



## MINUTES

### KERN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department  
2005 Ridge Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

#### THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
8:30 a.m.

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1) Call to Order

JJCC meeting called to order by Chief TR Merickel at 8:30 a.m.

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

2) Roll Call

ROLL CALL: 13 Present; 2 Absent (Perez, Harber-Pickens)

NOTE: Chief 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 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/>. Testimony and public comment were accepted via email or voice message to the Probation Department prior to this meeting and live comments via teleconference were heard during the meeting.

3) Minutes from the Meeting of April 29, 2020

MOTIONED TO APPROVE

Public Comment: NO ONE HEARD

**APPROVED; Castaneda-Hoyle: 13 Ayes; 2 Absent (Perez, Harber-Pickens)**

MOTION PASSED

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.

NO ONE HEARD

5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)

General update and/or information relating to Juvenile Probation (Fiscal Impact: None)

NO REPORT GIVEN

6) Juvenile Services Report (Shay Molennor, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Services.

PRESENTATION MADE BY SHAY MOLENNOR, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR, INCLUDING AN UPDATE OF EACH UNIT OF THE PROBATION JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION.

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

General update on Juvenile Programs.

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

TOM CORSON HEARD REGARDING NUMBER OF PROBATION YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE.

DR. MARY BARLOW HEARD THANKING SHAY MOLENNOR AND PROBATION STAFF FOR KEEPING YOUTH ENGAGED.

ROBIN WALTERS HEARD PRAISING PLACEMENT UNIT STAFF FOR SUCCESS WITH CARE VESTED YOUTH.

8) Update on Previously Approved RFP (Chief Merickel)

PRESENTATION MADE BY CHIEF MERICKEL REGARDING \$1.3M RFP APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR THAT SEEKS MENTORING AND EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL SERVICES FOR WARDS AND NON-WARDS. PROBATION CREATED A WORKING GROUP OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO RESEARCH AND CREATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. RFP WAS RELEASED ON OCTOBER 27, 2020, WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 3, 2020, AND CAN BE FOUND AT KERNCOUNTY.COM UNDER GENERAL SERVICES/PURCHASING. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING SET FOR TOMORROW AT 1:30PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. ANTICIPATE CONTRACTS WILL START BY MARCH 1, 2021. MAY BE REACHING OUT TO SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER ON EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

9) SB 823, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment (Chief Merickel)

PRESENTATION MADE BY CHIEF MERICKEL, HANDOUT PROVIDED. SB 823 BECOMES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 AND CREATES NEW STATE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY RESTORATION (OYCR) UNDER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY. LEGISLATION REQUIRES CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF THE DJJ REALIGNMENT AND SUBMIT TO THE OYCR BY JANUARY 1, 2022.

JAMIE HENDERSON HEARD REGARDING LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES AT KERN CROSSROADS FACILITY.

ROBIN WALTERS HEARD REGARDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON SUBCOMMITTEE.

10) Council Member Announcements or Reports

NO ONE HEARD

11) Next JJCC Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 2021, VIA TELECONFERENCE, WITH THE DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

12) Adjourn as JJCC at 9:01 a.m.