

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

### ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE



*Thursday, August 19, 2021, 2:00 P.M.*

#### PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Training Room 5  
1001 S. Grand Ave.  
Santa Ana, California

**STEVE SENTMAN, Chair**  
Probation

**HETHER BENJAMIN**  
Community Member

**KIMBERLY DOYLE**  
District Attorney

**LYNN GARRETT**  
Education Representative

**LAURA JOSE**  
Public Defender

**STEVEN KIM**  
Community Member

**JOANNE MOTOIKE**  
Juvenile Court

**NAZLY RESTREPO**  
Community Member

**RAYMOND SANCHEZ**  
Community Member

**KEN SANTINI**  
Social Services Agency

**DAWN SMITH**  
Health Care Agency

ATTENDANCE: Members Santini and Sentman (attended in person) and Members Benjamin, Doyle, Garrett, Kim, Motoike, Restrepo, Sanchez, Smith and Thompson (Alternate for Jose) (attended via Zoom)

EXCUSED: Member Jose

CLERK OF THE PARTNERSHIP: Jamie Ross & Sonia Acuna, Deputy Clerks (attended in person)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:** (Items 1 - 3)

1. Welcome and Introductions  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:08 P.M., BY CHAIR SENTMAN; CHAIR CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED A QUORUM**
2. Discussion of services and programs provided by member entities  
**DISCUSSED; MEMBER SMITH REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; MEMBER RESTREPO WANTS TO ENSURE PARENTS ARE INCLUDED AS PART OF PROCESS**
3. Discussion of Subcommittee member group reports  
**DISCUSSED**

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### PUBLIC & SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNED: 2:55 P.M.

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### *Left Margin Notes*

1 Hether Benjamin	A = Abstained
2 Kimberly Doyle	
3 Lynn Garrett	X = Excused
4 Laura Jose	N = No
5 Steven Kim	S.O. = Subcommittee Order
6 Joanne Motoike	
7 Nazly Restrepo	
8 Richard Sanchez	
9 Ken Santini	
10 Steve Sentman	
11 Dawn Smith	
12 Darren Thompson (Alternate)	

*(1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)*

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STEVE SENTMAN  
Chair

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Jamie Ross, Deputy  
Clerk of the Partnership

## Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2))

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population:

In respect to the services, programs, and supervision that will be provided for our target population, our County has adopted the following phased approach to address the continuing needs of a youth from the point of entry into a facility to re-entry to the community.

### PHASE I

#### **RECOMMENDATION / COURT COMMITMENT TO SECURE TRACK PROGRAM**

***Eligibility- adjudication of 707(b) offense, probation recommendation and court order to secure track program.***

Our County is committed to providing a trauma-informed approach to each youth within the target population that begins the moment a youth enters the juvenile facility. Integral to this approach is the early identification of a peer mentor/navigator who will support the youth throughout the youth's commitment and follow the youth after release to assist in the re-entry process.

Part of this approach also includes a Child and Family Team ("CFT") meeting that will be held within 10 days from the youth's entry into a juvenile facility. The youth, parent/guardian, peer mentor/navigator, and designated individuals from the following agencies will participate in the CFT: Probation, Health Care Agency, and the Department of Education. The CFT will provide an opportunity for the youth to be heard regarding the development of a robust case plan that will assist all service providers in addressing the youth's needs and goals. This case plan will identify a youth's immediate health and basic needs, educational goals, existing familial supports as well as the youth's support systems. This case plan will continue to be assessed relying on input from the youth and reviewed every 30 days through additional CFT meetings.

### PHASE II

#### **TRANSITION TO COMMITMENT PROCESS**

***Multi-disciplinary team meetings to review Assessments and Probation Reports- Individualized services and case plan.***

As indicated above, a CFT will be held every 30 days to continuously assess a youth's case plan. The CFT will continue to rely upon input from the youth. The youth's parent/guardian is also expected to participate as well as the designated individuals from the Probation Department, Health Care Agency, and the Department of Education. The youth's peer mentor/navigator will also be expected to participate. The CFT will continue to emphasize the youth's positive accomplishments and address any significant barriers for the youth. Ongoing case plan discussions will also focus on any mental health and substance abuse needs for the youth.

### PHASE III

#### **IN-CUSTODY PROGRAM SERVICES**

***Behavioral / Mental Health treatment, programs that promote healthy adolescent development, family engagement, reentry planning and linkages to support employment, housing, and continued education.***

We will rely on evidence-based, evidence-informed and/or promising practices that focus on behavioral/mental health treatment, the promotion of healthy adolescent development, family engagement, and re-entry planning. Our programs will also include planning and linkages to support a youth's employment, continued educational goals and housing.

