

# Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

## Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chief Probation Officer Michael Rogers called the regular meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to order at 9:30 a.m., on September 29, 2021, at the Colusa County Day Reporting Center (DRC) located at 320 5th Street, Colusa, Ca. This meeting was conducted via in person and through teleconference (Zoom)/phone-in.

#### List of Council Members Present

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

Gerry Munoz, *Community Member*

Angie O'Canas, *Interim Director, Colusa County One-Stop*

Noel O'Neill, *Interim Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health Department*

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

Albert Smith, *Attorney, Colusa County Public Defender*

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*

#### Others Present

Anthony Hall, *Therapist II, Colusa County Behavioral Health Department*

Brandon Kingsley, *Deputy Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department*

Sara Martin, *Police Lieutenant Colusa Police Department*

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

Fanny Reynoso, *Fiscal Program Analyst, Colusa County Probation Department*

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

\*Voting Proxy for Council Member

- b. Introductions.
- c. Members reviewed previous committee minutes from March 11, 2021.
- d. Action requested to vote on approval of Minutes.
  - **VOTE: Albert Smith motioned to approve the March 11, 2021, JJCC Minutes. Mike West seconded the motion. All were in favor. Noel O'Neil abstains. The motion passed and minutes were accepted.**

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### a. Department updates/progress/concerns.

#### Colusa County Probation Department

Jamie Sachs stated their department has the first youth that was sentenced since the implementation of Senate Bill 823. On July 1, 2021, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) officially stopped accepting new commitments. DJJ is now Secured Track Youth. Their Juvenile Hall has started a Secured Track Youth program with specialized treatment. Camp Singer is still up and running and they might be recommending some youth to that program.

Brandon Kingsley stated they have been working on their SB 823 plan and Juvenile Justice Realignment. Overall, their probation youth numbers consist of 1 youth on Formal Probation, which is a Secured Track Youth; 1 on Informal Probation; and 9 juveniles with pending referrals which are under review. They continue to provide alternative services and resources to the youth before moving to formal proceedings or formal probation. Now, since the development of Secured Track Youth, Yuba and Sutter County have brought in outside resources that are also available to Colusa area youth. They have been focusing on transitioning. They now get to work with a group called Victor Services. Victor Services has a program called Hall to Home that short term youth can use to help their transition back into the community. Longer term youth can also utilize and benefit from the program. They are continuing to collaborate with behavioral health on services they can bring to the Secured Track Youth.

Mike Rogers further advised that since they have had a recent increase in juvenile referrals. They will monitor the referrals to see if the trend continues to rise.

Sarah Regnani is back at to all school campuses. The need for extra support is intense. She is doing the best she can. They are going to discuss alternative ways for her to see more students. Kids are struggling. She is happy to be able to see them face-to-face now.

#### Colusa County Office of Education

Michael West stated everyone is back on track. He is still juggling between the State and Federal requirements and it has been somewhat frustrating. Fortunately, the kids seem to be doing well. They are short staffed. The County is down 24 para-educators (support staff for classrooms for special education students). The districts are down about 8-10 each. It is more difficult to find staff and support for the classrooms. The State has changed the 30 day certificate to be a substitute to 60 days. They are also allowing anyone with a bachelorette degree to substitute regardless of experience and are not requiring CBAST testing. Another reason for staffing shortage is staff is having to stay home if they are sick. Therefore, if there is a classroom closure, it is usually because of staffing shortages.

They have been struggling in getting help with internet outreach. The City of Colusa, City of Williams, Maxwell, and Arbuckle have been very helpful. They have virtual access in a lot of those areas. They are finally receiving help from Frontier after involving the Public Utilities Commission. Their statement was that even if the population was to quadruple they will not bring more infrastructure to Colusa County. This is a problem for the districts as well, as the districts are required through the Williams Settlement Act to provide internet access to every students home.

They have seen an increase in average daily attendance/number of students. The part that is concerning for the County Office of Education is they had 27 students show up that have moderate to severe autistic issues. Those are high-intensity students which they have to provide specific care for. They are finding that a lot of people are coming from Vacaville, Vallejo, and Lake County.

They have 3 new Superintendents. Dr. Sandra Ayon is the new Superintendent of Williams and is doing a good job. Rebecca Changus moved from Principle to Superintendent and Summer Shadley is the Superintendent of Maxwell.

Their biggest concern is contacting parents and finding out where their kids are when they are absent. They are collaborating with Judge Olivera and are trying to find some support for the kids that are excessively truant. They are hoping to revive the SARB process and will be reaching out to Probation and the District Attorney's Office for help.

Discussion between members regarding truancy and what avenues their departments are taking. Mike Bradwell stated the Sheriff's Office Resource Officer is coordinating with the districts and writing letters to the parents regarding their children's truanancies. Sara Martin advised the Colusa Police Department is getting a lot of calls from the schools to do welfare checks when students miss a few days. Albert Smith stated the current SARB process can be very lengthy.

#### Colusa County Sherriff's Office

Mike Bradwell had nothing further to report.

#### Colusa Police Department

Sara Martin advised calls have increased regarding juvenile activity. A lot of those calls are coming from the schools. As far as after hours, they have not had the activity that they have had in the past. In fact, those calls have decreased.

#### Colusa Public Defender's Office

Albert Smith has seen a big percentage increase but a slight increase in numbers. Things are changing. He stated the worst thing you can do for juvenile misconduct is nothing.

