

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2011**

Meeting Chair: Chief Deputy & Chair - Donna Robinson

Present: Lisa Wamble - *Manager, Probation (Juvenile Division)*  
Linda Connelly- *President, LCA*  
Ivonne Malave- *Regional Director, DRC Program*  
Roberta Flannel- *Admin Secretary, Probation*  
Linda Siefert - *Board of Supervisors, District 2*  
Kay Bosick - *Executive Director, Youth and Family Services*  
Robert Fracchia- *Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court*  
Damian Spieckerman – *Deputy Public Defender*  
Lisette Estrella-Henderson - *Asst. Superintendent, Solano County of Education*  
Donald duBain - *District Attorney*  
Richard Krygier- *Assistant Superintendent, JDF*  
Richard Watson – *Superintendent, JDF*  
Terry Cates- *Lieutenant, Vacaville Police Department*  
Rich Word- *Vacaville Police Chief*  
Stephan Betz- *Asst. Director, Health & Social Services.*

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Introductions**

As meeting facilitator, Donna Robinson welcomed everyone and invited each person to provide a brief introduction.

**Review of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)**

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meets twice a year. The council reviews the following grant projects: Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) and the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG). The funds are administered by the State of California.

Donna reported on the meeting in April 2011. There were uncertainties regarding the availability of JJCPA funding for FY 11-12. There was an alternative plan, which was presented to the council. This plan consisted of deleting the Juvenile Drug Offender Program (JDOP) and the Repeat Offender Prevention Program (ROPP).

Probation was notified in August 2011 that JJCPA funding would be continued. In place of the deleted programs, two Day Reporting Centers (North County - Fairfield and South County - Vallejo) were opened.

Lisa Wamble reported the following statistical information for the time period of July 1-September 30, 2011.

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- Vallejo Day Reporting Center Program
  - 18 minors were in the program
  - 3 minors graduated
  - 2 minors went into the Aftercare program
  
- Fairfield Day Reporting Center
  - Opened doors on October 24, 2011
  - 13 minors currently in program

Ivonne Malave (LCA Regional Director) gave a short presentation regarding the opening of the Fairfield DRC. LCA Staff continue to partner with community-based organizations in both Fairfield and Vallejo for services to include mentoring.

As of September 2011, five group counselors have been added to Field services and used in a variety of ways. Three group counselors supervise our Conditional Release Program (EMP and HSP). The other two counselors provide support to the DRC program and supervision caseloads in the juvenile division.

Review of Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JBAG)

- Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP)

This program provides a viable intermediate sanction and alternative to detention.

April 1 - June 30, 2011

- 37 minors served in the program
- 23 minors were successful in the program
- 5 minors were unsuccessful in the program
- 9 minors continued on EMP as of July 1 onward
- 75 % success rate/yr
- with the EMP program there was a savings of **\*\*4,526 total bed days for the fiscal year 2010-2011 as a result of minors not being detained in JDF**

July 1- September 30, 2011

- 41 minors served in the program
- 25 minors successfully completed the program
- 5 minors were unsuccessful in the program
- 11 minors are currently in the program

- Weekend Academy

This program provides minors the opportunity to give back to the community by completing volunteer work at the following locations: Rush Ranch, Lynch Canyon, JDF, and California Native Plant Society Botanical Garden at Benicia State Park.

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April 1 - June 30, 2011

- 36 sessions
- 185 participants

July 1- September 30, 2011

- 10 sessions
- 50 participants

**Review of Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG)**

There are two programs funded under YOBG – The Felony Diversion program and the Multi-Agency Intervention and Treatment (MIT) program. The MIT Staff also supervise the 705 W&I population, which is the group of minors found unfit to participate in court proceedings.

➤ **Felony Diversion**

The Felony Diversion program provides a process to allow certain felony cases to be handled informally by the Probation Department. One important element of the program is the minor/parent waives his right to go to court to contest restitution. The minor/parent must be willing to pay the restitution as noted in order to be eligible for the program.

April 1- June 30, 2011

- 21 minors were placed on contract
- 13 minors successfully completed the program
- 3 minors were unsuccessful in completing the program
- 10 minors completed group/treatment: - Crossroads, Seneca, Drug/MH treatment

July 1 – September 30, 2011

- 37 cases on contract

➤ **Multi-Agency Intervention and Treatment (MIT)**

This program is designed to provide support to minors that are in need of specialized services to address their mental health needs.

