



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee

Commission Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022

Meeting via Zoom

Present:

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| Kalisa Rochester, Chief Probation Officer | Probation |
| Lisa Maples, Deputy Chief Probation Officer | Probation |
| Sarah Marsh, Director of Administrative Services | Probation |
| Joel Daffron, Program Manager | Probation |
| Beatriz Ramirez, Program Coordinator | Probation |
| Sharlee Fragulia, Staff Services Analyst | Probation |
| Josh Pedrozo, Supervisor, District 2 | Board of Supervisors |
| Kimberly Lewis, District Attorney | District Attorney |
| Michael Coughlin, Deputy Public Defender | Public Defender |
| Jeff Sabeau, Division Director | BHRS |
| Iohana Tapia, Program Manager | BHRS |
| Holly Newlon, Asst. Superintendent | MCOE |
| Yvonnia Brown, Director | HSA |
| Katalina Zambrano | Central CA LGBTQ+ Collaborative |
| Kelly Turner, Founder | Symple Equazion |

Not Present:

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| Mark Bacciarini, Judge | Merced Superior Court |
| Amanda Toste, Court Executive Officer | Merced Superior Court |
| Derrek Dean, Principal | MCOE/MC Court School |
| Jermaine Paster, Community Member | Students with Aspiring Goals |
| Dennis Haines, Supervisor | MCOE/Family Resource |

Opening:

Chief Rochester welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. She invited everyone to introduce themselves. The Chief asked Katalina Zambrano with Central CA LGBTQ+ Collaborative if she would like to serve as a member at large. Katalina said yes.

Approval of the Minutes from February 17, 2022:

Holly Newlon motioned to approve the February 17, 2022 Minutes, Yvonnia Brown seconded, and a unanimous vote of yes was confirmed.

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AB 361 Resolution:

AB 361 Resolution was read aloud and adopted. Kim Lewis motioned to approve the AB361 Resolution, Supervisor Pedrozo seconded and a unanimous vote of yes was confirmed. This resolution is Brown Act compliant.

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Discussion OYCR Request for Additional Information: Addendum to SB823 Plan:

Beatriz Ramirez presented information on the SB823 JJCPA/YOBG data and programs (presentation attached herewith):

- Program Logic Model
- Integrated & Treatment Approach
- Case Management Individualized Care
- Well-Being (BHRS)
- Evidence-Based Curricula
- Education & Training
- CTE Training – Career Technical Training
- Education
- Family Engagement
- Community engagement
- Different programs and events were highlighted
- FY 22/23 Expanded Services Budget

- Sarah Marsh reported they have \$1.4M already budgeted for FY 22/23 and are requesting to add \$230k. The allocation for the next FY is \$1.7M, which will take them close to the allocation limit. For FY 23/24 the allocation goes up to \$2.8M and then up again to \$3.2M for the following year. It is a significant increase in the compensation but she expects other services, supplies, and other contracts to increase as well.
- For FY 21/22 they set aside \$521k for \$269k for MCOE and Probation held on to out-of-state county contracts for \$200k; they've hardly expended anything at this point. The big cost YTD is \$93k for MCOE and there are no other out-of-county contracts. There are funds set aside for two youth who they will have to find placement for when they come back to Merced County since they know they will have to contract out for that.
- SB823 Revision
 - The Chief spoke briefly about her plan to partner with the City of Merced to occupy the Stephen Leonard Center in south Merced and the various services that would be provided at the center. Project launch for the Stephen Leonard Center is optimistically slated for six months out to allow the various organizations time to plan and finalize positions and programming.

Other partnership with MCOE

Pathways to Success is a program that will be housed at the center. This is a collaborative partnership between Probation and BHRS and MCOE. MCOE can provide different types of training and services targeting the youth that are in that area. Probation wants to avoid having youth come into the Probation office, instead, they want to have the youth come to the center. A BHRS Dual Diagnosis specialist can meet with youth who are referred to Probation for a variety of different things. The plan would be for the Dual Diagnosis Clinician could team up with the Probation officer to address that first-time referral and have conversations with the youth and the parent. Probation plans to run Parent Cafés, out of the center. In addition to the collaborations between Probation, BHRS, and MCOE, but also some community-based organizations provide services at the center as well.

Discussion – Addendum to Plan

The OYCR wanted some changes to the original plan. They wanted structural changes at the facility, however, Probation couldn't do that with the funds that were provided. Probation will do soft changes to the Honor Room in Building One for the graduated population as well as some other things. Everyone should have received copies of that addendum. The requested structural changes made to the facility was one of their concerns. The other concern was the classification policy and how Probation would classify youth. Probation has made a couple of changes: C-D, the maximum and general population, A-B, the graduated youth, and G-H, the camp commitments, and E-F is still used for incoming booked youth and quarantine. Once they no longer have to quarantine youth, E-F could potentially be used for the older committed population with a model that looks similar to

Building One. The chief will be trying for that one-time funding for structural changes to Building Two.

Funding for Probation Program Specialist & Peer Support Specialist located at Stephen Leonard Center:

Chief Rochester asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the added one Program Specialist position and one Full-Time Peer Support Specialist position (salary & benefit at \$84,142). Jeff Sabeau motioned, Yvonnia Brown seconded and a unanimous vote of yes was confirmed.

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Tenant Improvement at Stephen Leonard Center:

Probation needs to make an MOU with the City; they need to go through the process and then have it go before the Board. They will utilize funds to make tenant improvements to the building per the agreement with the city. They have to first see how much improvements are going to cost. The city is doing a walkthrough to determine what they're going to do and then Probation would go through to see how much, then they will request a portion of the trust to cover the expense. The group will be kept informed regarding the price of the updates as they move forward. Holly requested clients have access to a computer lab. Probation plans to purchase laptops and have Wi-Fi at the building. Data lines will be installed as well. Probation will do its walk-through after the city completes its improvements.

The Chief has an idea to partner with the District Attorney's office with truancy items. Chief Rochester has not spoken with anyone at the DA's office about this idea yet, but she will speak with Kim's office offline.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes scribed by Priscilla Martin, Secretary III