

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 12, 2022

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

12:03 p.m. – 2:16 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair)
Metz, Elana (Vice Chair)

Anderson, Louise
Galvis, George

Larios, Xochtil
Nair, Kamal

Norris, Zachary
Peralta, Gina

Collaborative Partners Present:

Buckner-Preston, Mia, *Social Services*
Chambers, Adrienne, *Deputy Chief Probation Officer*
Dawal, Marcus, *Interim Chief Probation Officer*
Ford, Brian, *Assistant Chief Probation Officer*
Fort, Jessica, *Superintendent, Probation Department*
Jones Dickson, Ursula, *Presiding Judge, Juvenile*
Konover, Kimberle, *ACBH*
Middleton, Natasha, *Probation Specialist, Probation*

Mitchell, Alicia, *Director, Probation Department*
Moffatt, Sean, *ACOE Director of Court Schools*
Pappas, Carissa, *Probation Specialist, Probation*
Rivers, James, *Superintendent, Probation Department*
Ross, Javay, *ACBH*
Vaughan, Monica, *ACOE Chief of Schools*
Wegley, Rebecca, *Probation Specialist, Probation*
Zambrana, Andrea, *Conflict Counsel*
Kane, Anna, *Secretary, Probation Department (Recorder)*

Approval of
minutes

On a motion made by *Commissioner Gina Peralta* and seconded by
Commissioner Xochil Larios:

“To approve the December 8, 2021 JJDC meeting minutes.”

MOTION CARRIED

Medical Update,
Dr. Ross:

- First COVID outbreak at Camp Sweeney was identified sometime between Christmas and New Year through weekly testing
- Four Camp youth that tested positive were moved to the Hall to isolate; rest of youth stayed at Camp to quarantine; Public Health guidelines were followed; quarantine ending soon
- Boosters postponed to next week
- Outbreak in Unit 6 (Girls’ Unit); all girls tested positive
- Outbreak contained and all youth are doing well; more requests for vaccinations from youth and parents
- The intake process for girls’ unit was adjusted
- In December, there were 733 encounters in medical
- 43 admissions and 43 discharges
 - 27 new history and physicals (H&P); 20 sick visits; 3 annual H&Ps for youth with stays over a year
- Over 10 COVID vaccines were administered
- 414 nursing visits and 63 sick call visits

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

Question

What is the number of youth at Camp and JH that are vaccinated?

Answer

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

- Currently, there are 66 youth in custody (this includes Camp and SB 823 youth in Unit 3)
- 38 of the 66 have received at least 2 doses
- 11 of the 66 have received their boosters
- 9 of the 66 have either received their 1st dose or are scheduled for their 1st dose this week.

Question

What is the number of vaccinated staff at Camp and JH? Are staff required to be vaccinated?

Answer

The percent of Probation staff vaccinated is in the high 90s. Staff that are not vaccinated are required to be tested twice weekly.

Question

Dr. Ross, what protocols did you want to recommend that you got pushback from Public Health?

Answer

Frequency of testing. Current procedure is to test at intake and at day 10. Public Health believes our current procedures are vigorous enough.

Question

What protocols are in place to prevent staff from bringing COVID into the facilities?

Answer

Everyone that enters the facilities, including visitors, are temperature checked and fill out a covid questionnaire. PPE is required to be worn.

Question

Has there been a consideration for testing of all visitors that come into facilities?

Answer

It's been considered, however, rapid tests have reliability issues.

Question

Can Probation test all staff, including those already vaccinated?

Answer

Public Health recommended "surveillance" testing; either random testing of units or providing tests to those that request them.

Question

Are the staff testing rapid tests or PCR tests?

Answer

PCR tests

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

Questions from Partners or Community: None

FLY Update on
Juvenile Justice
Youth Advisory
Council (YAC):

- Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) Power Point presentation provided by Jamela Joseph and Jessica Peregrina (see attached)

Question

Are there any SB823 youth on the Council?

