

Shasta County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 3:00pm  
 Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street, Redding, California  
 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS	ALTERNATES	Title/Agency/Role	Present	Absent	Alternate
Tracie Neal	Chelsey Chappelle	Chief Probation Officer, Chair	X		
Stephanie Bridgett	Ben Hanna	Shasta County District Attorney			X
Bill Bateman	Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office			X
Michael Johnson	Gene Randall	Shasta County Sheriff			X
Kevin Crye	Mary Rickert	Board of Supervisors	X		
Laura Burch	Cindy Lane	Department of Social Services	X		
Miguel Rodriguez	Laura Stapp	Dept. of Mental Health	X		
Susan Wilson	Jennifer Coulter	Community based AOD Program representative			X
Bill Schueller	Brian Cole	Redding Police Department	X		
Steve Blunk		Anderson Police Department		X	
Judy Flores	Carie Webb	Shasta County Office of Education	X		
Steve McFarland	Cindy Vogt	Member at Large			X
Michael Burke	Mandy Saulsbury	Non-profit CBO providing services to youth	X		
Judge Molly Bigelow		Shasta County Superior Court	X		

**Attendees Present:**

Chelsey Chappelle, Daren Fisher, Jeremy Kenyon, Carla Stevens, Twyla Carpenter, Melanie Jarrett – **Shasta County Probation**  
 Mary Rickert – **Shasta County Board of Supervisors**  
 Christina Massey - **City of Redding**  
 Patricia Weber – **County Counsel**  
 Lisa Jenkins – **Shasta County Superior Court**  
 Carie Webb – **Shasta County Office of Education**  
 Laura Stapp – **HHS Department of Mental Health**  
 Danielle Gehrung – **GEO Shasta Day Reporting Center**  
 Benjamin Vasquez – **Hope City**  
 Mandy Saulsbury – **Pathways to Hope**

**Meeting Overview**

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ben Hanna moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Kathryn Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed: 11 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstention from Miguel Rodriguez.

## **Financial Report**

No financial report was provided.

## **Discussion Item**

- A. *Committee members will receive an update on the six-month extension of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and receive an update on the pending JAG grant application for 2024/26.*

Tracie Neal gave an overview about JAG and shared the 3-year grant cycle ended on the last day in September. BSCC was a little behind on getting the RFP out for the new JAG cycle and there was some left-over money, so they allowed a 6-month extension. Tracie said we have applied for the new JAG cycle. The BSCC will meet in April to award those grants. If the grant is received it will go into effect June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends in 2026.

Tracie gave the JAG partners an opportunity to provide a quick update on their programs. Christina shared 25 youth got to tour UC Davis campus during the Veterans Day weekend. She said their summer camp program partnered with the UC Davis 4-H Youth Development Program for a Pathways to College program. The youth had a great meeting with one of their students who came from this area. The youth got to see the education and carrier paths available at UC Davis, what financial options might be available for them, and what campus life and clubs look like. The youth also got to explore the area and go to places like the Sacramento History Museum and the zoo.

Christina also shared some information about their art therapy program with an artist named Margaret Murry and the types of projects the youth work on. Margaret does four sessions with the youth and some of the projects were described.

Christina said the tutoring program continues to be successful and is at capacity. This program focuses on homework support and where the youth are struggling, which is typically math and reading. A lot of the youth have falling behind due to the pandemic.

Michael Burke shared information on the JAG funded Anderson Teen Center, which serves 13- to 17-year-old youth. He also shared information on some of the programs offered by the Anderson Teen Center. An MOU was also signed with Shasta County Sheriff's Department for a police athletic league called the Law Enforcement Engagement Program (LEEP).

Jennifer Coulter shared roll over funds from JAG were used for a Toward No Drugs class targeting the 12- to 13-year-old population and ACEs.

Tracie added some ACEs information on the Strengthening Families Collaborative and Youth Options kickstarting education and awareness after the pandemic. Some JAG funding has gone to activities like ACE interface trainings, public service announcements, and Body Mind Medicine.

Tracie shared EMT Associates is contracted to do three-year program evaluations with the JAG Grant.