### **IN-CUSTODY PROGRAM SERVICES (CONTINUED)**

***Behavioral / Mental Health treatment, programs that promote healthy adolescent development, family engagement, reentry planning and linkages to support employment, housing, and continued education.***

We will provide the following programs/services to our target population:

- Consistent evidence-based cognitive behavior therapy approaches and/or groups.
- On site 24-hour mental health services that are available seven days a week.
- Ongoing restorative circles.
- Substance Use Treatment
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Psychiatric Services
- Sex Offender Treatment
- Trauma-focused clinical interventions
- State approved curriculum and instruction leading to a high school diploma, or skills needed to be successful in post-secondary educational opportunities
- Vocational/Interest assessments for students who fall outside the K-12 system
- Educational programming focusing on earning a high school diploma and preparing for success in college or career.
- Post-graduation programming focused on earning college credits or preparing for career training programs.
- Career Technical Education for K-12 and post HS graduation, leading to competitive employment
- Instruction to support English Language Learners (K-12), and students with disabilities.
- Gang intervention services and support.
- Positive pro-social programming which includes a budget dedicated to incentives/supportive services/environmental exposure.
- Socially and culturally responsible restorative practices
- Adolescent development programs.
- Financial literacy programs.
- Mindfulness based programs.
- Peer mentor/navigator with available transportation services.
- Additional probation positions to provide support for these programs.
- Additional fiscal resources for training of probation personnel.

## **PHASE III** **(CONTINUED)**

### **TRANSITION / REENTRY SERVICES PROGRAM FROM INTAKE TO SUPERVISION**

***Build relationships early, ensure youth and family voice/input, collaboration with all partners, community connection and partnerships***

We will provide the following transitional/re-entry services to our target population:

- CFT meetings will continue to be held every 30 days to assess the youth's case plan which will include re-entry and transitional planning.
- The youth's peer mentor/navigator who will continue to support the youth; especially as the youth gets closer to re-entry into the community. A peer mentor/navigator with transportation services will also be crucial to allow the youth to engage in off-site activities designed to improve the youth's success in transitioning back to the community. This peer mentor/navigator will also support the youth in the pursuit of housing opportunities.
- Community-based support that provides ongoing therapy, mentorship, and transitional services for youth.
- The development of a youth center that will provide safe spaces for the target population.
- Community-based vocational opportunities and training programs.
- Housing assessments and opportunities.
- Additional probation staff to provide re-entry support.
- Youth Reporting Center (this was from the original list, may want to elaborate on this).

## **PHASE IV**

**Part 5: Facility Plan**

Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. (WIC 1995 (4))

The County of Orange (through its probation department) operates one secure juvenile detention facility, Orange County Juvenile Hall (JH), and two juvenile camp facilities, Orange County's Youth Guidance Center (YGC) and Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). The Orange County Probation Department (Probation) employs a staffing pattern at each of the juvenile facilities that exceeds state/federal recommended minimum staff to youth ratios. In addition, Probation leverages its existing partnership with the Orange County Department of Education as well as the Orange County Health Care Agency to ensure all detain youths' educational, and behavioral/mental health needs are met. Finally, all sworn Probation staff are familiar/trained in corrections supervision strategies that have been proven effective including, but not limited to, trauma-informed interactions, cognitive behavioral strategies that influence behavior, and incentive-based interventions to name a few. The environment within Probation's facilities strikes the necessary balance between maintaining safe/secure juvenile facility operations while providing resources necessary to address the rehabilitative needs of all detained youth.

With the above in mind, Secure Track youth will be housed/supported in any unit at JH. The youth's prevailing needs will determine where in JH that youth may be placed. In addition to the above-described staffing/partnership structure, JH currently has specialized housing, programs and considerations based on youth gender identity, age, mental health needs, offense type and severity of the offense. Rather than assigning a youth to a "specific" Secure Track unit, Secure Track services/programs will follow the youth wherever s/he is housed w/in JH. This strategy will allow Probation the flexibility to house older male Secure Track youth together, while other Secure Track youth, including female and younger individuals may be housed in other areas of JH to better accommodate their specific needs and/or address the different stages of maturity, and program appropriateness.

As Secure Track youth progress through the JH facility program, they can be moved/housed within YGC, or YLA to continue their custodial commitment until they are released. Should the court order a Secure Track directly to YGC, or YLA, the committed youth will be integrated into the YGC/YLA populations, absent extenuating circumstances.

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