Answer

No, because the Council has not started yet. Intention is for youth in facilities as well as in the communities to participate.

Question

Will the youth be paid for the work that they do?

Answer

We would like to pay \$25 per hour for the working groups. The payment will be around \$600 for engagement for 3 months. The youth in the community will get paid by check; youth in facilities will get gift cards for themselves or check to their families.

Question

Please share any policy or programmatic changes that came out of your work with Santa Clara County (SCC)?

Answer

We are building on our experience with Santa Clara County with ACPD. SCC YAC has been running since 2016. (Slide with information provided)

Question

Who is the population that was involved with the survey?

Answer

The first questionnaire was with youth that had previous involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Question

What percentage of the staff have had system involvement?

Answer

We don't have those numbers, but we are looking for staff that have lived experience. Through our programs we are working with system involved youth. We are developing pipelines and pathways to prepare youth for jobs with FLY.

Question

How will you maintain independence? How will the ACPD program differ from SCC?

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

Answer

We are looking for coaches that will be FLY staff not Probation. Looking for Probation staff that youth will feel comfortable partnering with.

Question

One of the slides mentioned that youth had some issues with the Grievances process. Could you talk specifically about what those issues are? We can speak about this off-line.

Community Questions:

How do youth get involved?

Answer

YAC will launch in May. Will look for recommendations in April. Launching the interest form today. The youth in working groups will be involved in the process.

Question

Will the YAC collaborate with other leadership bodies such as education or city groups?

Answer

We see a lot of opportunity to work with other councils and advisory boards. The youth will decide where to focus.

Comment

OPD invited YAC to apply for an MOU and collaborate with OPD's diversion program.

Question

A clarification was requested as to when the program will open for youth and how and when can youth be referred to get involved.

Answer

Anything that's happening in YAC will be posted in Google Docs. Working groups application will be available today. Link provided below:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WxvGmybBgenYAA2zskWPZA2eao-6mhOL9nol4h-iuiw/edit?usp=sharing>

CYO

Presentation on Credible Messenger Program – Macheo Payne:

- California Youth Outreach (CYO) is a gun, gang, violence reduction organization. It offers life coaching by Credible Messengers (CM), which is a concept that someone from the same community, background, culture, or lived experience is engaging with youth in JH. The goal is to build relationships with youth at JH.
- The concept borne out of research and evidence; a credible messenger can be a supplement to a mental health professional, teacher, social worker, etc.

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- Credible messenger staff primarily have had re-entry experience
- Credible messengers are provided training such as: harassment prevention, youth development, gang prevention and turf training, Healing Centered Engagement, and cultural humility training.
- CYO also has teams in two Oakland high schools
- The goal is to build formal programming and to work with current staff. The messengers are building relationships with youth at JH.

Question

Can there be CM that are not Probation staff? Have there been reductions in incidents?

Answer

Positive reports from CM that youth find the visits valuable
Probation should provide data

Question

Are the Credible Messengers in the Units?

Answer

Coaches are in JJC every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for four hours. The goal is to have more hours. Coaches have opportunities to connect with youth after they leave JH and connect them to programs.

Question

Will there be a continued connection at the schools after youth leave JH?

Answer

We are hiring people that have been through the justice system and paying youth to participate in their development.

Social Services:

- Five youth today at the Assessment Center (AC)
- Assessment Center slowed down intake due to Covid outbreak and to prevent spread
- All current youth tested with negative results and one pending result. Majority of youth have at least one vaccination; setting them up for 2nd vaccination or booster
- December had 91 intakes; 67% females, 60% teens, 82% African American. Average length of stay 55 hours.
- Having difficult time finding placement due to lack of available placements and surge in COVID; families and facilities were on quarantine and unable to take kids.
- After hours numbers have increased to 43%; youth are self-reporting or brought by law enforcement
- 14 youth accounted for 48 entries; youth that have AWOL'ed and come back, youth released from a 5150 hold, or youth that had law enforcement interventions
- African American youth have the poorest permanency numbers
- IOP coaching and workshops and TBS services, education services and other programs should be up and running by March; AC received five Chromebooks

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ACTION NEEDED

- Assessment Center now has sheriff deputies on site 24/7 to reduce fighting and assaults. Their job is to ensure safety not interfere. This is working to reduce violence and protect youth and staff.

