

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES 7/18/2024, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

2500 Fairmont Dr., San Leandro, Room C1002
Microsoft Teams Option Available

JJCC Members Present:

Brian Ford, Acting Chief Probation Officer
April Smith, DA
Juan Taizan, ACBH
Al Mance, PD
James Pulsepher, OPD

Lucia Moritz, ACOE
Celsa Snead, Community Representative
Tejasi Bilgi, Community Drug & Alcohol Program
Brenda Gomez, BOS D2

Others Present:

Mia Buckner-Preston, SSA-CWS
Dante Cercone, ACPD
Hillary Gayhart, OYCR
Tiffany Gipson, DA
Gurvinder Gosal, ACSO (Virtual attendance)

Michelle Love, SSA-CWS (Virtual attendance)
Carissa Pappas, ACPD
Jonathon Reyes, Bay-Peace
Anna Kane, ACPD (Recorder)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. <i>Opening Remarks & Roll Call</i>		
2. <i>Approval of 4/18/24 Minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion for approval of the April 18, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Al Mance and seconded by Celsa Snead. Motion did not pass and will be revisited at the next meeting. No public comment. 	
3. <i>Approval of 5/28/24 Minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This motion will be revisited at the next meeting. 	
4. <i>JJCPA/YOBG Presentation on JJCC Responsibilities and Next Steps</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The JJCPA/YOBG Plan & Future Funding Strategies Presentation was shown and discussed. JJCPA funding can be used for prevention programs. This plan must be updated and submitted annually. There needs to be a discussion regarding what the updated plan should look like. Considering the demographics data, how can we better reach the population that needs the services most. An RFP was just put out to contract services for the next three years. This is the time to start because it will take one to two years to put this together. <p>Questions: Provide more information regarding expenditures. Out of the \$13M, what is the total obligation to JJCPA and YOBG? <i>We need to get back to you. We have trust dollars left over from previous years and we are spending them down now.</i></p> <p>Do the crimes against persons category involve weapons? <i>Yes, crimes including weapons were included in that category. In the weapons category, it was a possession charge, not a crime against a person.</i></p>	<p><i>Provide additional funding info to committee.</i></p>

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	<p>What has caused the DPN referrals to drop by half? <i>Two reasons that could explain the drop are the pandemic and schools referring internally.</i></p> <p>Any speculation as to why Latinx children are seeing increases in referrals? <i>We do not know.</i></p> <p>Is there data on youth that have been detained multiple times and if they have access to services? <i>We can run reports on the youth that have been detained multiple times and what services they are receiving. Those youth tend to not use the DPN services and are referred to more intensive care providers for their needs.</i></p> <p>Is there money on the table due to past reserves? <i>The excess has been accounted for. It will be spent down.</i></p> <p>Is there a way to do an audit of the DPN services? Some agencies are difficult to get a hold of, don't call back, or are told that the provider is full or there is a wait list.</p> <p>Is the JJCC responsible for the JJCPA funds, but not YOBG? <i>Yes.</i></p> <p>Is the DPN is funded by JJCPA? <i>Yes.</i></p> <p>Is the new RFP for the DPN service providers? <i>Yes.</i></p> <p>Of the youth serviced by the DPN, how many are on probation and how many are for preventative services? <i>Historically, JJCPA funding was only used for preventative services and the YOBG funds were used for kids on probation. Now JJCPA serves both probation and at-promise youth. The YOBG only serves youth on probation. The pre-adjudicated youth are served through the YOBG funds.</i></p> <p>How does a referral process work and how can we steer the resources to those most in need? <i>It is more difficult to serve certain families. There is a lack of trust, generational trauma, and cultural issues. There are many pathways to get referred to services: court, DPO, self or families, schools, law enforcement, etc.</i></p> <p>When referrals are done, where do they go? When is an assessment made? <i>Usually, the DPOs make referrals. Some are court ordered. Assessments are made at multiple points, such as Intake, Medical, Mental Health, school, etc. The DPO needs to make a plan for the youth after reviewing all assessments. The service providers also make their own assessments. How should this be streamlined?</i></p>	<p><i>Provide data as requested.</i></p> <p><i>For the next meeting, create a diagram which shows how the referral process works.</i></p>

