Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2018

Members Present: Ron Abernathy, Jennifer Yasumoto, Catherine Chase, Pat Wells, Barbara Nemko, Dr. Harold Pierre

Not Present: Mary Butler, John Robertson, Minh Tran, Alfredo Pedroza, Allison Haley, Cynthia Smith, Robert Plummer, Kerry Ahearn,

Others Present: Julie Baptista, Ana Hernandez, Kristin James-Bowe, Maureen Larson, Ana Hernandez, Susan Kauss, Michele Grupe, Rebecca Feiner, Susan Alvarez

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Introductions were made

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES
No quorum at time of this item.

REVIEW OF JUVENILE PROBATION PROGRAMS
Evening Reporting Center (ERC) just celebrated its 10 year anniversary. 331 youth have been served within the 10 years, 238 have graduated from the program, showing 72% completion rate. Next graduation is scheduled for May 21, 2019. ERC will have 6 graduates this graduation and 5 youth have already been enrolled for the next class. ERC has expanded to non-ward youth at a medium-high and high risk levels so that these youth can benefit from this program.

Cognitive Behavioral Groups have been very successful. Currently there are 23 out of custody youth enrolled in cognitive behavioral groups and 20 in custody youth also enrolled in cognitive behavioral group. In the last year Juvenile Probation offers 20 different cognitive behavioral groups for youth in custody, and is also offered to youth attending Camille Creek Middle School and Chamberlain High School. Juvenile Probation has had 250 youth graduate from cognitive behavioral groups in the last year.

Juvenile Probation has also started a Saturday School program for youth who have violated their probation or who are struggling. Instead of violating their probation formally the youth will come to Saturday School as a response to their behavior. Juvenile Probation continues to collaborate with Wolfe Center.

TAY Program has currently 2 youth enrolled in the program and neither of them have ever been in custody. Probation is looking at making this program an out of custody program. Still see the need to serve the 18-24 year olds, first time low risk offenders that can receive services out of custody.

Probation is looking at possibly using the empty wing to house our youth that have been referred out for out of home placement. Probation feels it would be less traumatic to place these minors so far away from their home and families. Youth would be closely supervised and monitored, receive intensive services, stay in their same school and be close to their families. It would also save costs for Health and Human Services by not housing the youth out of county. It would save about 80k – 100k for the county in keeping the youth in the county. It wouldn’t add much cost to Juvenile Hall, staffing is already in place. Already have great collaboration with NCOE and our community partners ALDEA and Wolfe Center. Additional cost would probably be in food costs to feed the youth. In May, Probation will be visiting San Luis Obispo County who has a model program. They will look at their Coastal Academy Program and see if this is a program that would work in our county.

There are currently 20 youth in custody at Juvenile Hall. Still averaging 16 youth in custody. We have 10 youth with open placement orders that would be in residential treatment or on their way to residential treatment, 5 youth in extended foster care, 5 eligible for foster care who have decided to opt out and 4 in our NEXUS Wrap Around Program. Probation also continues to expand our Child and Family Team (CFT)
program. CFT serves youth who are in placement or are at risk of being removed from their home. Probation has seen progress and excitement with the youth and their families. Probation has seen that the youth and their families love the process and are asking to hold these meetings regularly almost on a monthly basis.

**BUDGET UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR**

There are not a lot of changes for budget as we will continue to provide the same services. Aldea Drug and Alcohol Treatment will be covered by a joint contract with changes to how they bill Medi-Cal. This will not change services and will allow for us to support more youth. Wolfe will add more time for Juvenile Hall youth. Mental health services at Chamberlain High will remain the same. Funding from CCR will allow us to continue services for placement youth and youth at risk of placement.

