



## MINUTES

### KERN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department  
2005 Ridge Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

#### THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

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#### 1) Call to Order

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN MERICKEL AT 8:32 A.M. CHAIRMAN MERICKEL WELCOMED NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS LINDA HOYLE AND GREG TERRY.

#### 2) Roll Call

Members Present: TR Merickel, Robin Walters, Donny Youngblood, Cindy Uetz for Dena Murphy, Jennie Sill, Linda Hoyle, Greg Terry, Mary Barlow, Henry Castaneda, Jamie Henderson, Anthony Meeks, Tom Corson

Members Absent: Cynthia Zimmer, Leticia Perez, Tamarah Harber-Pickens

Staff Present: Scott Royer, William Dickinson, Thad Kennedy, Shay Molennor, Rosanne Vela

Guests Present: None

#### 3) Approve minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting

**APPROVED; Henderson-Sill: 12 Ayes; 3 Absent**

4) Public Comment

An opportunity was provided for members of the public to address the Council on issues not listed on the agenda.

NO ONE HEARD

5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)

General update and/or information relating to Juvenile Probation.

NO REPORT GIVEN, BRIEFLY MENTIONED THE DEPARTMENT IS DEALING WITH CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19.

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

General update on Juvenile Services.

HEARD REPORT BY THAD KENNEDY, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR, INCLUDING AN UPDATE OF EACH UNIT OF THE PROBATION JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION.

DR. MARY BARLOW EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS IN KERN COUNTY FOR KEEPING THEM SAFE AND ENSURING THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED.

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

General update on Juvenile Programs.

HEARD REPORT BY SHAY MOLENNOR, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON EACH UNIT OF THE PROBATION JUVENILE PROGRAMS DIVISION.

JAMIE HENDERSON ASKED ABOUT WEEKEND VISITATIONS AT THE JUVENILE FACILITIES. WILLIAM DICKINSON RESPONDED AND SPOKE ABOUT THE INCREASE IN PHONE CALLS, FREE PHONE CALLS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ZOOM VISITS VIA SCHOOLS CHROMEBOOKS WITH THE HELP OF KCSOS.

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)

**APPROVED; AUTHORIZED PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL**

**Barlow-Castaneda: 12 Ayes; 3 Absent**

9) Council Member Announcements or Reports

NO REPORTS GIVEN

10) Next JJCC Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2020, WITH THE DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

11) Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 A.M.