



MINUTES

KERN COUNTY SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department
2005 Ridge Road
Bakersfield, California 93305

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3:30 p.m.

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- 1) Call to Order
SB 823 Subcommittee called to order by Chief TR Merickel at 3:32 p.m.

Subcommittee Members: TR Merickel, William Schlaerth, Peter Kang, Maria Bermudez, Jennie Sill, Carlos Rojas, Judge Wendy Avila, Tom Corson, Wesley Davis, Lois Hannible

- 2) Roll Call
ROLL CALL: All 10 members present

NOTE: Chairman Merickel stated 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 SB 823 Subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meeting is not physically open to the public. Instructions for public participation were posted at <https://www.kernprobation.com/juvenile-justice-coordinating-council/sb-823-subcommittee/>. Testimony and public comment were accepted via email or voice message to the Probation Department prior to this meeting and live comments via teleconference may be heard during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH A "CA" ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL BY STAFF AND WILL BE APPROVED BY ONE MOTION IF NO MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OR PUBLIC WISHES TO COMMENT OR ASK QUESTIONS. IF COMMENT OR DISCUSSION IS DESIRED BY ANYONE, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LISTED SEQUENCE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING THE ITEM BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SHOWN IN CAPS AFTER EACH ITEM.

3) Introductions

INTRODUCTIONS WERE HEARD

4) Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Subcommittee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee 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.

UCEDRAH OSBY, PRESIDENT OF ALL OF US OR NONE BAKERSFIELD, HEARD REGARDING REQUEST TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)

General update (Fiscal Impact: None) -

CHIEF MERICKEL THANKED ALL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

6) Background and Purpose of SB 823 and Subcommittee

PRESENTATION MADE BY CHIEF MERICKEL; DOCUMENTS SHARED AND DISCUSSED: SENATE BILL 823; PROPOSED TRAILER BILLS; SB 823 OVERVIEW HANDOUT; WIC 707(B) OFFENSES HANDOUT; AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUUM OF SERVICES HANDOUT. SB 823 CREATES A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL AND JOB OF SUBCOMMITTEE IS TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT PLAN TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY MAY 1, 2021 TO RECEIVE FUNDING. THEN SUBMIT PLAN TO OFFICE OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY RESTORATION BY JANUARY 1, 2022 AND MAY 1 OF EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

CARLOS ROJAS HEARD REGARDING HOW MANY STUDENTS AT DJJ HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

UCEDRAH OSBY HEARD REGARDING WHAT COUNTIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR FEMALES AND SEX OFFENDERS.

JOSEPH, ALL OF US OR NONE BAKERSFIELD, HEARD REGARDING WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH.

UCEDRAH OSBY HEARD REGARDING SUCCESS RATE OF PROGRAMS AND ABOUT CASES BEING SENT TO ADULT COURT.

7) Review and Discussion of Draft SB 823 Plan

PRESENTATION MADE BY CHIEF MERICKEL; DOCUMENTS SHARED AND DISCUSSED: JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN (DRAFT); AND SB 823 JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT PLAN AND FISCAL SUMMARY (DRAFT).

LOIS HANNIBLE HEARD REGARDING BABY VISITS FOR FEMALES.

UCEDRAH OSBY HEARD REGARDING COMMUNITY INTERVENTION.

CHIEF MERICKEL ANNOUNCED THE SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL BEFORE THEIR MEETING ON APRIL 14, 2021.

JOSEPH, ALL OF US OR NONE, HEARD REGARDING WANTING INPUT FROM THE DJJ POPULATION.

JUDGE WENDY AVILA HEARD REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED NEEDS.

CHIEF MERICKEL ASKED PARTICIPANTS TO SEND COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE PLANS TO HIMSELF OR HIS ASSISTANT ROSANNE VELA VIA EMAIL.

8) Subcommittee Member Announcements or Reports

Subcommittee 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.

NO ONE HEARD

9) Next Subcommittee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021, 3:30 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE

10) Adjourn as Subcommittee at 4:31 p.m.