

DJJ Realignment Subcommittee (SB 823/W&I 1995)
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

Meeting Notes
April 6, 2021

- **Introduction of Membership**

List of Subcommittee Members Present

Wayne Barley – Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation Department
Melissa Romero – Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation Department
Amy Asher – Program Manager, Butte County Probation Department
Michelle Hinkle – Program Analyst, Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services
Mike Ramsey – District Attorney, Butte County District Attorney’s Office
Suzie Boothe – Court Operations Manager, Butte County Superior Court
Ana Vicuna – Assistant Director, Butte County Behavioral Health
Nino Pinocchio – Superintendent, Butte County Juvenile Hall
Mariah Ruddy - Supervising Counselor, Butte County Juvenile Hall
Tara Zampa – Supervising Counselor, Butte County Juvenile Hall
Debbie Morris - Butte Community Based Coalition/Butte County Office of Education
Joe Hejl – Boys and Girls Club
Rashell Brobst – Boys and Girls Club
Heather Chavez – Alliance for Workforce Development
Teresa Ward – Butte College
Ron Reed – Attorney, Butte County Public Defender
Shelby Boston – Director, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services
Julio Delgado – Butte College
Karen Stiles – Butte County Office of Education
Bobby Jones, Sr. – Executive Director, African-American Family and Cultural Center
Scott Kennelly – Director, Butte County Behavioral Health
Beth Parsons – Youth for Change
Joaquin Jordan – Youth Advocate

- **Discussion Notes**

- Amy Asher provided a brief review of the Dispositional Track, noting there will be a training available through CPOC. Eligibility will be similar to DJJ. Youth will be age 14 or older, with a 707(b) offense, and the Court must find that a less restrictive disposition is unsuitable.
 - The baseline term of confinement will initially follow current DJJ regulations; however, the Judicial Council will develop and establish an offense-based classification matrix. The Court may reduce the baseline

term by up to six months; however, the baseline term cannot be extended for disciplinary infractions or in-custody behaviors.

- The maximum term of confinement will be set by the Court, but cannot exceed the middle term for an adult convicted of the same offense.
 - Court reviews will occur at least every six months.
 - A rehabilitation plan must be established within 30 days of the commitment order. The Probation Department will likely submit the rehabilitation plan to the Court; however, it will be developed as part of a multidisciplinary team. The plan must: identify treatment, education, and developmental needs; describe programming, treatment, and education to address those needs; and be trauma-informed, evidence-based, and culturally responsive.
- An SB 823 Collaborative Work Group was created to assist counties with planning.
 - The draft of the proposed infrastructure grant has been released, and the request for applications should be forthcoming on April 8, 2021.
 - Two types of secure treatment facilities will be developed to serve youth. General facilities will offer education, vocational services, non-specialized/non-acute mental health services, medical, dental, family engagement, and reentry/aftercare planning. Specialized facilities will provide the same services, as well as specialty services targeted at sex offenders or female youth.
 - Counties will be categorized as partners (contracting with a host for youth ordered into secure treatment disposition), hosts (serving youth from their own and other counties), or independent (serving their own youth only).
 - Butte County will fall into the General category. The program will be independent, but it is possible the county would host youth from other counties on a case by case basis.
 - A progress update on the development of the Commitment to Success Program was provided.
 - Dynamic Mindfulness for Probation Department and Juvenile Hall staff was conducted.
 - A model room with sample paint and preparations was created.
 - Trauma-informed care training will be scheduled for Juvenile Hall staff. In addition, Probation Department staff plan to consult with Dr. Bruce Perry regarding his Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics.

- Probation Department staff are working with Youth for Change to develop a Wraparound Reentry Model that will begin while youth are detained at the Juvenile Hall.
- Amy Asher provided a brief overview of the Year One priority items for CSP. These include establishing initial and long term implementation plans for education at Table Mountain school, finishing immediate physical upgrades to the Juvenile Hall facility, selecting a Juvenile Hall case manager, and developing a Request for Proposal for a licensed mental health clinician.
- Joaquin Jordan provided information regarding his history as a DJJ consumer, his youth advocacy expertise, and the services available through the True North Housing Alliance.
- **Next Steps**
 - Realignment planning and discussions will continue in an effort to finalize the implementation plan. Amy Asher noted the first draft is currently being reviewed by Probation Department staff and will thereafter be forwarded to the rest of the committee for review at the next meeting.
 - Questions, ideas, or items to be submitted for group discussion/consideration can be forwarded to Amy Asher (aasher@buttecounty.net) and/or Melissa Romero (mromero@buttecounty.net).
- **Next Meeting**
 - The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. An invitation with an updated Zoom link and an agenda was sent to the subcommittee members/designees via email. Due to the social distancing recommendations set forth by the Governor due to the COVID-19 emergency, the next meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Meeting notes prepared by S. Miller, Butte County Probation Department