

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chief Probation Officer Michael Rogers, called to order the regular meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to order at 9:03 a.m., on September 17, 2020, via in person and through teleconference (Zoom), at the Colusa County Day Reporting Center (DRC) located at 320 5th Street, Colusa, Ca.

List of Council Members Present

Michael Bradwell, *Assistant Sheriff, Colusa County Sheriff's Office**

Lora Ceccon, *Executive Director, Colusa County One Stop*

Michael Rogers, *Chief Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department*

Terry Rooney, *Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health Department*

Wendy Tyler, *County Administrative Officer, Colusa County Administrative Office*

Michael West, *Superintendent, Colusa County Office of Education*

List of Council Members Not Present

Matthew Beauchamp, *District Attorney, Colusa County District Attorney's Office*

Josh Fitch, *Police Chief, Colusa Police Department*

Elizabeth Kelly, *Director, Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services*

James Saso, *Police Chief, Williams Police Department*

Albert Smith, *Attorney, Colusa County Public Defender*

Others Present

Jamie Sachs, *Supervising Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department*

Sarah Regnani, *Counselor II, Colusa County Probation Department*

Donna Dennis, *Program Manager II, Colusa County Department of health & Human Services*

*Voting Proxy for Council Member

- b. Members introduced themselves.
- c. Members reviewed previous committee minutes from May 21, 2020.
- d. Action requested to vote on approval of Minutes.
 - Quorum not present.

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES/PROGRESS CONCERNS

- a. Colusa County Probation Department
 - Jamie Sachs reported on her department's juvenile population. The number of juveniles on probation continues to be low. They have one youth in the juvenile hall and none in the boot camp program. They have 4 pending dispositions which will likely result in new juvenile grants of probation. They are continuing to check in with kids, to see how their

education and online learning is going. They are also visiting the juvenile in juvenile hall. They have one young man in out of home placement at a group home in Calaveras County. They were visiting him via Zoom but are now back to in person visits. They have one young man who exited out of home placement and moved into extended foster care. He is living in Marysville in his own apartment. Last week he got a job working at McDonald's. He is doing really well.

- Sarah Regnani stated that schools are still closed. Maxwell K through 6th just opened. She typically has a 6th grade group there. She is working via Zoom until December. She will continue to maintain that contact connection with all of the kids and maintain consistency because there is talk that once the schools are open, they may close again. She has done a few home visits and lots of phone calls and Zoom meetings. They also sent out small care packages. They are trying to stay connected as this can be very difficult for some kids. They have several projects coming up.
 - Chiefs Rogers stated that Sarah will be working with the school on some truancy issues and asked Sarah to elaborate a little. Sarah stated that if kids are not on their screen for 3 or more days, the school considers that a truancy. She will be supporting the schools and reaching out to the students to see how they are doing in a positive manner. Chief Rogers stated that in talking with Mike West, that the Zoom schooling has created a whole new set of problems and as Sarah mentioned the students are getting “tapped out”. He stated it is very important they establish contact in a positive manner and that Probation, as a Department, is going to focus on offering community support and early intervention, to avoid an influx of youth into the system. Sarah advised there are several departments that have individuals doing outreach on the school campuses. They are all collaborating and working together on programming to try and cut back on screen time. Groups and programming will officially start at the end of this month or the beginning of October. Wendy Tyler stated it is really important for the community to know the efforts the county departments are taking. She advised it is so important that the County departments are working with children collaboratively to limit the screen time and encourages Mike, Teri, or Elizabeth to report this out at the next board meeting, as a staff report. She stated it is great and really shows the passion and compassion that everyone has for the youth in our community.

Colusa County Behavioral Health

- Terry Rooney was happy to report that children services have increased. They had a little bit of a ramped up period with Zoom and Facetime. As they learned more about teleconferencing and put together materials to help them engage to retain children and families, services are up.
 - Brief discussion between Terry Rooney and Chief Rogers regarding a possible correlation between increased services and an increase in referrals. Chief Rogers stated that being stuck home for the juveniles has caused a lot of anxiety and it is good to hear that Behavioral Health is stepping up and ramping up services to help alleviate some of that. Teri states that they will accommodate any referrals Probation sends over.

