

ALAMEDA COUNTY
JJCC SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2022
Microsoft Teams Teleconference
12:30-2:30 p.m.

JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:

Marcus Dawal, ACPD	Erickson Amaya, FOK
Christine Gerchow, ACBH	Caryn Quezada, District 1 Representative
Monica Vaughan, ACOE	Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative
Judge Jones Dickson, AC Superior Court	Trevor Arceneaux, District 4 Representative
Andrea Zambrana, Conflict Counsel	Kelly Thompson, District 5 Representative
Al Mance, Public Defender	Xochtil Larios, Youth Representative
Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC	

Meeting Participants:

Louise Anderson, JJDPC	Lisa Harris, Library
Holly Axe, ACPD	Patricia Henry-Large, ACPD
Naseem Badiey, ACPD	Annette Joiner, ACPD
Tashena Barrett, ACPD	Shahida Lacy, BOS D5
Rodney Brooks, PD	Sherron Lee, ACPD
Jenifer Brown, ACPD	Ian Long, ACPD
Yasmine Burke, ACPD	Will Maemori, ACPD
Christopher Carson, ACPD	Julie Marques, ACPD
Adrienne Chambers, ACPD	Chris Miley, BOS D2
Laura Chavez, ACPD	Alicia Mitchell, ACPD
Audrey Clubb, ACPD	Carissa Pappas, ACPD
Scott Dickey, County Counsel	Chuck Pattillo, ACPD
Tiffani Dyke, ACPD	Jamilah Pierson, ACPD
Craig Emmons, ACPD	James Rivers, ACPD
Michelle Evans, ACBH	Danielle Soto, Impact Justice
Brian Ford, ACPD	Juan Taizan, ACBH
Alex Garcia, ACPD	Faris Wallace, ACPD
Christine Gerchow, ACBH	Robert Walton, ACPD
Brenda Gomez, BOS D2	Rebecca Wegley, ACPD
Shareena Haniff, ACPD	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed
1. Welcome and Roll Call		
2. Continue Virtual Meetings	<p>A motion was made by Al Mance to continue the declaration of emergency recommendations for social distancing issued by Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and adopt findings in support of continued teleconference meetings as per AB 361. Caryn Quezada seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes	<p>Monica Vaughan moved to approve the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Xochtil Larios. Motion passed.</p> <p>Caryn Quezada moved to approve the July 6, 2022 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Al Mance. Motion passed.</p>	
4. Status of SB 823 Plan	<p>OYCR accepted the ACPD plan, including the addendum, on June 16, 2022. The next plan is due May 1, 2023. The OYCR email was read aloud.</p> <p>Can a different time of day be considered for the meetings, such as after 3:00 or 3:30? This topic can be discussed during agenda item # 9.</p>	
5. SB 823 Plan Implementation	<p>Program update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 youth in secure track; 6 of those youth have returned from DJJ • The secure track unit was split on August 6. There are now two units – Unit 1 and Unit 3 with 8 youth in each • 11 youth are high school graduates; 10 are enrolled at Laney College. One youth enrolled in an electrician course • Programming includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Spring ○ GROW ○ ROP ○ True Academy ○ An ACBH clinician is imbedded in Unit 3 and assists in Unit 1 as needed ○ 2 youth were granted step-down to Camp Sweeney <p>Which programs are for high schoolers, and which are for graduates? College students are enrolled through the Laney College ROC program and the high school students are taking classes through the ACOE school. All youth can participate in the programs listed above.</p>	

How many youth are participating in the programs?

All youth have the opportunity to participate, but some choose not to.

How were the youth evaluated for the step down and will they be integrated with the other youth?

The youth will be imbedded in all the programs. ACPD considered the youth's behavior and progress to make the recommendation.

Will Camp Sweeney be considered a step down?

Camp is not designated as a step down in general. The decision to move the two youth was based on their particular circumstances.

A request was made to provide information about the secure track youth's charges and probation recommendations prior to the meeting.

Y. Burke to provide information regarding the number of youth participating in each program.

A. Zambrana to send her request to B. Ford.

Do the secure track units still have non-contact visiting?

Family Spring and the ROP provider have been allowed in-person programming. Other in-person programming and visiting is scheduled to return the first weekend in September.

How often does Family Spring do programming in the unit?

Twice a week.

How are the kids are doing in their Laney classes?

Probation is having meetings with ROC to determine how the youth are doing.

Who will be deciding whether Camp is an appropriate step down program?

Step down discussion is on the agenda.

Why was in-person programming suspended?

Contract of one provider was suspended. The other providers are still providing programming. There has been a focus on reducing contraband.

Have the youth been going outside to the blacktop?

The youth have been going to the gym, however, it's been difficult to get them out to the blacktop.

The ACOE have been taking out the high school students to the gym. Are they also taking the college students?

ACOE provides programming for high school students. ROC is planning to bring in an activities director for the college students.

How much progress has been made on the contraband issue?

Progress has been made. Less contraband is being found.

Are the college students going to Laney College?

There are live instructors coming in, in addition to online classes.

How long has in-person programming and visitation been suspended?

Three weeks.

What is contraband – stuff coming from the outside or created on the inside?

Both.

Is outside contraband still showing up even after in-person visitation has been suspended?