**CHILDRENS TRUST FUND**

Children’s Trust Fund fluctuates from year to year. This year revenue is anticipated to come in at $45,000. Recommendation is that $40,000 go to CAPC to support their activities and $5,000 go into reserve to cover any unanticipated costs. Decreasing funds is a trend that continues to happen especially in the last 3-5 years. A small amount of funding comes from sales of kids’ plates, birth certificate fees, some occasional donations. The good news is that CAPC forges ahead. CAPC will be able to use the $40K for leverage as well as other donations to be able to do all the work that they do. Total CAPC budget is $100K-$120K. There have been opportunities that align with the CAPC work under the Resilience Umbrella and Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences. There are a lot of opportunities coming forward from the new governor’s office and administration around prevention, early intervention work and focus from the office child abuse prevention on CAPC on a foundational avenue to work to connect the State with the County. CAPC has continued to provide Mandated Reporter trainings in conjunction with Child Welfare. Looking at maintaining best practices by having a member from Child Welfare staff and a CAPC Coordinator. With new legislation of trainings being available online for school staff and child providers it has been a bit difficult. Training requests have gone down. CAPC still goes out and encourages face-to-face trainings, which provide opportunities to ask questions. COPE was able to create a new position that is part time CAPC Coordinator and part time Family Resource Center Manager. The FRC Manager is able to go out into the community do some outreach and provide information about trainings that are available. An added benefit with our new FRC Manager is that he is bilingual and bicultural which gives us an opportunity to provide trainings in Spanish. In a unified voice around CAPC and how we can share what’s happening and advocate for children is by continuing with the Blue Ribbon Campaign and Community Education Campaigns thru funding that was received to support more community outreach thru the Health Department. We have been able to provide a lot of education thru this funding and in addition thru the Children’s Trust Fund. CAPC has been very involved with advocacy and fluency policy. CAPC has developed a policy platform and a delegation of authority of how we could have our voice heard at the State, Local and Federal level. Goals for the coming year are to support the policy work, support for the CAPC member in any prevention based strategies and practice work. Will also be looking at how to further promote the Children’s Trust Fund. Will be sharing some of this and plan with the Board of Supervisors on May 7th along with the annual CAPC report.

**ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Child Welfare requests to please approve their plan. It’s Blue Ribbon month. Lots of vendors supporting Blue Ribbon, shop and/or if not shopping please stop by and thank them. Please go to website for calendar of events.

Health and Human Services – New Director officially appointed on March 25th. HHS is happy to have her and she brings with her 27 years of experience and skill. Staffing is up, recruitments have gone gangbusters, a lot of onboarding and skill building. Committed to retain staff by creating an environment that is supportive, engaging and inclusive. New Alcohol and Drug Administrator Lindsey Stark started on April 15th. She comes from San Mateo County coming from Star Vista with lots of experience as well. ODS Waiver was accepted and approved by the State in December of 2017. Thank you to Ana and Aldea for helping HHS with the ODS Waiver. Now we are working on getting the contract to the board on April 23rd
as well as the NTP Contract. Still some challenges with getting Youth Residential Contract. They appear to not want to work under the ODS Waiver. HHS may have to look further out for services. Reorg at HHS is still in progress with Housing and Homeless Services moving to the CEO’s office. Interviews for Housing and Homeless Services Director were held last week. Part of the Reorg has resurrected the position of the Assistant Director which is being filled by Jim Diel starting April 22nd. Mental Health Director and Psychiatric Director positions are still vacant. Hopefully those vacancies will be filled soon.

Parents Can – Will be opening a new site in American Canyon to help families in that community. They will be operating out of City Hall. Opening is May 2nd.

Public Defender’s Office – LA is screening their JH youth for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder upon entry. Diagnosing them under Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder would make the youth eligible for regional center services because it is a disability that comes at the time of birth. Maybe something that Napa County would want to explore. Is there someone at HHS who is able to make this diagnosis? Youth Opportunities Commission is having their fundraising for the Legacy Project to fund their annual trip for the youth down south.

Courts – New Commissioner was hired. Commissioner Stockdale-Coleman comes from Placer County area with extensive knowledge of family law. She also handles the Dependency Calendar. On April 18th from 4-5 p.m. there will be a meet and greet held at the Historical Court House Jury Assembly Room.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: TBD