### Colusa County Behavioral Health

Noel O'Neill advised they have a new child psychiatrist starting October 7. He is board certified, retired from the Navy, and is in San Diego. It will be through tele-health and he will be working 8 hours a week. They hope to have that service running by mid-October.

Yesterday the Board of Supervisors approved the lease for other portions of the DRC building. Probation, the Colusa County Office of Education, the Department of Human Services and Behavioral Health, will be starting a drop-in center for youth (ages of 13–17). It will run from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The budget was approved. They will have 2 staff at the youth center. They want Probation's input and advised Probation may utilize space if needed for groups. The Office of Education will offer support and Health and Human Services will be offering independent living skills for foster kids. He anticipates it being a while before it is up and running, as there is work that needs to be done.

They are going to have a new program that will be supporting the DRC. They have 3 new staff that will be supporting Mandi (2 mental health specialists and 1 case manager). Their goal is to provide support for alcohol, drug or mental health. However, they will first offer support to probationers and non-probationers for housing, employment, transportation, and medical, then offer an assessment if those other services are requested.

The Board also approved a contract with California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions, which will be doing their evaluations of the program that supports the DRC. They are at a stage where they want probation staff to look at the data they are collecting. This will help them figure out how to support each other in these new activities.

They have been in touch with Lorilee Niesen at the Williams Community Day School. They are going to have 2 Saturday Night Live staff go to the Community Day School every Monday from 9-11 to provide group and individual support. They are also working with Mike West on how Behavioral Health can be available for any kind of school incident, where critical incident stress debriefing might be important. They want to get in place a mechanism where school districts can call and Behavioral Health can respond.

Lastly, for adults and youth that have aged out from the Youth Center, they have a building space for their Wellness Program, Safe Haven. They have rented the offices across the street from Health and Human Services on Webster Street. They hope to have that up and running later this month. It will be ran differently than the old program, as this will be a county ran Wellness Center, as opposed to only peer involvement. There will be county oversight and policies in place.

Mike Rogers advised there is still a lot of desire from the legislature to increase the age for juvenile supervision to 21 and in some cases 25. Discussion regarding transitional age youth.

#### Colusa County One-Stop

Angie O'Canas stated they are working on a proposal for special project funding to target certain populations. One is justice involved individuals to serve adult and juveniles, who are subject to any stage of the criminal justice process. It will aid them in overcoming artificial barriers to employment and resulting from a record of arrest or conviction. Marissa is continuing to provide services at the DRC, two days per week.

Marisa advised they are in the 3rd week of their Independent Living Program. They are serving about 18 students. They meet on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00 at the community building at the fairgrounds.

Angie stated, according to the State, 80% of the youth they serve have to be out of school youth. They are trying to get that changed to provide services that target the in-school youth to get them help at an earlier stage. They just got word that they might be changing the in-school youth to 55% instead of 20%. They are very happy for that.

#### Community Member

Gerry Munoz stated he has nothing to report at this time.

- b. Call for nominations, discussions, and vote to accept for vacant public membership position.  
None.
- c. Lora Ceccon retirement from One Stop, her replacement is Angie O'Canas. Call for nomination, discussion and vote to accept Angie O'Canas to fill the now vacant Council Member position representing community based organizations.  
Mike calls for nominations for Lora Ceccon's work replacement, Angie O'Canas to take Lora's place on the council.
  - **VOTE: Mike West motioned to approve Angie O'Canas as a member of the JJCC. Gerry Munoz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.**
- d. Sub-group/committees requested to provide brief updates.  
None.
- e. Sub Committee for DJJ Realignment Plan Pursuant to 1995(a) WI
  - a. Review and approval of proposed Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan.  
Mike Rogers briefly explained the plan. The plan will be revisited as it develops and is better suited to serve the needs of individuals. Colusa County has the first secured track youth. This plan is being utilized, as well as, a comprehensive individualized plan. Noel O'Neill stated the plan is very well written. Mike calls for motion to approve the DJJ Realignment Plan.
    - o **VOTE: Noel O'Neill motioned to approve the DJJ Realignment Plan. Gerry Munoz seconded the motion. Albert Smith abstained. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

- f. Review of 2020/2021 JJCPA/YOBG Annual Data Report submitted to the BSCC.  
A handout was provided. Mike advised the report covers state requirements and what they are doing with the specific funding streams. They are not receiving additional funds.
- g. Announcements of any legislative and/or funding updates/budget/training opportunities.  
Regarding SB823, Mike Rogers advised they did not receive enough funding for specialized programs and services. They looked at larger counties that are willing to accept the smaller counties youth population. A consortium gives our youth specialized programming. In working with Yuba and Sutter County in the Secured Track Youth, they will be able to provide those services.

Further discussion between members regarding funding for Secure Track Youth.

They applied for BSCC Buildout grant. They are getting the final numbers. Several smaller counties did not apply. The original grant amount was \$47,000, but is now \$162,000.

Further discussion between members regarding programming and housing for Secured Track Youth.

Mike advised that a Federal Judge ruled all CDCR guards and personnel have to be fully vaccinated.

### III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

As a member of the public, Mike West stated he would like to see the JJCC write a letter of objection to the City of Colusa to consider putting retail cannabis in store fronts. The planning commission is meeting again on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Albert Smith advised he does not think the JJCC should lobby against another public agency. Personally he would be happy to sign a letter objecting, but the JJCC should not take an official political position.

### IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

– The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by R. Lawson, Colusa County Probation*