### **Action Items**

- A. *Committee members will review and consider approving the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) consolidated annual Juvenile Justice Plan.*

Tracie Neal shared history and details about the Juvenile Justice Plan journey and the approval process. Last June a consultant was brought in to do a community collaborative as the last plan was coming to an end. The plan being reviewed today is a result of that collaborative and what was identified in that collaborative. Tracie highlighted reforms, strategic planning process, strengths, opportunities and where we hope to be in the future, partnerships, existing services and activities on a broader spectrum, evidence-based practices, and substance abuse, expanding vocational and educational opportunities for the older youth to age 25, transition, improving the 241.1 process and working toward dual jurisdiction, and recommendations that came out of the community collaborative. Tracie is confident these goals can be worked through over the next four to five years. Tracie shared one of the things that came out of the collaboration was the need to increase community education and outreach and that has been added to the plan.

There was a discussion on the importance of education and outreach in the community. Tracie stressed the importance of the collaborative effort among the partners. This plan is a global directive to improve services and work on prevention. Sharon Brisolaro shared more about the process and the partners involved, including a focus group with a youth. She added the plan also includes criteria and guidelines, what to consider when approaching recommendations.

Cindy Vogt shared she joined a group doing landlord engagement and the challenges they are facing. CHYBA is working on a construction component team to aid landlords and the community. Miguel Rodriguez shared information on FFPSA and part one with prevention and early intervention. Mental Health had a meeting with Stanford University about a program they would be willing to do the research on as part of a positive collaboration. Miguel is excited about Qualified Individual (QI) for youth who are going into a higher level of care and what's coming in the next year.

Tracie also shared information on River's Edge Academy (REA). REA is one of two academy programs in the state. The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) chose Carla

and Jeremy, along with San Luis Obispo staff, to go to Philadelphia and Los Angeles to present on the program due to the innovation.

Tracie asked for a motion to approve the Juvenile Justice Plan with minor edits.

Bill Schueller moved to approve the Juvenile Justice Plan. Michael Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed: 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

- B. Committee members will receive an update, discuss, and consider approving edits (redline) to the Shasta County Probation Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP): Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan or provide further direction to the SB 823 Subcommittee or to staff.*

Tracie Neal shared a the history regarding SB 823, the closure of DJJ. These youth have a WIC 707(b) offense so they have a state commitment and can serve up to 25 years. New legislation with SB 823 was passed to close DJJ. DJJ is scheduled to closed on June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2023 and Probation will have youth currently in the facility and three returning to Shasta County that will need the STTP program.

Tracie noted the redline edits and outlined the significant change in the estimated allocations as Probation funds areas needing to be strengthened and changed over the last three years. The returning youth are older, have finished high school, and have mental illness and substance abuse history, so year three increased due to a contract with GEO to have behavioral change staff in the facility, a peer support specialist, and SCOE for an education staff person for secondary vocational training. The focus is going to be shifting to older youth, so a secondary program must be built to support this group with funding to continue to build these programs and services.

Jeremy Kenyon shared information on the three-youth returning to Shasta County from DJJ who are 21 and are either not eligible or weren't granted parole due to behavior. These youth will return to Shasta County between the end of April through June and will be resentenced to the Secure Track Treatment Program. One youth is currently in Napa State Hospital.

Carla Stevens shared it is important to understand there is separation between the age groups in the JRF. Schedules will be staggered for the youth. Carla also shared some of the progress the youth had made in the JRF prior to going to DJJ. Carla is looking forward to having some of these youth return because they will be coming back to a community they know, and thy can be connected to enhanced services to meet their needs. Carla also shared some of the training and programs can really make a positive impact on these youth and help them transition back into the community. Miguel Rodriguez shared with the group additional information from a Mental Health perspective on trauma and brain development.

Tracie acknowledged the hard work and great team who have been preparing for these youth to return to Shasta County. She also explained the difference between DJJ being able to put a youth in a state hospital and the county not being able to make that placement.

Tracie asked for a motion to approve the redline version of the report with the changes or any other edits. Jennifer Coulter made a motion to accept the edits. Bill Schueller seconded the motion. Motion passed: 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

### **Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items**

There were no Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items. Tracie Neal will present the standard topics.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:00pm.

### **Individual Comments from Board Members**

Jennifer Coulter announced Shasta Youth Leadership Camp is scheduled for July. Counselor applications are open on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and Camper applications are open in May online at [shstayouthleadershipcamp.com](http://shstayouthleadershipcamp.com).

Jennifer Coulter announced the Shasta Mud Run is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and they need volunteers and sponsors.

Michael Burke announced April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Michael asked that everyone wear blue on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, plus take a picture and post it. There will be activities all month long.

Cindy Vogt voiced her gratitude toward Probation as it is a hard and thankless job.

### **Adjourn**

Michael Burke made a motion to adjourn. Katheryn Barton seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm