

# **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2021

### **1) CALL TO ORDER:**

- a. Chief Probation Officer, Wayne Barley, called the regular meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council to order at 9:01 a.m., on April 20, 2021. Due to the social distancing recommendations set forth by the Governor due to COVID-19, this meeting was conducted via a Zoom video/phone-in conference.

- b. Introduction of membership. Quorum present.

#### List of JJCC Members Present

Wayne Barley – Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation Department  
Tami Ritter – Supervisor, Butte County Board of Supervisors  
Kory Honea – Sheriff, Butte County Sheriff's Office  
Mike Ramsey – District Attorney, Butte County District Attorney's Office  
Billy Aldridge on behalf of Matt Madden – Chief of Police, Chico Police Department  
Eric Reinbold - Chief of Police, Paradise Police Department  
Rodney Harr - Chief of Police, Gridley-Biggs Police Department  
Sheri Waters – Director, Butte County Human Resources  
Ana Vicuna on behalf of Scott Kennelly – Director, Butte County Behavioral Health  
Shelby Boston – Director, Department of Employment & Social Services  
Debbie Morris and Karen Stiles on behalf of Mary von Rotz Sakuma – Superintendent,  
Butte County Office of Education  
Andrew Moll on behalf of Kelly Staley – Superintendent, Chico Unified School District  
Bianca Bravo on behalf of Erna Friedeberg – Director, Northern Valley Catholic Social  
Services  
Anastacia Snyder – Catalyst  
Rashell Brobst – Boys and Girls Club

#### List of JJCC Members Not Present

Doug Teeter – Supervisor, Butte County Board of Supervisors  
Bill LaGrone – Chief of Police, Oroville Police Department  
Ron Reed – Attorney, Butte County Public Defender

#### Additional Attendees

Heather Alexander Chavez – Alliance for Workforce Development  
Beth Parsons – Youth for Change  
Sarah Feingold – Youth for Change  
Joe Hejl – Boys and Girls Club  
Amy Asher – Butte County Probation Department  
Melissa Romero – Butte County Probation Department  
Dwayne Martin – Butte County Probation Department  
Shawnie Hurte – Butte County Probation Department  
Carnella Marks – Community Member/Council Applicant

- c. Review of previous committee minutes from December 1, 2020. Mike Ramsey moved to approve the minutes, and Shelby Boston seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

2) **SUB-GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

- a. Presentation and discussion of the Draft FY 21-22 Butte County JJCPA-YOBG Annual Plan
  - i) Assistant Chief Probation Officer Melissa Romero provided a brief overview and summary of the Draft FY 21-22 Butte County JJCPA-YOBG Annual Plan. She noted the Annual Plan is consistent with the updated Juvenile Justice Plan that was presented and voted on by the JJCC in December 2020. Melissa Romero provided a brief explanation of each program funded under the plan. She noted COVID-19 presented some challenges this year, as some planned activities had to be scaled back to mitigate the spread of the virus in the community. Melissa Romero noted she intends to implement a restorative justice component to juvenile supervision following discussions with Supervisor Tami Ritter. There are also plans to emphasize trauma-informed practices.
  - ii) Supervisor Tami Ritter noted the presence of evidence-based programming and practices in the Annual Plan, with the noted exception of restorative justice. She asked about a portion of the Annual Plan that states the Probation Department and Department of Employment and Social Services work together to provide the “lowest possible level” of services. She asked if we should be offering the most services we can. Melissa Romero explained the language is intended to mean the least intrusive level of services. Families are offered resources, referrals, and collaborative services to meet them where they are while diverting them from more intensive involvement in either system. The model is based upon prevention in the beginning over intervention. Families in crisis would be met with a higher level of intervention. She noted that language can be clarified.
  - iii) Karen Stiles noted there are references to Butte County Office of Education’s Regional Occupational Program (ROP). That program is now called Career Technical Education (CTE). The need for a correction was noted by Melissa Romero and Wayne Barley.
  - iv) Sarah Feingold acknowledged the availability of gender-specific programming and asked if there has been consideration given to assigning transgender or non-binary youth to programming. Melissa Romero indicated there are practices in place at the Juvenile Hall to learn how youth identify and use of correct pronouns. Youth would only be referred to gender-specific programming if it were a good fit, and practices will be gender responsive to youth identification. To date, there has been discussion but there has not been a lot of need in terms of changing programming; however, programming assignment would be gender responsive. Sarah Feingold suggested addressing that the Probation Department makes an effort to learn how youth identify.
  - v) No additional questions were presented. Wayne Barley entertained a motion, pending the modifications to the report noted in the meeting, to approve the FY 21-22 JJCPA-YOBG Annual Plan. Tami Ritter moved to approve the plan with the recommended modifications. Karen Stiles seconded the motion. All committee members were in

favor, and the FY 21-22 JJCPA-YOBG Annual Plan, with requested modifications, was approved.

