

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)- **SB 823 Subcommittee Meeting**
 August 11, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
 Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street, Redding, CA
 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS	Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Probation	X	
Ben Hanna	District Attorney's Office		X
Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office	X	
Cindy Lane	HHSA/Social Services	X	
Laura Stapp	HHSA/Mental Health		X
Carie Webb	Shasta County Office of Education	X	
Lisa Jenkins	Shasta County Superior Court	X	
Michael Burke	Pathways to Hope		X
Cindy Vogt	California Heritage Youth Build Academy	X	
Valery Hartley	Shasta ILP	X	
GUESTS Present		*****	*****
Jeremy Kenyon	Probation		
Carla Stevens	Probation		
Chelsey Chappelle	Probation		
Jenn Rossi	County Administrative Office		
Twyla Carpenter	Probation		

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

None

Approval of meeting minutes

Cindy Vogt moved to approve the January 20, 2022, meeting minutes; Kathryn Barton seconded; Motion passed; 7 ayes, 0 noes.

Financial Report

None

Discussion Items

A. Jeremy Kenyon will discuss current DJJ population and parole.

There are currently 5 Shasta County youth in DJJ. One recently paroled. The youth that paroled has been out for about a month and turns 23 years old in November 2022, so he will age out of the system and no longer be under supervision. He is a more challenging youth due to the crimes he committed

and progress in DJJ. He did not complete treatment in DJJ but due to his age was released per the law. Probation and the DA had been in communication with DJJ recommending his parole be denied due to his lack of progress in treatment while in DJJ. Probation is trying to get him enrolled in sex offender treatment, he is also enrolled in the DRC, looking for a job, and he is monitored on GPS. Housing has been a struggle with this youth. There is one Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) assigned to the youth on parole and the STTP youth.

Probation has been in communication with DJJ regarding youth who will be in the facility, still serving their sentence past the closure date. It is expected there will be 2 out of the 5 youth in DJJ. An internal meeting for probation staff has been scheduled and a larger stakeholder meeting to include justice partners will be scheduled in addition to a meeting with DJJ staff. Carla discussed the challenges the JRF will face with these older youth.

Cindy recommended housing options for youth being paroled from DJJ. Jeremy noted County Housing is coming to do a presentation for probation soon.

Tracie shared with the group that there is new juvenile court judge, Judge Bigelow will be overseeing both the juvenile delinquency and dependency calendars.

B. Subcommittee Members will receive an update on the Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) and discuss implementation and next steps.

The one youth in the STTP we discussed at the last meeting was placed in a less restrictive environment and is now in the community. He will return to mainstream high school next week. Pro-social activities have included drivers training education and Native American cultural activities. He works closely with his assigned DPO and they communicate daily. He has been working over the summer. He is eligible for parole in October.

The second youth was sentenced to the STTP just about a month ago. He has a longer sentence in the JRF. The youth is 15 and his STTP commitment is until 2026. The offense is an attempted murder. Carla indicated this youth is struggling and has challenging behavior. He is struggling to make progress and has expressed concern with his lengthy sentences. There is a need to build a plan to give him hope to move forward and engage him. The JRF team is working closely with him on plan forward.

Tracie addressed the less restrictive environment, which is a new concept under SB 823, and how this will evolve over time.

There is a third youth currently going through the Transfer Process and if he remains in the juvenile justice system would be sentenced to the STTP.

Carla provided an overview of the JRF. All three pods are currently operational. Carla gave an overview of the classification process and behavioral matrix. She also discussed how the STTP are housed within the facility.

C. Subcommittee Members will receive an update on Shasta County's Youth Program Facilities Grant Program (SB823) Application.

Probation has been able to move forward with a few projects. State approval for these projects took about a year. The food port is being installed in the door of the safety cell. Approval for the security and camera upgrades has been approved and two contracts with World Telcom have been signed. These upgrades will take about 6 months from start to completion. Tracie gave an overview of the various additions to the security system in the facility.

Chelsey gave an overview of the Core Correctional Practices (CCP) training which will allow for 6 internal staff to be trained as trainers. This will occur the week of September 12th. This training will provide a framework for future trainings to assure all staff receive the same training. CCP focuses on training staff in effective interventions and motivational interviewing skills.

Probation is working with SCOE on the Edovo tablets MOU. Expansion of the west recreation yard is also in the plan.

The Youth Program Facilities Grant Program dollars must be spent by June 30, 2024.

Tracie discussed the allocation in the Governor's budget for facility improvements for the STTP population. The allocation distribution is still being determined.

D. Subcommittee Members will discuss vocational and educational programs in the JRF and next steps.

The Subcommittee discussed the need to expand vocational and educational programs for older youth. Bicycle repair and wood working were discussed with the expansion of the west recreation yards as well as working with SCOE and Shasta College on expanding on-line options. Shasta Builders Exchange was discussed as well as challenges to providing services within the JRF. Cindy mentioned construction/flagging programs. Cindy also discussed internships and job shadowing. Valerie discussed the benefits to the SMART. Coding or technology ideas was brought up by Jenn. Tracie also mentioned podcasting and video making. Valerie is starting a pod cast for former foster youth.

CHYBA is going to have guest speakers that are relatable to the vocational options, and this will include how to obtain vocational types of jobs. Carla discussed Leaders of Tomorrow in the JRF which is similar to this.

The JRF has ROP in the kitchen to include a food handlers' card. The youth learn about working in a commercial kitchen.

Tracie and Carie discussed the computer/virtual welding and the expansion of a counselor to give additional career exploration. Discussions about Shasta College and STEP-UP occurred and how this can expand with the youth.

Tracie encouraged the group to send ideas if they come up. Tracie also mentioned Probation is going to have two focus groups in the JRF and the consultant can ask this question and Probation will report back to the group in the future.

E. Subcommittee Members will discuss the Plan and potential edits

Tracie requested members review the plan for edits and bring the edits to the next meeting. The plan will have to be submitted to the OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) before the need of the fiscal year.

Action Items

None

Other items for discussion/future agenda items

Tracie mentioned that OYCR will be conducting a site visit on August 31, 2022.

Next scheduled meeting

November 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Individual comments from Subcommittee Members

Cindy stated a lot of the youth at CHYBA want to go into law enforcement and this shows the good connection they have had with the system.

Tracie mentioned First 5 Shasta will be providing a Nurturing Father’s training in the beginning of November.

Adjourn

Cindy Lane moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathryn Barton seconded; Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.