Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2019

Members Present: Mary Butler, Allison Haley, Ronald Abernathy, Jon Crawford, Jennifer Yasumoto, Pat Wells, Kerry Ahearn, Barbara Nemko, Susan Kauss, Alfredo Pedroza,

Not Present: John Robertson, Minh Tran, Dr. Harold Pierre, Robert Plummer, Diane Price

Others Present: Mariana Betancourt, Susan Alvarez

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Introductions were made

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
Motion: Alfredo Pedroza
Second: Allison Haley
Approved

REVIEW OF JUVENILE PROBATION PROGRAMS
The January meeting is a review meeting of the programs currently operating and the April meeting is where we discuss next fiscal year and if there will be any changes. Child Welfare also attends this meeting and the Children’s Trust Fund and approve their plan for the next fiscal year. No meeting in July and September meeting is a review of the last fiscal year before.

The Evening Reporting Center continues to be the flagship program. March will be the 10th anniversary of the program. Looking to put a small celebration together. Programming and Diversion programs are working. Napa Police Department’s diversion program keeps out about 100 youth out of Probation every year. Currently there are 135 youth in probation. Although the number of cases are low, the cases are more difficult because of substance abuse. Using a hall stay as a way to help the youth get clean and sober in order to refer them to substance abuse programs. There are some mental health youth in that mix. Youth with mental health issues are lower right now. At times 30% of the youth are receiving psychiatric medications, currently we are at 10%.

Nexus program has been fuller. Nexus is the wrap around program with Child Welfare working with the entire family. Probation has eight slots in Nexus, Child Welfare has four slots. Some youth are part of the Children’s Mental Health and Health and Human Services (HHS) in their Full Service Partnership which is HHS wrap around program. They will take more of the multilingual families because of the availability of bilingual staff and Mental Health Clinicians. Due to the Continuum of Care Reform, it has changed how Foster Care works. Now there are resource families and instead of Group Homes there are Short Term Residential Treatment Programs that are really geared towards six month stays. Probation has been given flexibility to extend those stays for youth with more serious issues that would need to be in a program longer. Numbers for youth in placement have also gone down. Currently there are seven youth in foster care and two with resource families. Camps are higher level of care than a group home setting. Currently we are using Camp Singer and have two youth placed. In the last 10 years, we have not had to use or send youths to the State and on to the Department of Juvenile Justice until recently. We now have one youth at the Department of Juvenile Justice. Usually, youths that have been sent there have gone thru the adult court process and sentenced from adult court.

Chamberlain continues to be successful. At one time we had a waiting list and now we’re struggling to keep it full with 22 youths. The Office of Education has assured Probation that it will keep Chamberlain open in order to serve the youth in the community.

Probation runs a number of programs out of Juvenile Hall. Two thirds of Juvenile Hall staff are trained Cognitive Behavioral Facilitators. They are running programs in the Hall except drug and alcohol programs
which Wolfe Center runs. Additionally, Juvenile Hall has 60 hours of mental health clinician time that are covered by Jason and Anne from Health and Human Services.

Parent Project’s success rate is amazing. Even when parents struggle to attend they find a way and manage to get there and end up making new friends and finding a support group they can lean on as well as learning new skills that help parents communicate better and discipline their children.

Cost per youth will be up a little bit because of the low population and because we are not cutting back on the number of programs that we provide our youth.

Juvenile Hall works under Title 15 and this year there are some revisions this year. One of the big revisions is the number of hours the youth spend in their room. Youth cannot spend more than four hours of room time, so their schedule is very busy during day hours.

Juvenile crime rate is plummeting statewide. Napa County is not the only county with and empty Juvenile Hall Unit. Big counties are down considerably as well. Alfredo Pedroza is the chair of a newly formed committee. Part of what the new Administration of Justice Committee will be doing is to look at how Juvenile Halls in the State are being used. The plan for Napa County was to use the empty Juvenile Hall unit was to use it to house the TAY program. Napa has two young adults enrolled in the TAY Program, however, they were not ordered any time to serve. They are currently checking in with Probation Officers and are doing very well. There will be lots of conversation of how Juvenile Halls are being used and how the State uses its program.

BUDGET UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR
We know that our Juvenile Funding is set and are coming thru, so our programs will continue. We can also look at what we can add if there are any programs that are out there that we should be considering so that we can serve our youth the best we can. That’s maybe something to bring to the April meeting.

ROUND TABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Health and Human Services reported Catherine Chase started her position as one of the Assistant Deputy Directors at Child Welfare on November 19. She comes from San Diego with 25 years of Child Welfare experience. Recruitment for the Child Welfare Director position will open on January 16 and will close on February 8.

Parents Can reported Parent Project group will start on January 22 and are working on getting groups for Youth Leadership. Looking for kids 18 and up for that program. Triple P very active and are seeing about five intakes a day.

Sheriff’s office has not updates.

District Attorney’s office has a new attorney coming back from leave in May, which will create a big reassignment. Juvenile will get a new attorney. Opened up a Family Violence Unit. It will have two attorneys placed in that unit to create a one-stop shop or expertise in that area. Hoping to have a Speakers Bureau by the end of the year so that there is more community interaction.

CEO’s office has no updates.

Aldea currently has 70% probation youth. They had 10 graduates in October and getting ready to have another round of graduates. Kids are getting in and out of treatment in 6-9 months. Looking forward to meeting with Probation to talk about what is working and what is not working.

Board of Supervisors has no updates.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: April 17, 2019