- b. Update regarding Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) realignment planning
  - i) Program Manager Amy Asher provided a Power Point presentation outlining DJJ realignment planning to date. She noted the subcommittee began meeting in December, and has engaged in monthly meetings since then.
  - ii) The local program has been named the “Commitment to Success Program (CSP).”
  - iii) As previously noted, DJJ will stop accepting new intakes on July 1, 2021. Since the last JJCC meeting, it has been determined that DJJ will close as of June 30, 2023. At this time, it is unclear how many Butte County youth could return to the local level.
  - iv) SB823 clean up language was provided regarding the Dispositional Track or Court process.
  - v) A one-time facilities grant is due to the Board of State and Community Corrections on May 12, 2021. Part A is for regional hub applications, but Butte County does not intend to apply under that section. Part B addresses county allocations based on juvenile population. Butte County is currently eligible for \$47,000; however, that amount may increase if counties opt not to apply because they are unable to serve youth locally. A 16 room pod has been selected at the Juvenile Hall for this program. The pod will house general population males, ages 14 to 25. At this time, it is anticipated the program will only handle Butte County youth. Other counties have not approached Butte to establish a regional agreement; however, any requests will be considered. Out of county youth could be accepted into the program on a case by case basis.
  - vi) As part of the Dispositional Track, the County is mandated to develop an individual rehabilitation plan for each youth within 30 days of commitment. The Probation Department will likely submit the case plan; however, it will be developed with a multidisciplinary team. The team will identify treatment, educational goals, and developmental needs, and describe the programming and treatment each youth will receive. The case plan must be trauma-informed, utilize evidence-based practices, and be culturally responsive.
  - vii) Amy Asher noted there are several priority areas currently in development for this plan. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be used to find a mental health clinician for the program to help with trauma and mental health assessment and counseling. Educational core programming is being developed with BCOE, AFWD, Boys and Girls Club, and Butte College. There will be a focus on trauma-informed practices and policies, including making the pod more home-like. Staff will use the Dynamic Mindfulness programming to help both youth and staff. Physical upgrades will include soothing paint colors and furniture. A Juvenile Hall case manager will coordinate the multidisciplinary team. Staff training is in progress, especially with respect to cultural responsiveness and trauma-informed practices.

- viii) Wayne Barley noted the former TAY pod will be used for the CSP. The TAY program no longer has a custodial component, and electronic monitoring will be used for TAY youth instead. Another pod will be used for CSP programming. Funding for the program will increase from \$300,000 the first year to \$900,000 the second year and then to \$1.4 million for the third year, which is a more realistic figure given the need for robust programming. The first year will be a planning year and an implementation year combined.
- ix) Wayne Barley indicated there is a work group developing a consortium at the state level to address the counties who are unable to house DJJ youth locally. This will prevent counties from having to look for youth beds on the open market. Northern counties have traditionally not used DJJ services, but likely certified youth to adult court.
- x) The program need to be ready to house youth as of July 1, 2021. Butte County has traditionally had seven to ten youth at DJJ.
- xi) Tami Ritter asked if Butte County has enough youth to fill a pod. She asked if Butte County has reached out to Glenn County, as they currently send youth to Tehama County for housing. Wayne Barley indicated he has not conversed with the Chief of Glenn County Probation as he is aware they have an existing contract with Tehama County. Butte County currently has contracts for general juvenile detention with Plumas, Trinity, Modoc, and Lassen Counties, and Shasta County utilizes some services. He anticipates Shasta County will have its own program for DJJ youth. He noted it is becoming gradually more difficult to certify youth to adult court, and Butte has traditionally been a high user of DJJ amongst northern counties. The consortium will set rates for contracts between counties.
- xii) District Attorney Mike Ramsey inquired as to the rationale and practicality for the Court to approve the rehabilitation case plan within thirty days. Wayne Barley noted probation departments did not have input on the time lines imposed by this legislation. Butte County's existing juvenile court reports already include much of the same information. Melissa Romero agreed that there are similar plans in place for youth who are subject to out of home placement. Mike Ramsey noted this case planning is after the fact, as the youth is already placed at CSP. Melissa Romero noted the case plan is informational and will include criminogenic needs and matching services. The Probation Department will discuss the format with the current commissioner. Wayne Barley added that the timelines were crafted to be similar to those used in placement, with ongoing Court reviews and accountability for both youth and programming staff.

**3) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a. None.

**4) ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by S. Miller of Butte County Probation.