

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
 JJCC SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE  
 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
 October 11, 2023, 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
 JJC, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578  
 Microsoft Teams Teleconference Option Provided**

**JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:**

Marcus Dawal, Chief Probation Officer	Scott Bezner, OPD
Otis Bruce, DA	Vamsey Palagummi, JJDCP
Al Mance, PD	Erickson Amaya, FOK
Christine Gerchow, ACBH	Judge Scott Jackson, Court Representative
Monica Vaughan, ACOE	Kelvin Potts, D4 Representative
Andrea Zambrana, Conflict Counsel	Erin Palacios, D5 Representative
Emily Young, DPN	Jesus Cortez, Youth Representative

**Meeting Participants:**

Louise Anderson, JJDCP	Judge Lupe Garcia, Superior Court
Dieudonné Brou, UPM	Tiffany Gipson, DA
Dante Cercone, ACPD	Michelle Love, SSA-CWS (Present Remotely)
Shauna Conner, ACPD	Carissa Pappas, ACPD
Romany Corella, ACOE	Kelly Sorbera, ACOE
Brian Ford, ACPD	Robert Walton, ACPD
Alex Garcia, ACPD	Anna Kane, ACPD (recorder)
Julian Hamilton, UPM	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed
1. Welcome and Roll Call		
2. Review of the Office and Community Restoration (OYCR), Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan Template (SB 823 Plan Template)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OYCR plan template was provided and reviewed.</li> <li>• ACPD has submitted the plan and the two addendums in a report format and has not used the template.</li> <li>• OYCR does not require counties to submit the plan using the template, but they strongly suggest it.</li> <li>• There is new legislation, AB 505, which takes effect January 1, 2024, and requires the counties to update their progress in the plan. This legislation may change the template as it requests additional information. This legislation will be discussed in greater detail at the next quarterly meeting.</li> </ul>	



**Please discuss the charging decisions and how they get made?**

*DA office: What can we prove in court? What are the facts in the police report?*

*The Court is required to follow the law. The law gives us guidance regarding what factors to consider. The focus of the court is rehabilitation. This is difficult to capture through data. Each decision is made on an individual basis. The focus needs to be on prevention. We have been seeing an escalation in violence in the last five years. What is being done in the community? What are we doing to help the families?*

**How can we prevent youth from going to secure track? What services can be provided to the youth before they start to commit more serious offenses?**

*The point where we control net widening is at preventive services and re-entry support services.*

*The JJCC and JJDPC have an obligation to discuss and take action.*

**4. Less Restrictive Step Downs**

- Addendum B (Less Restrictive Treatment Options) was provided for review and discussed.
- The addendum is current and accurate.
- Pine Grove contract has been executed. They came and gave a presentation to the youth. No youth were interested.
- It was requested that the Step-down options of the plan are updated.
- Family Builders has been implemented. Section 7e is also complete.
- The next plan that we submit will include updates.
- There was a request for further information regarding Transitional housing.
- There was a request for the number of youth that took advantage of the step-down programs provided.
  
- There are two vendors under contract that provide services to youth with harmful sexual behaviors.
- Both programs have MFT/PhD level clinicians.
- Services are available in Spanish.
- There are currently two youth going through the program.
- One vendor agreed to provide a presentation to this body if there's interest.

Questions:

**How long is the program?**

*It varies. 12-24 months and depends on youth's progress, attendance, and participation. The program is once a week.*

*Provide a regular update regarding step-down options at every quarterly meeting going forward.*

*Provide a number of kids in each step-down option.*

<p>5. Status of the SB 823 Realignment Plan and Discussion on Future Plan Updates and Deadlines, including scheduling a Special Meeting to Discuss Sex Offender Services &amp; Services for Youth With Severe Mental Health Needs</p> <p>6. Public Comment</p> <p>7. Future Meeting</p> <p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p><b>Are you looking for another vendor for sex offender services?</b>  <i>We are considering another vendor but want to make sure there is no duplication in services. We are looking to assess the youth's response to current vendor prior to making any decisions.</i></p> <p>Severe mental health update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Behavioral Health (BH) team is aware that youth entering the facilities are at an age where there is presentation of severe mental health issues.</li> <li>• There are five full-time clinicians and will bring on two more which will push down the ratio to 1:12.</li> <li>• BH offers 50 hours of psychiatry per week. Able to provide 1:1 services to youth with extremely serious needs. The Guidance Clinic is able to provide triage.</li> <li>• Substance misuse can exacerbate mental health issues. BH is offering MAT and SUD psychotherapeutic support through Family Spring. Communications happen through weekly huddle with providers.</li> <li>• If a youth is in acute crisis, BH will triage, which is very time consuming.</li> <li>• There is Collaborative court to support youth and intensive case management in re-entry.</li> <li>• There was a decision not to set another special meeting prior to the next quarterly meeting.</li> <li>• Shauna Conner and Christine Gerchow to summarize their report-outs. Both elements can be added to the updated plan.</li> <li>• Erin Palacios will work on reformatting the report to fit the OYCR template.</li> <li>• Probation will work on the updates for the plan.</li> </ul> <p>None</p> <p>November 16, 2023, 12:00-2:00PM at 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA, 94578, 1st floor, Room C1002</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM</p>	<p><i>Requested:  SYTF policies  and protocol for  90-day re-entry  services under  Cal-Aim</i></p>
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