Colusa County Department of Health and Human Services

- Donna Dennis reported for her department. They currently have 47 youth in out of home placement and have 4 of them that unfortunately at STRT? Placements. They are typically teenagers and are all 15 and 16 years old. As far as schooling for their kids, the foster parents and relative placements are doing what they can to make sure they are meeting through distance learning. They have some kids coming in and doing visits with parents during school time so they can help. As far as mental health, she meets with Behavioral Health monthly do go over the referral process and would be happy to include staff from Probation to attend that meeting.
 - Sarah stated that the schools are now allowed to have one cohort on campus for their highest risk youth. They are taking up to 15 or 16 youth on each campus and into one classroom to get assistance from one of the parent educators. Sarah asked Donna if any of those youth have been attending. Donna stated she does not currently have students participating, however, any of their youth that have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in place or are special needs, their staff participates. In the beginning, they were having attendance issues mostly due to the fact that parents and students were trying to use new technology and had connectivity issues. However, if they are able to identify additional needs of their students, they will be working with the schools to participate.

Colusa County Office of Education

- Michael West reported for his Department. They are moving forward on a lot of things. He put in a request with Public Health to find a location for special needs students. Dr. Burk just notified Mr. West that they are able to move forward with their plan which is great news because those kids will get some much needed attention. The state has also approved Maxwell, Our Lady of Lourdes and Princeton schools to open their pre-k through 6th grades. Arbuckle and Colusa are petitioning now and will find out this week if their unions will be agreeable. If they are, they might have all elementary schools open in the middle of October.
 - Sarah asked Mr. West if Williams' pre-k through 6th grade is also petitioning to open. Mr. West stated he believes so but is not sure.

Colusa County One-Stop

- Laura Cecon reported for One-Stop. Marisa is still meeting with clients at the DRC and that is going well. They have an allocated Independent Living Program that Marisa has done and it is moving forward. They collaborated with Behavioral Health on programming to save time for the students. The Independent living program will start out virtual. It is going well and they are getting things finalized.

Colusa County Sheriff's Office

- Michael Bradwell reported for his department. Nothing significant or outside of the norm is happening as far as juveniles. Their adult population is up substantially. They are emphasizing community policing.

Chief Rogers stated there is now a quorum present and request to go back to agenda item to vote on approval of minutes.

- **VOTE: Michael West motioned to approve the JJCC Minutes of May 21, 2020. Michael Bradwell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed and minutes accepted.**

Colusa County Administrator's Office

- Wendy Tyler stated she really appreciates all the effort everyone is putting in to work for the benefit of the community.
 - Sarah asked about numbers regarding Covid-19 and the color chart. Wendy advised those numbers have to stay down for 3 weeks and she expressed concerns about criteria for phasing out of purple. Further discussion between members and what is happening in the community and at state levels, regarding the Covid-19 color chart and phases, and how it is impacting the schools and community.
- c. Review/Approval of proposed JJCC Comprehensive Plan.
 - Handout of the plan provided. Chief Rogers stated they are in the process of building the plan. He advised he will be emailing the plan to members. He asked members to take a look at the Plan and if they want anything added, please email Sarah. They need to make sure it is outlined on paper what we do as a county to address the juvenile criminal justice system. They are still in the process of working on it, it is not ready for vote of approval at this time. Sarah will be reaching out to some of the agencies for numbers that are required by the 749.22 Welfare & Institutions code which governs it.
- d. Announcements of any Legislative and/or funding updates/budget/training opportunities.
 - Chief Rogers stated there are things going on in the legislation which will have an impact on JJCC and juvenile offenders and how they are dealt with. The biggest is Senate Bill (SB) 823, which is the state closing DJJ and having the County create a placement with all the same counseling and programs. He is not concerned in taking back juvenile offenders and offering programming but we are a small county and have a lack of community based organizations that can provide specialized treatment for the highest risk youth offenders. In talking with other counties specifically Yuba and Sutter, they are going to try and come up with a plan. The biggest problem they are going to run into is that different offenders have different needs and in order for the County to provide all the necessary programming, they would have to have a large supply of funds to build those programs. They might have to contract out and that has its own set of issues. There is a requirement that the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Counsel add a subcommittee to govern the funding stream that could come to our county to produce these services. Creating a subcommittee is something that might happen at the next JJCC meeting. This is something they anticipate the governor signing. The bill is very vague and poorly written. The biggest concern is that they will be housing the juveniles at juvenile hall for 5-6 years by themselves. They will be such a high risk, they will not be in general population and they will be older than 18 years of age at some point. They need to come up with an outside plan on how to deal with this. He will be meeting with the Yuba and Sutter County Chiefs in the near future to discuss this. He will keep everyone informed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by R. Lawson, Colusa County Probation