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	<p><i>Now CalAIM is starting, that also requires their own plans. Patient navigator is a new position in Facilities that is involved 90 days prior to youth being released and will provide a warm handoff.</i></p> <p>What tool does Probation use? <i>Probation uses YLS assessment to give us information regarding youth's needs.</i></p> <p>How did Probation decide on what services the DPN provides? <i>We checked the data, had focus groups, and discussed with probation staff. We are trying to meet the needs of the population. Questions to address: Do the services prevent as intended? Will they change the demographics? Do the services need to be more prescriptive?</i></p> <p>Hayward seems to be the model of how to make referrals, what can we learn from them? How do we work with OUSD? The referral process should not dictate who is getting the services if that's not who has the highest needs. <i>Many kids did not return to school after COVID, so they are not getting referred. Probation is working on an MOU and Contract for \$11M with ACOE to mitigate truancy and provide interventions.</i></p> <p>Does ACOE affect Oakland? <i>Yes. ACOE are experts in education, so they will issue RFPs. There is concern regarding capacity.</i></p> <p>What age are we targeting? <i>With the new iteration of contracts, the age was reduced down to eight years old.</i></p> <p>How much of the funding is going to that age group? <i>We don't have that information.</i></p> <p>Is there a way to inform those that make referrals that services exist? <i>There are on-going efforts such as posting the DPN service map, juvenile services mapping project, gap analysis, and an upcoming website that will assist with connecting youth to services. Probation has meetings with OUSD to discuss how to disseminate the information. We host outreach events such as Positive Futures Fairs. Next fair is at Castlemont High School so youth and community can learn about services available to them. The new iteration of contracts provides funds to the providers specifically to do outreach.</i></p> <p>Have the programs been evaluated? <i>A full-time Research and Evaluation director is in the hiring process. One of his duties will be to evaluate the programs. Probation receives and evaluates deidentified data from Mobius. In 2023, 75% of providers indicated that youth successfully completed programming.</i></p>	

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	<p>Do the assessments show a great need for mental health services? Do the agencies have the capacity to meet those needs? <i>Staffing has been the #1 issue. The County competes for professionals with the CBOs. There are not enough students in the majors. We cannot keep up with the demand from families and state mandates. Licensed clinicians need to be paid the same as MDs.</i></p> <p>Can YOBG funds be used as supplement to get more mental health professionals in the County? <i>Mental health can look like Occupational therapy, Art therapy, or playing sports. Kids don't always need to talk about feelings. In Facilities, we supplement with robust programming to help with kids' overall wellbeing. There are various dynamics that happen in facilities, and keeping kids busy with engaging programs is crucial.</i></p> <p><i>A prevention program that specifically targets African American males is the OK program where Probation officers are stationed at two Oakland high schools and partners with OPD. This program needs to be funded and expanded.</i></p> <p>What does meaningful mental health services look like in our current condition? What is culturally responsive? What can make it more successful?</p> <p>How can we make comprehensive assessments? For example, if there is a COST meeting dealing with truancy, is the youth being seen as a whole person? Is truancy due to mental health, substance use, or a need for IEP? Referrals are provided for different issues, but it's only one part of the same problem.</p> <p>What does healing look like in families? How can we support the families as some have been system involved for generations. We are competing against groups that tell kids they can make a quick buck. We need to rethink job and employment processes. <i>Wrap-around programs serve the youth, but they also include the parents and provide family therapy. We need to focus on prevention and support families with elementary-aged kids. Probation cannot combat poverty on their own. How do we fund these programs as the younger kids are not on probation.</i></p> <p>The DA's office requested to have a step-by-step referral process guide that can be provided to law enforcement or anyone that asks. <i>DPN brochures are available but need to be updated once the RFP process is complete.</i></p> <p><i>Probation will soon have a Community Liaison position for youth that do not have a probation status but need assistance. The DPO in this position will case manage kids without probation status.</i></p> <p>Can we get some social workers on board to work with families?</p>	<p><i>Email the DPN brochures to April Smith, DA</i></p>

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	<p>Next steps - JJCPA dollars are for prevention services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Target age 2. Assessment data of AA males 3. Ask Emily Young to do a short presentation on the Hayward referral process 4. Presentation from OK program <p>Can ACOE present information regarding the Truancy Program?</p> <p>Can another meeting be scheduled before October? - Yes</p>	
5. <i>Public Comments</i>		<i>Send out a Doodle Poll</i>
6. <i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Next JJCC Quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024, 1:00-2:30 at JJC, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro.	
7. <i>Adjournment</i>	Meeting adjourned 1:31 p.m.	