything else. It is a humbling experience to have them reflect on it and talk in groups because there are a lot of new things out there that the youth think has always been here.
- Mentoring which is a culmination of all programs.
- Community Outreach Collaborative Referrals entails working directly with some of the housing communities and the sheriff’s department establishing a way to build bridges so we can mend some of the issues.
- Two active anger management/victim awareness classes facilitated at Banning Probation Department and the Beaumont Civic Center.
- 14 active youth empowerment/mentoring groups facilitated at Moreno Valley High School, March Mountain High School, Bayside High School, Charter Junior High School, and Moreno Valley Regional Learning Center – MVRLC.
- Four active restorative/transformational justice clients in Hemet, Moreno Valley, Perris and Temecula.
- Active weekly tutoring at Moreno Valley High School.

Outcomes:

- 90% improvement in school attendance / No-truancy / Probationers non–recidivism.
- 90% reduction in school suspensions/ expulsions / tardiness.
- 93% increase in overall G.P.A. (One mentee had all F’s and Earned Valedictorian by graduation 2019).
- 95% of Youth & Families are referred to collaborative partners or community agencies.
- 100% of the youth have individual short/long term goal plans.
- 100% of the parents notice improvements in behavior, communication, and initiative completing homework and household chores.
- In June 2019, Communities 4 Children was awarded the Community Service Award / CBO Partner of the year by MVUSD.
- In September 2019, Communities 4 Children collaborated for the second year with the “U-Can go to College” Recruitment Fair, and 8 of their mentees were accepted to various colleges on the spot, 3 earned full-ride academic scholarships, and were encouraged to increase their SAT scores to receive more funding.

Norma Biegel, Grant Manager, Operation SafeHouse

Operation SafeHouse provided an overview of the programs and services they delivered between March 1, 2019-October 1, 2019:

**Provider Overview
SafeHouse of the Desert**

Total Number of Programs Provided	1 Emergency Shelter Program Thousand Palms
Total Number of Services Provided	Various (housing, counseling, education, life skills)
Total Number of Youth Served	94
Total Number of Families Served	60

Types of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Ex: Anger Management	5	20
Individual Counseling Hours	461.25	94
Family Counseling Hours	59.25	94
Bednights	685	94
Meals	2055	94
CPS Report Filed	23	94
Group Hours	420	94
Education Hours	140	94

**Provider Overview
SafeHouse of Riverside**

Total Number of Programs Provided	1 Emergency Shelter Riverside
Total Number of Services Provided	Various (housing, counseling, educations, life skills)
Total Number of Youth Served	157
Total Number of Families Served	70

Types of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Ex: Anger Management	5	20
Individual Counseling Hours	799.75	157
Family Counseling Hours	156.5	157
Bednights	1186	157
Meals	3558	157
CPS reports filed	85	157
Parent Group Hours	43	157
Education Hours	140	157
Group Hours	420	157

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

- Emergency housing and counseling for youth in crisis, up to 21 days.
- Outside counseling as well if they are not in the program but would like to receive counseling.

- Learn life skills.
- “Why-Try”, an evidence-based program.
- 2 hours of group counseling a day.
- 2 check-ins daily, once when they get up and once when they go to bed, to see how they are doing and if they are having any issues.
- Care Program to discuss anything they want to bring up.
- Community service.
- Anti-human trafficking staff at each shelter. Provide with case management to help determine if they are at risk or they have been trafficked. A majority of the kids have been trafficked and are provided with a case manager to help get them out of that life. If possible prosecute with the help of the Sheriff’s department.
- They may stay from 1 day to 21 days, sometimes 21 days is not long enough. And at 21 days we can refer them over to the other shelter if they are just not at point where it is safe for them to go home.
- We have started triage if they want and need help but they are not at the point that it would be beneficial for them to leave their environment that they are in. They need to stay in their school. We can provide extensive counseling while they are still in their homes. This is something new.
- 93% of youth exiting the Desert program during the reporting period had safe exits.
- 98% of youth exiting the Riverside program during the reporting period had safe exits.

