

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JJCC SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2022
Microsoft Teams Teleconference
12:30-2:30 p.m.**

JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:

Marcus Dawal, ACPD	Vamsey Palagummi, JJDCP
Christine Gerchow, ACBH	Erickson Amaya, FOK
Monica Vaughan, ACOE	Caryn Nowak, District 1 Representative
Andrea Zambrana, Conflict Counsel	Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative
Al Mance, Public Defender	Trevor Arceneaux, District 4 Representative
Michelle Love, SSA-CWS	Xochtil Larios, Youth Representative
Marcos Campos, OPD	

Meeting Participants:

Louise Anderson, JJDCP	Shahida Lacy, BOS D5
Naseem Badiey, ACPD	Ray Lara, County Counsel
Rodney Brooks, PD	Debra Lewis, CHHS
Dieudonné Brou, FOK	Ian Long, ACPD
Yasmin Burke, ACPD	Tammy McGuire, ACPD
Adrienne Chambers, ACPD	Chuck Pattillo, ACPD
Laura Chavez, ACPD	James Rivers, ACPD
Audrey Clubb, ACPD	Danielle Soto, Impact Justice
Brian Ford, ACPD	Darryl Stewart, BOS D4
Alex Garcia, ACPD	Anna Kane, ACPD (Recorder)
Brenda Gomez, BOS D2	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed
1. Welcome and Roll Call	Meetings will continue monthly until the plan update is complete. Plan is due to the state May 2023 There will be in-person meetings starting January 2023	
2. Continue Virtual Meetings	A motion was made by Al Mance to continue the declaration of emergency recommendations for social distancing issued by Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and adopt findings in support of continued teleconference meetings as per AB 361. Christine Gerchow seconded the motion. Motion passed.	
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Al Mance moved to adopt the August 25, 2022 and September 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Monica Vaughan. Motion passed.	

4. Free Our Kids Letter

- The letter has not been sent yet to the BOS because the Court felt it was not appropriate for them to make recommendations to the BOS
- There was a discussion around the topic

A motion was made by Erin Palacios to add a note to the letter stating that the Court did not participate in the discussion or vote believing that the Court should not make a recommendation to the BOS on such a matter. The motioned was seconded by Al Mance. Motion passed.

5. Programming for Girls and Gender Expansive Youth

- Data presented (attached)

Why is there an increase in the number of 707b petitions?

Reasons include that they were not dispo'd in the same quarter the petition was filed, that the court accumulated a backlog due to COVID, and there's been an increase in serious cases.

Per the DA, another reason may be that the judiciary is more comfortable with our programming.

Programs designed for girls (attached)

- PPT with programs presented

Who is providing the programming?

See the PPT mentioned above.

How many days a week do youth spend in programming?

Information was provided. A schedule can be provided.

Is the current programing actually happening right now?

Yes.

Please describe the points/incentive system.

Brian to provide the behavior management policy to FLY.

Do you provide programming in: Financial literacy, independent living skills, IEP services, family reunification?

Ideas for girls' and trans youth programming include:

- Credible messengers
- Better placement options
- Individualized planning/Convene broader MDT – service individualized needs as identified in the plan instead of generalized services

There was a suggestion to start a working group in dealing with this topic.

The group decided to meet monthly instead.

Christine Gerchow shared a report on the topic. Alameda County provides evidence-based programs similar to programming offered

ACPD to present additional data at next meeting

by neighboring counties. Places for improvement include Family Restoration and Empowerment and a CSEC/Substance Use expert. Christine supports a more individualized approach. More programming does not necessarily lead to better outcomes.

If a girl was sentenced to secure track tomorrow, where would she be housed?

All girls are currently housed in Unit 6.

How do we define programming and needs? What assessment instruments are being used by Probation or Behavioral Health? Are they risk assessments or needs assessments? What do women or trans youth need more than other populations? What are the protective factors? Who will be writing a draft? Can we agree to an advisory committee that does not meet quorum and will not have the requirements of the Brown Act?

Probation can agree to an advisory committee.

ACBH is developing an assessment library and looking specifically at gender-responsive assessments.

The report emphasizes the following needs: safety, strength-based, relational, and culturally responsive. There's a significant need to do a risk assessment and substance use.

Public Comment

How are services identified that can support this population?

The subcommittee is a diverse group with lived experience. They are here to guide the process. Public comment is also invited.

Will a portion of Camp Sweeney serve as an SYTF?

Camp is identified as a possible step-down option.

Is there an advisory board that I can participate in?

Not at this time. Connect with Vamsey for potential opportunity to be on the commission.

Can we have a motion to form an advisory board?

We can't take action without having the topic on an agenda.

Can this subcommittee form an ad hoc workgroup to create a plan for girls and gender expansive youth?

Action cannot be taken without it being on the agenda.

Can someone create a plan/written document and action can be taken at the next meeting after the topic is placed on the agenda?

Erin Palacios and Christine Gerchow volunteered to start working on the plan and provide an outline for the next meeting.

The OYCR has been reviewing other counties plans and found that they are allowing girls sentenced to secure track to live and program with the general population. Have not heard of a regional girls' hub.

OYCR will be doing their site visit on November 7.

6. Step-down options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was proposed that some members volunteer to outline a plan for step-down options and place the action of forming an ad hoc committee on the next meeting agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erin Palacios and Al Mance volunteered. 	
Public Comment	<p>How often and who reviews the suggestions that are sent by email? How can we engage more folks such as youth and parents in this discussion?</p> <p>We will follow up regarding the email box.</p> <p>Can we form work groups on other big topics?</p> <p>The agenda item on next month's meeting will be broad enough to cover other topics.</p>	
7. Next Meeting	<p>Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022, 12:30-2:30</p>	
8. Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.</p>	

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