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DJJ Realignment Subcommittee of the JJCC

August 19, 2021
12:00 p.m.- 2:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present Members:

John Keene
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Susan Etezadi
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Absent Members:

Regina Moreno
John Fong
Mark Duri
Daryl Tilghman
Harold Atkins

Other Attendees:

Michael Callagy, County Manager; Iliana Rodriguez, Deputy County Manager; Carrie Dallman, Board of Supervisors; Jessica Sanchez-Martinez, StarVista; Kim Carpenter, Kim Gillette, Applied Service Research; Aurora Pena, BHRS; Liz Jackson Simpson, Success Centers; Maria Castro, Gary Beasley, Human Services Agency; Peter Cruz, Gina Beltramo, County Council; Nancy Magee, County Office of Education; Michelle Iracheta, RWC Pulse; Bill Koski, JJDCP; Bonnie MacAskill, Becky Powers, Darlene Hansen, Hong Liu, Michelle Kozul, Jehan Clark, Melanie Stauffer, Noelle Vergara, Tony Burchyns, Probation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m.

II. DJJ Workgroups

Chief Keene discussed that the workgroups were an opportunity for the service providers to share their services and identify any perceived gaps in services that may exist within the department. This new secure track programming happening in the juvenile hall is not probations program to lead, but rather a collaborative work between probation and the service providers to search out opportunities to work on the programs we currently have and work within this new reality the state has threshed upon us. Everything the

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department does moving forward will continue through our strong collaboration with all our partners including county agencies and the CBOs.

- What is being created is an individualized program for each youth that begins with a needs assessment that will help determine what resources can be referred to the youth. Clinical assessments will continue throughout their stay within the institutions regarding what their individual needs are.
- Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings will be held with all partners involved to assess that the youth's wellbeing and individual needs are being met. Modifications can then be made as needed.
- A concern was brought up regarding how we measure up to the standards currently in place at DJJ and if the existing CBOs will be sufficient for the youth entering this new secure track. A proposal was made to bring in a consultant to help identify program and service gaps, as well as a comparison to other counties.

Chief Keene shared that he did research with counties that used consultants to find out why they were utilized. SB 823 did not put funding aside for planning and implementation services; however, counties have used consultants in the past as they didn't have a process in place to meet regularly nor had the availability to convene for discussions. Chief Keene suggests before going down the route of bringing consultants in we should understand what the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) is supposed to do in the grand scheme of things. What we are doing in terms of creating programs is based on a moment in time and will be constantly improving. If we determine that OYCR and the CPOC consortium don't match what we feel our needs are, then there are great groups out there that can help with system improvement that can be looked into. If what we are finding is not happening, then we can find ways to bridge that gap with another approach and potentially a consultant.

- As of July 1st, the new secure track programming and plan is a living document. It is now all internal work, but next year the OYCR will be in place, and every July the department will submit information and receive feedback from them.
- Probation is working at the state level with the training consortium to come up with enhanced training, enhanced trauma informed processes, new programs, and to move towards becoming a hope centered organization.
- The education department has received additional funding that can be used to build on and enhance their college and technical education. The institution plans on providing more space for vocational and job opportunities as well.
- Interest was shared in changing the feel of the facility with colors, furniture, sensory rooms, and giving it a clubhouse feel. A suggestion was made of creating a space like the camp setting in the institutions and provide a more restorative approach.
- Workforce development and barrier removal resources are something to investigate for the youth that will be in detention long term. Liz Jackson-Simpson from Success Centers will send ideas over to Noelle Vergara.
- The time frame remains unknown for when larger projects that require more technical direction will happen, but a lot of the less construction-based projects are already occurring in the facility. The department will still need to go through



a state process to render structural adjustments and the BSCC is working with the department to describe what that looks like.

- As the department receives further information, it will be passed on to everyone.

III. CPOC Consortium Update

Chief Keene shared that the three core principles of the CPOC consortium are to prevent an increase in youth transferred to the adult system, prevent justice by geography, and prevent net widening. 1% of the SB823 county allocations will be used to establish a space for youth that need programming that their county of residence can't offer and will help take the pressure off the counties if they receive a unique case.

- San Mateo county will not serve youth from other counties, but other counties around us are willing to accept youth from outside their jurisdiction.
- The consortium guarantees a bed for the youth but won't always guarantee that it will be geographically close to our space.
- Youth may also be sent to other counties for a specific service and return to our county.
- More information is to come on this.

IV. Office of Youth and Community Restoration

Chief Keene shared that OYCR has begun the process of building their team. They will be the clearing house for all our program statements and plans. OYCR will let us know if other counties are offering a service that we are not however should provide. A lot is still to be worked on, but that is the vision.

V. Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) – DJJ Youth Focus Group Report

Kate Hiester shared that FLY had the opportunity to go into three units at DJJ to conduct focus groups. Information was collected on youth reflections and opinions on what realignment should look like as well as what the youth feel they need in this process. The youth also shared their concerns about returning to the community and thoughts on the existing systems. A report was put together based on their findings and shared with the subcommittee.

- FLY recommends that the subcommittee engages youth voice in their plan.
- FLY will be visiting DJJ again and are willing to take any new questions from the subcommittee.

Chief Keene stated that the youth suggestions made in the FLY report will be taken seriously. Probation will work directly with FLY to determine how the department can integrate some of them suggestions into the work we do.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Keene shared that for the youth that are potentially secure track eligible, there has been an agreement for the department to move forward with the services we currently have in place, with an understanding that we will continue to enhance and introduce other services as we move along. As OYCR and the CPOC consortium play out in the background we will have more information in those areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.