Lynette Jones, Chief Executive Officer/Founder, Kids in Konflikt (KIK)

Kids in Konflikt provided an overview of the programs and services they delivered between March 1, 2019-October 1, 2019:

Provider Overview

Total Number of Programs Provided	9
Total Number of Services Provided	9
Total Number of Youth Served	262
Total Number of Families Served	312

Types of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Gang Awareness	9	72
Cultural Diversity	17	65
Anger Management	13	96
Substance Awareness	15	92
Life Skills	17	81
Victim Awareness	7	64
Parenting	20	24
Tutoring	25	34
Community Service: Outreach Work	27	286

Kids in Konflikt:

- 24/7 program that is available to youth and parents; they can call, text, Instagram, or DM when they need to reach out and have someone to talk to.
- Celebrating High School Graduations – 2 young participants graduated.
- Guest speakers – Utilize speakers from the community to give their testimonies. We are working with ex-parolees, probationers, law enforcement, attorneys, and people of different professions that the kids have expressed interest in so they can be exposed to different backgrounds and have a better understanding. This is especially true for law enforcement in order to show youth they do not need to be afraid of them, because their experiences have been so negative. We have utilized RSO Officer Larson, who has been extremely helpful by coming and talking with the kids. Judge Luebs has come out and talked about his experiences and how he climbed up the ladder to be a Judge.
- Outreach Committee: Feeding and Clothing the less fortunate – This program was created by the youth. Once a month KIK helps feed the homeless and works with Little Caesar’s Pizza. The parents have been volunteering and bringing in things to feed the homeless. Additionally, once a month community members can bring in gently used clothing and hygiene products for distribution to the community. The great thing is the kids usually do everything. They are interacting with the community. They get to give back.
- Field trips: Mt. Rubidoux, Applebee’s, Tina’s Restaurant, Knott’s Scary Farm. Some of the kids have never been to a restaurant so we go and have that experience. This past Thursday they went to Knott’s Scary Farm. Sponsors donated \$500 dollars to the program, so we took 5 youth and they had a great time. The beautiful thing was we had youth from Westside Riva, Eastside Riva, Moreno Valley Sex Cash and everyone went together. They were laughing and joking with each other.
- Collaborative partnerships: Still working closely with Riverside City College Transitioning Minds to help our foster youth to transition into college. They have a club that works with the kids to expose them about life on a college campus. Jurupa Adult Center only had multidimensional classes on Wednesdays, but based on the need we now are doing substance awareness on Tuesdays. 1st Applebee’s fundraiser was our first pancake breakfast. Thank you to all who came out.
- New KIK Logo–KIK had a contest for the new logo and youth could submit ideas. The youth came up with different sayings for the backs of the shirts, such as “Whatever you are not changing you are choosing” and everyone gets to have their own saying on the back. Shirts will be work when KIK has events or a t-shirt day.
- Monthly gift cards are also provided for positive progress reports.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual Feeding the Homeless for the Thanksgiving Holidays
- Annual Christmas Toy Drive
- “Day of Love”: Spending the day at the Children’s unit in the hospital

Cynthia Prewitt, Director of Outreach, Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families

Wylie provided an overview of the programs and services they delivered between March 1, 2019-October 1, 2019:

Provider Overview

Total Number of Programs Provided	5
Total Number of Services Provided	5
Total Number of Youth serviced	783
Total Number of Families Served	113

Types of Programs/Services Facilitated

Program or Service Title	Number of Classes Facilitated	Youth Served
Safe Coping Skills / Rising Star Academy	35	178
Student Attendance Review Board		14
Wylie Center Expulsion / Suspension	25	151
Extended Learning Program	4	35
School Base Student Assistance		405
Total	64	783

Additional Information:

- Safe Coping Skills/Rising Star Academy – 30 hours a week focusing on coping skills and substance abuse.
- Student Attendance Review Board–Now in three school districts to help provide therapeutic intervention treatment and resources.
- Wylie Center Expulsion/Suspension Program–Work with several school districts to provide counseling sessions to students that have been expelled or suspended. Part of their rehabilitation plan to attend 6-12 counseling sessions. Many of them have to attend meetings; we now have ALANON and AA at our site for ages 12-25. Most of our programs are crisis intervention and suicide assessment.
- Extended Learning Program-We have six counselors in elementary schools doing crisis intervention and suicide assessment; approximately 6-10 suicide assessments a week.
- School Base Student Assistance Program–Counselors are in a total of 20 schools: Rising Star Business Academy; four schools in Alvord Unified School District Extended Learning Schools; three high schools in Alvord Unified School District; one elementary school in Alvord Unified School District; five Riverside County of Education Schools; two middle schools in the Hemet Unified School District; one at Perris Union High School and at Norte Dame High School; and two in the Nuviev Union School District. Anti-bulling and anger management classes are not only provided to the students but to the parents.
- We have just started a tobacco, vaping, alcohol and drug substance abuse education program for all of our youth that attend our counseling sessions.