July 1 – September 30, 2011

- 18 males in program
- 3 females in program

➤ **705 W&I cases**

The 705 W&I protocol was developed to ensure that appropriate services were given to minors who were incompetent to participate in juvenile court proceedings. The 705 protocol is an agreement between Mental Health, Child Welfare Services, Probation, and the Courts regarding how cases are going to be handled in the system. The Probation Department receives an order from the Court. The case is staffed by the Solano County

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Interagency Collaborative. A plan is developed, referrals for services are made, and updates are provided to the Juvenile Court on a regular basis.

July 1 – September 30, 2011

- 4 cases/Total
- 2 cases have been dismissed – receiving services from North Bay Regional Center
- 2 cases are receiving services through Children’s Mental Health

➤ **Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Group and Crossroads**

There are several types of cognitive behavioral groups which are facilitated throughout the Probation Department and the Juvenile Detention Facility. The groups include Anger Management, Life Skills, and the Misdemeanor Offender program.

➤ **Aggression Replacement Training Program (ART)**

This program spearheaded from a grant received from the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) which is set to expire December 31, 2011. This grant opportunity also allowed the department to select staff to become department trainers.

April 1, 2010-September 30, 2011

- 57 minors participated in the program
- 41 minors completed all three modules
- 16 minors did not complete the program due to circumstances beyond their control such as being released, assigned to a different unit or placement.
- Started a class at New Foundations on October 31, 2011
- 7 minors currently in the program

**Review of Juvenile Accountability Intervention System (JAIS)**

The JAIS tool is the risk assessment tool for the juvenile division. The Probation Department is involved with two different studies with the National Council on Crime & Delinquency (NCCD).

➤ **FIRE Study (Reliability Study)**

Lisa reported Probation is participating in a study with NCCD to examine the reliability and validity of JAIS and other risk assessment tools. The FIRE study is a result of a grant received by NCCD. The goal of the study is to determine the reliability and validity of risk and need assessment systems used by the majority of jurisdictions in the United States. These systems estimate a juvenile’s risk of future involvement with the justice system. JAIS is one of eight risk/needs assessment systems in the study.

The JAIS study will commence on January 30 through February 10, 2012. The reliability test will tell us if workers’ score the same cases the same way, given the same information. These results will tell if there are items that workers are interpreting differently.

➤ **Validation Study**

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We are currently working on the validation of risk for boys and girls. Those results will show if the JAIS risk assessment is working well and/or if there are some items that should be added, or removed from the tool.

Another part of this study is to examine the validity of the risk assessments embedded in JAIS. The validity analysis is based on data the County has already supplied to NCCD. NCCD is currently examining the data to determine the extent to which the risk assessments (one for boys and the other for girls) accurately classify juveniles based on the likelihood that they will again become involved in the juvenile justice system. NCCD is examining records of juveniles placed on probation in 2008 and/or 2009 and tracking these cases for 12 months following probation.

Round Table

Donna Robinson noted that the Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Action Plan was finalized June 1, 2011. The plan is valid for approximately three years. If you need a copy, please contact Roberta at 784-7564.

Stephan Betz announced Mental Health Services is planning and exploring a new Crisis services unit. The old Crisis services unit was located in an unlocked facility. The new unit, which is not final as of yet, will have two distinct differences from the old Crisis services unit. Children services will be separate from adults. In this case, there may be a higher number of children placed in the unit. We may want to have a standing data base of candidates for that unit-especially for the 705 cases. Children's services will be separate from adults. We are currently exploring with mental health regarding locking the unit.

Supervisor Linda Seifert stated how gratifying it is to come to the council meeting and see all the work being done, filling in gaps, and making sure we are doing everything we can to make programs available in one form or another.

Kay Bosick announced there was a Red Ribbon event which took place in Vallejo and was a big success. Sixty-five youth attended. Also a Red Ribbon event took place in Benicia at the Liberty Continuation High School. This is our way of showing youth the community supports them. Kay also announced the CC Sabathia Family Foundation's "PitCCh In" will select 20 minors and take them Christmas shopping this year.

Police Chief Richard Word reported November 16, 2011, there is a Monthly Youth Round Table Meeting. A report will be given from the Sierra Health Foundation which is working in concert with UC Davis on the Healthy Region - Healthy Youth Study.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.