

## **Kern County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Public Meeting Protocol and Instructions for providing Public Comment during Council Meetings due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Council members or the public to attend and participate at Council meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County of Kern hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of the Governor's order, **this Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meeting will not be physically open to the public.** You may observe the meeting and address the Council via email or telephonically as outlined below. Consistent with the Executive Order, Council members will attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing. The meeting agenda and documents for each agenda item can be accessed at <https://www.kernprobation.com/juvenile-justice-coordinating-council/>

Members of the public can listen to the meeting and provide public comment by following the instructions below:

1. The preferred option for commenting on a specific agenda item or for providing general public comment under Public Presentations is to submit your comment via email to [velar@kernprobation.org](mailto:velar@kernprobation.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Council meeting. Please include your name and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address.
2. Alternatively, you may comment by calling (661) 868-4205 to leave a voicemail of no more than two minutes in length, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Council meeting. Please state and spell your name at the beginning of your message and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address.
3. To listen to the meeting and provide comments via teleconference during the live meeting, callers must first **register with the Kern County Probation Department at 661-868-4102 before the meeting begins** to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address.
4. Written comments may also be mailed to **Kern County Probation Department, 2005 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA 93305**. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.

**All public comments received by email, written letters or voicemail are provided to all Council members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Council meeting.**



## AGENDA

### KERN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department  
2005 Ridge Road  
Bakersfield, California 93305  
(Access via Teleconference)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020  
8:30 a.m.

All agenda item supporting documentation is available for public review by contacting the office of the Kern County Probation Department, 2005 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, California 93305 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding County recognized holidays, following the posting of the agenda. The agenda is posted on-line at [www.kernprobation.com](http://www.kernprobation.com).

#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (Government Code §54953.2)

Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council may request assistance at the Kern County Probation Department, 2005 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, California, or by calling (661) 868-4100. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible.

1) Call to Order

Council Members: TR Merickel, Cynthia Zimmer, Robin Walters, Donny Youngblood, Leticia Perez, Dena Murphy, Jennie Sill, Linda Hoyle, Greg Terry, Mary Barlow, Henry Castaneda, Jamie Henderson, Anthony Meeks, Tamarah Harber-Pickens, Tom Corson

2) Roll call

3) Minutes from the Meeting of November 13, 2019  
APPROVE

4) Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)

General update and/or information relating to Juvenile Probation (Fiscal Impact: None) –  
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED

6) Juvenile Services Report (Thad Kennedy, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Services.  
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED

7) Juvenile Programs Report (Shay Molennor, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Programs  
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED

- 8) Approval of FY 2020/2021 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Plan (Chief Merickel)  
Present and discuss Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Plan and request approval to submit grant application for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) in the amount of \$2,458,299 (Fiscal Impact: \$2,458,299)  
APPROVE; AUTHORIZE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL
- 9) Council Member Announcements or Reports  
Council members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.  
MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS
- 10) Next JJCC Meeting  
NOVEMBER 2020, WITH DATE TO BE DETERMINED
- 11) Adjourn