FY 2019/2020 REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL

Jessica Holstien, Principal Accountant, Riverside County Probation (Handout)

On March 25, 2019, the JJCC approved a FY2019/20 proposed budget of \$15.9M funding each agency at 100% of their budget requests, and approve the contingency balance of \$2.3M. The budget was balanced using the estimated state allocation as well as one time funds from FY18/19. Since then we have received the final allocation from the state department of finance. With that the allocations had increased by \$45,683. Since the last meeting we also received the final growth allocation which decreased by \$112,247,

not always a guarantee to receive due to excess vehicle licensing fees and estimated state revenue. Each of the member agencies were able to submit their finalized numbers which resulted in a decrease in the carryover balance from FY 18/19 in the amount of \$62,000. Based on the adjustment to the available funds there is an overall decrease of \$128,000 from the budget as approved in March. Based off of the changes and the one-time funds, Riverside County Probation proposes the following budget modification which includes funding each agency as approved by the JJCC on March 25, 2019. Funding an additional \$954,317 for the compliance contracts using contingency funds as well as placing the remaining \$1.2M in the contingency fund.

APPROVAL OF FY 2019/2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Chris Wright entertained a motion to approve the budget adjustment as presented. Motion to accept the budget adjustment as submitted was made by Gerry Lopez, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, County of Riverside District Attorney, seconded by Jitahadi Imara, Consultant, Studentnest Foundation. The budget adjustment was approved unanimously.

Oppositions/ Abstentions: None

FY 2020/2021 FUNDING PROPOSALS

Agencies who are currently receiving JJCPA funding outside the RFP process will need to have a FY 2020/2021 budget proposal ready to be presented at the January 13, 2020, JJCC Meeting. A vote on the FY 2020/2021 budget will take place in March 2020 at the JJCC meeting.

JJCC By-Laws (Draft)-Discussion Item

Maria Barajas, Division Director, Riverside County Probation Department

The Riverside County JJCC currently has no by-laws. A draft of by-laws was created to give more structure to the JJCC. We are asking that each council member review and provide feedback to Probation Assistant Director LaToya Thomas via email at Lstomas@rivco.org by December 20, 2019. The matter will be added on the JJCC Agenda in January 2020 as an Action Item.

SB439 COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chuck Fischer, Education Director Alternative Education, Riverside County Office of Education

Dr. Fischer provided a draft protocol related to SB 439, which deals with the process of referring youth under who are under the age of 12 who have committed criminal offenses for intervention services. The proposed protocol would involve law enforcement, schools in Riverside County, Riverside University Health System (RUHS), and participating community-based service providers.

Each agency partner will upload referrals to the secure ShareFile system and access student information/referrals from the secure ShareFile. This will take the place of other communication. All users will receive a notification from RCOE's ShareFile system. This is a secure cloud environment where matters pertaining to Senate Bill 439 will be facilitated through a secure information exchange.

RCOE would have minimal fees for maintaining these files. The next step is funding and to see if law enforcement is on board with this system. The pilot system will be launched throughout Riverside County. When a referral has been entered into the system, the sender will receive an email notifying there is a new referral. The notifications will go to everyone who has access to the system.

FUTURE MEETINGS

January 20, 2020 – to be rescheduled due to holiday; an updated date will be sent when determined.

March 16, 2020

November 16, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jeff Van Wagenen, Assistant County Executive Officer, County Executive Office

Updated the JJCC on the recruitment for Chief Probation Officer. The recruitment closed last week. County Human Resources is going through the resumes, and will be meeting with the Presiding Judge to identify which individuals qualify for an interview. In a couple of week there will be an interview panel that will include Judge Clark, Judge Vineyard, the Court Executive Officer, two County Board of Supervisors, and the County Executive Officer who will be making a selection from the group of candidates interviewed. The panel will be making a recommendation to Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission, who will then make a formal recommendation to the Presiding Judge for a formal appointment. This process will take approximately 2-3 weeks. We should have an announcement sometime in December.

Maria Barajas, Division Director, Riverside County Probation Department

Recently, the County contracted with WestEd to become the new evaluation contractor related to programs funded under JJCPA. They will be putting together the yearly technical report in March relating to how JJCPA funding was used to deliver services to youth in the county. We invited them here today. Maria requested the CBO's that are in the room to stay after the meeting so they can exchange contact information with WestEd.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

Next JJCC Meeting

Date/Time: January 13, 2020 (New Date)

Location: Downtown Law Building
3960 Orange Street, 1st Floor – Media Room
Riverside, CA 92501

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cyndi Malsed