Question

What kind of mental, social-emotional health, are you providing?
 Can we get a civilian crisis responder to defuse situations instead of sheriff deputies?

Answer

The AC does have mental health and public health services on site. West Coast clinic provides care for the youth. Mental health clinicians are there six days/week. Staff have been trained to use de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques. Youth's personal mental health therapists as well as their TBS team can come to support the youth.

Sheriff deputies do not intervene until the youth becomes assaultive. Sheriff deputies work with the CATT team; however, the Community Assessment & Transport Team (CATT) team will not work with youth that are assaultive, aggressive, or not communicative; EMTs are then called to take youth to facility for 5150 hold. We had to increase level of security to keep operating safely

Question

Are there after hours community-based respite or kinship support that youth can go to instead of the Assessment Center?

Answer

No there is no formal community-based respite program. Assessment Center is also where youth are brought that are under protective custody orders. We look for families or other placements; turn-around can be quick, within 24 hours. Law enforcement sometimes bring child to family but still bring referral to the AC.

Courts:

- Courts asked for and received emergency orders; responding to surge in Covid cases by requesting more time to get to hearings. The order is through February 4th.

Conflicts:

- Launched the social worker program; both social workers left; looking for new staff
- Concerned about access because all visits at JH are now virtual

Probation:

- Probation will apply for state funds to update the juvenile facilities
- Board approved reimbursement of phone calls fees; letters will be sent out to inform parents

Juvenile Hall

- JH count is 57; 50 males and 7 females
- Visiting is virtual or no contact for youth that are negative for Covid
- 8 youth that are 14 years-old and under

Provide data on how many families are completing the telephone fees reimbursement forms to JJDPC Commissioners

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ACTION NEEDED

Question

Are virtual visits suspended?

Answer

Virtual visits for attorneys can be set up in advance, time permitting.
If youth test positive, then they are isolating, and they cannot visit virtually. For any issues, contact James Rivers.

Question

What happens if a youth needs to be released while they are isolating?

Answer

Children's Hospital advises the parents and youth can be released.
However, placement will not accept a Covid positive youth; they need to wait until they're clear

Camp Sweeney

- 8 youth on site, 3 in quarantine; one on waiting list
- Youth were allowed to go home for holidays
- Youth were given holiday gift bags by JJDPC; Youth participated in Fremont Hindu Temple's festival of light; The Temple gave gifts to youth
- 5 youth in SB 823 unit
- Youth starting college on 1/24
- Dr. Khumalo should be sending her report soon

ACOE Update:

- Mid-year graduation at community schools, including Sweeney; 140 graduates
- Will have either outdoor or drive-by celebration probably on 2/10
- Graduation rates for Court schools are 88.9%, which is an increase from last year and above CA average
- College class with Laney will come on board at end of February; start date for in-person classes is scheduled for March 8
- Shifted to self-contained classroom to adjust for the outbreak
- Established a new classroom in Unit 3 with three students and a temporary fully credentialed teacher and para-educators
- Establishing an education-based transition workgroup with multiple partners to assist youth transition to community schools

Question

What happens in Unit 3?

Answer

There are three high school students and a fully credentialed temporary teacher; there are also a para-educators and a resource teacher for the student with an IEP. Currently looking for permanent staff

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

Public Comment:	No public comment	
	It was announced that Jazmine Mickey is leaving, and Anna Kane will provide support.	
	Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.	
	Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.	
Next Meeting Date: Location:	Microsoft Teams Teleconference	