Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) - SB823 Subcommittee Meeting June 15, 2023, 1:30pm Juvenile Division- 1810 Market St, Redding, CA Meeting Minutes

Members	Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Shasta County Probation	Х	
Sarah Murphy	District Attorney's Office		Х
Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office	Х	
Cindy Lane	HHSA/Social Services		Х
Laura Stapp	HHSA/Mental Health	Х	
Carie Webb	Shasta County Office of Education	Х	
Lisa Jenkins	Shasta County Superior Court	Х	
Michael Burke	Pathways to Hope		Х
Cindy Vogt	California Heritage Youth Build Academy	Х	
Valery Hartley	Shasta Independent Living Program (ILP)		Х
Attendees	Agency		
Chelsey Chappelle	Shasta County Probation	Х	
Daren Fisher	Shasta County Probation	Х	
Carla Stevens	Shasta County Probation	Х	
James Goodwine	Shasta County Probation	Х	
Melanie Jarrett	Shasta County Probation	Х	
Jenn Rossi	Shasta County Administrative Office	Х	
Patricia Weber	Shasta County Counsel	Х	
Laura Johnson	Wright Education Services	Х	

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 1:33pm. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Cindy Vogt moved to approve the meeting minutes for November 17, 2022. Kathryn Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

Financial Report

There was no financial report.

Discussion Items

A. Subcommittee Members will discuss the Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) and youth in the program.

Carla Stevens shared two youth have returned from DJJ and three youth under age 18 have been committed to the STTP program. Probation has another youth pending return from DJJ, a youth who is under 18 and another youth who is 19 going into the STTP program. Once all DDJ youth are returned and committed, there will be a total of eight youth in the program. The two youth who are over 18 are doing their programming separately. These youth have been decompressing and adjusting after being in DJJ. They appear to have been isolated, with little contact or treatment, and have tattooed themselves during the last six months. These youth can interact with other youth in the facility and go to the rec yard to help with social interaction. They are also hoping to enroll in the fall semester at Shasta College.

James Goodwine shared there was one more youth committed to STTP yesterday. James also shared some of the problems including mixing of criminogenic needs populations and lack of programming that occurred as the population at DJJ became smaller and the number of staff decreased. James shared the challenges of getting youth to engage in their current program and wanting to change after coming from a less welcoming and forgiving environment where there hasn't been a lot of programming over the last six months.

James said two youth were paroled from DJJ into the community and they are being supervised by Probation. One youth is doing well and recently had his GPS unit removed. This youth is participating in adult services that better fit the youth's criminogenic needs. The other youth is not doing as well and is getting some extra support from Probation and a mentor to help with his success.

James also shared there are several youths in different stages of the court process. James feels there is a rise in the seriousness of incidents in the community recently. There are two youth currently going through the court process who could potentially go to the STTP program.

Tracie echoed James regarding the rise in the seriousness of incidents in the community. Tracie thanked the committee for their support. Tracie also shared information on capacity issues as other counties are already reaching out in need of STTP placement. Tracie confirmed with James that there were 79 pending cases in intake and diversion. James spoke about the peak in cases after the pandemic.

B. Subcommittee Members will discuss the Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) and plans for FY 2023/24.

Chelsey Chappelle shared there are now youth in the facility who can utilize the sex offender treatment offered through Remi Vista. Probation met with Remi Vista this week to get this service up and running in the facility. There is now a GEO Reentry Services staff person assigned to the 900 pod to help with behavioral change and daily treatment. Chelsey shared a peer support staff member will be hired and Probation will be working in conjunction with Health and Human Services to support that person while they work with the youth in the facility and their families.

Shasta County Office of Education staff are going to be added for post-secondary education and vocational training. Shasta College is going to apply for a high learning grant and Probation has signed a letter of commitment. A youth would be able to earn a bachelor's degree within the facility with this grant.

Chelsey shared the plans for tearing down the old juvenile facility and building a vocational space with an area for physical fitness and GROW. Tracie shared Public Works knows Probation is on a tight schedule with the 1.3 million in funding received from the state as the funds will have to be expended by 2025 or returned to the state.

Chesley shared Shasta County was the recipient of the JAG Grant again. Part of the proposal was to create two large murals within the long hallway of the JRF. Probation will be working with the youth and artists over the next fiscal year to complete this project and bring hope, as well as with SCOE and other agencies to move this project forward. Chelsey also shared Probation is working with Shasta Community Health Center to create a tattoo removal program to remove barriers to employment for youth and adults.

Tracie added the OYCR has an RFP in the amount of 10 million dollars that they are making available to counties with youth returning from DJJ. Laura has some ideas for a plan to help bring in these financial resources. Laura Stapp is excited to see this all coming together to support the youth.

Carie Webb shared information on the six-year WASC Accreditation, which is the highest level you can receive, and how it is a safety net for the youth as it allows them to transfer their transcript credits back into a comprehensive site. This validates the education and the credits offered. SCOE was commended for their great work.

C. Subcommittee Members will discuss committee membership.

Tracie shared Ben Hanna from the District Attorney's Office is no longer on the JJCC committee and Stephanie Bridget has provided a replacement. Tracie asked the committee if there are any other members who should be considered as an addition to the committee, a youth who has been through the program, or if the committee is missing anyone as a member?

The committee agreed adding a youth to the committee would be beneficial, a young adult who has been to DDJ and is doing well now in the community, or a parent or adult who has been involved in the justice system. Tracie will make some inquiries within the community to see who is interested. Chesley suggested adding someone for tribal representation. Tracie suggested Rick Crowley due to his connections in the community and his knowledge of the facility. Carla also suggested someone from Victor Community Support Services, maybe a treatment provider.

D. Subcommittee Members will receive an update on Shasta County's Youth Program Facilities Grant Program and Juvenile Facility Grant (AB 178).

Tracie shared the initial grant received for \$164,000 needs to be spent by June of 2024. Tracie explained the first grant is going toward MANDT training, World Telecom, the JRF security system upgrade, new radios, plus some additional items and the second grant is the funds for the west recreation yard. Chelsey added Probation has been working with SCOE for over a year to get the Edovo Tablets and agreement in place. That will come out of this grant money as well. Chelsey said the committee will see a significant change in spending at the next meeting.

The AB 178 funds are currently in a fund balance account until the project can start.

Action Items

There were no action items.

Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items

Tracie announce the JRF will be celebrating 10 years in January 2024. She said there are some planning meetings around the 10-year anniversary.

Tracie Neal asked for other items for discussion or further agenda items.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next JJCC SB823 Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2023, at 1:30pm in the conference room at Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street, Redding.

Individual Comments from Subcommittee Members

Cindy Vogt shared she is excited and humbled to have been voted in on the Shasta County Board of Education. She was elected 06/14/2023 and her swearing in will be 06/21/2023. She will take Steve MacFarland's seat on the board, which is a great way to celebrate and honor Steve.

Tracie shared that Steve MacFarland was on the Juvenile Justice Commission for over 30 years and has recently passed. His memorial service will be held on 06/17/2023. Steve was honored by Probation a couple of years ago with the Vision Award for his outstanding work in the community.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Kathryn Barton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laura Stapp. Motion to Adjourn was passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.