No. There has been a decrease in contraband.

Probation clarifies that it still allows in-person, non-contact visits as well as virtual visits.

A request was made to provide information regarding how much time youth spend outside.

ACBH is working with La Familia, Family Spring, and the Bridge Clinic to provide support for youth with substance use issues.

Are the youth that are attending college seeing an advisor that will assist them in the pathway to a four-year college?

The youth work closely with two commissioners and their probation officer.

Facility Update:

- The law requires that the step down facility is secure. On July 28, Probation made a request to secure Camp Sweeney at the Public Protection Commission (PPC) meeting.

Data Update:

- Data report was shared with the subcommittee

It was clarified that the “Summary of Education” shows the highest level of education prior to commitment.

It was requested that the next data report show the age of youth when they returned from DJJ.

Is it possible to find out how many youth with the 300 referrals also had contact with CPS?

Probation will look into it.

Does the number of commitments include only secure track or youth that have been sustained and not in secure track?

Data on page 4 is youth that were screened for commitment by Probation and the Screening for Out of Home Services committee.

Probation's understanding is that the subcommittee voted to move the FOK proposal to the full Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Valle indicated that his office will be forming an informal working group on juvenile justice. The working group would be comprised of the following: Chair of PPC, Chief Probation Officer, presiding judge of the juvenile court, ACOE, and two representatives from the FOK Coalition. There is no budget for the proposal, and it needs to be addressed.

There was a discussion about the FOK proposal. It was clarified that the motion was to only write a letter to the Board with the recommendations.

Judge Jones Dickson clarified that the Court cannot be part of any recommendation to the Board.

Erin Palacios made a motion that a letter, not a department recommendation, be sent to the Board of Supervisors from the Subcommittee regarding the FOK proposal. The letter will be drafted by Erin and brought back to the Subcommittee for review, edits, and approval. Vamsey Palagummi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. JJCC and JJCC Subcommittee Bylaws

On July 28, 2022, the JJCC convened. It was decided that the group wanted more time to review the bylaws. A JJCC Special meeting was held on August 17 and the JJCC voted unanimously to adopt the bylaws for both the JJCC and the JJCC Subcommittee. The bylaws were attached to the meeting invite for review.

The subcommittee membership consists of 18 members. The draft reflects 17 members. The missing member is the FOK representative.

The error will be corrected and taken back to JJCC.

Why is there an asterisk next to the JJDC Chair?

That's an error and will be corrected.

Can the Chair of the JJDC be part of the membership of the JJCC?

A decision was made to keep the JJCC membership per the statute.

A request was made to add a youth representative to the JJCC.

The youth position is permanent; however, it is rotational and subject to a term. Applications will be taken when the term is over.

<p>7. SB 823 Consortium Partnering for Youth Realignment</p>	<p>Article 3, section 2 – it was suggested that language be added about youth being in the least restrictive environment and working with families.</p> <p>Conflict of interest section - can lead potential adoption of more restrictive rules. It may be too broad, and no members would be able to vote on anything.</p> <p>Probation will review both sections.</p> <p>Alameda County joined the CPOC SB 823 Consortium. It was created for counties to work together and share knowledge. The county is not required to partner with anybody.</p> <p>What is the cost to join the consortium? 1% of total allocation. The money does not come from the allocation.</p>	
<p>8. Impact Justice’s New Role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally Impact Justice’s role was to assist the with the development of the plan • The new role is to monitor implementation and fidelity of the plan • Three main functions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verify that the ACPD work plan includes all the recommendations in the subcommittee plan ○ Verify that the items marked as complete are done and assess whether the recommendations marked as unfeasible are unfeasible to be completed by May 2023 ○ Help ACPD assess benchmarks and communicate progress to the Subcommittee <p>How is ACPD doing? There were 279 recommendations made by the plan. Probation has completed about half of them. The verification process has not been started yet.</p>	
<p>9. Next SB 823 Plan due May 1, 2023: Outline Process, Plan and Timeline for Plan Revisions and/or Additions including but not limited to programming for girls, step-down options including securing Camp, and Dr. Khumalo’s report</p>	<p>Will part of the evaluation include speaking with the youth? Yes, there will be surveys and focus groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was proposed that a Special meeting be scheduled to discuss this topic specifically • A Doodle Poll will be sent out to schedule another meeting within the next 2-4 weeks • A concern was expressed about putting a fence around Camp Sweeney • It was requested that the draft FOK plan letter be discussed at the next special meeting as well. This was agreed to • There was a suggestion that County Counsel is present to advise in real time 	

<p>10. Public Comment</p>	<p>Have trans youth been received at the facility? ACPD has provisions for trans youth and girls. There was one trans youth who came back from DJJ that has already been released. We have providers for girls as well. ACPD is ready to receive and program any trans youth or girl and it needs to be written into the plan.</p> <p>What does gender responsive programming look like? ACPD does not have any girls in secure track. We have a provider that is ready to provide services to girls or persons that identify as female.</p> <p>Will there be more programming available for gender expansive youth outside of the one mentioned CBO? This will be addressed at the next special meeting in the interest of time.</p>	
<p>11. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next steps: Special meeting to be scheduled in September.</p> <p>Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022</p>	
<p>12. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.</p>	

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