

# Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee

Date: 10/19/2022; Time: 1500-1630

## Minutes:

### 1. Welcome – Vanessa Fuchs

#### a. JJRS Members

##### i. In Attendance

David Koch, Chief Probation Officer

Hon. Ken Gross, Sonoma County Courts

Anne Masterson, District Attorney's Office

Georgia Ioakimedes, SCOE

Lynne Stark-Slater, Chief Deputy Public Defender

Irma Cuevas, City of Santa Rosa

Greyson Gunheim, VOICES

##### ii. Absent

Karin Sellite, DHS Behavioral Health

Michelle Edwards, Boys & Girls Club

Megan Barajas, HSD FY&C

Karissa S., Youth

L.P., Youth

#### b. Others in attendance

Vanessa Fuchs, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

Kilee Willson: Probation, Juvenile Hall Director

Rob Halverson, Probation

Haunani Pakaki, Juvenile Probation

Alexandria Gonzalez, Juvenile Probation

Debra Lewis, County Liaison, OYCR

Angel Garcia, Regional Specialist, OYCR

Dan Flamson - Assistant Director Juvenile Hall

### 2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – Haunani Pakaki

a. Notes from 12/7/2021 and 4/4/2022 Meetings were shared in advance of the meeting.

b. Hearing no objections, the Minutes were approved.

### 3. Program updates – Vanessa Fuchs

a. Internal career technical education and training ideas were discussed

i. Programs being developed or started include:

1. Welding

2. Culinary

3. Gardening

- b. Capacity assessment – help us build both internal programming for CTE and eventually for step-down and reentry. Hope to have a variety of step-down options.
- c. Step-down programming
  - i. Defined step-down programming for Sonoma County, specifically how those requirements fall under under WIC §875(f)(1)
    - 1. A “less restrictive” option is defined in Section 875(f)(1), and the Section also describes the treatment we would need to provide:
  - ii. What could future step-down programs here look like?  
Various options were discussed, including enhanced relationships with existing tradesman CBOs and how to best utilize Camp, if we decide to reoccupy.
- d. Juvenile sex offender treatment – Dan Flamson
  - i. We conducted an RFP to build more capacity but no responses. We reached out to San Francisco Forensic Institute (SFFI – a previous provider) and they are our Juvenile Hall JSO provider.

4. Discussion and Vote: Is the current the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) cap of 20 youth sufficient? – Vanessa Fuchs

- a. May have more than our cap by June 30. Is this feasible based on current staffing and service capabilities?
- b. The following points were discussed:
  - i. The Approved Plan and inter-county MOUs describe how cases will be handled.
  - ii. Currently there are 13 youth. Six from out-of-county (OOC), seven local. Approximately 14 transitioning in coming months; four of those are from Sonoma County returning from DJJ.
  - iii. Local youth continue to retain priority in coming to Juvenile Hall.
  - iv. Increases to the population will occur with intention, making sure to scale up within our staffing capacity.
  - v. Local youth would retain their attorneys of record; OOC youth keep their home county Probation Officer, District Attorney and Public Defender.
  - vi. OOC youth will continue to meet with their case manager and legal team as dictated in their plan and the county’s MOU but typically one per month either in person or virtually.
  - vii. It is the intention to release OOC youth be released in their home county.
  - viii. OOC reentry is part of the home county’s planning but we have been collaborating with these counties for resources they can access throughout the state (i.e. Pine Grove) and best practices for planning.

- ix. SYTF youth are mixed with committed youth; integration is a part of our original Plan. We have a thorough assessment and classification system online for the public to reference.
- x. Most Sonoma County youth are high school graduates.
- xi. For the benefit of the youth, the bigger the program is, the better. More robust programming and adherence to fidelity can occur when there are more youth to serve.

c. Vote:

- i. Motion: Expand SYTF capacity up from 20 to 40, in increments of 10.

- 1. Chief David Koch Moves, Judge Gross seconds

- a. Aye: Georgia Ioakimedes, Ken Gross, David Koch, Lynne Slater

- b. No: None

- c. Abstain: Anne Masterson, Irma Cuevas, Greyson Gunheim

- 2. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and Vote: Should out-of-region youth be considered?

– Chief Koch and Vanessa Fuchs

- a. Discussion on whether out-of-region youth should be allowed into SYTF.

- i. Revisited intent of SB 823 and frame with comments from members of JJRS supporting our facility acting as a hub.

- ii. The role of Consortium was discussed. It helps provide support, knowledge, and collaborative opportunities for youth whose counties do not have the ability to house their own youth. Also for counties who are responding now to a need, that was previously unappreciated.

- iii. Consortium website was shared with the group:  
<https://caconsortium.org/>.

- b. Motion: Expand regions that will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Chief Probation Officer, with no viable option in the county of jurisdiction?

- i. Motion by Chief David Koch, No second.

- ii. Motion withdrawn.

6. Action: Vote on the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee Plan (carried over from April 4 meeting) – Vanessa Fuchs

- a. Overview of changes by Dan Flanson

b. Vote:

- i. Motion: Approve the Plan as described and presented?

- 1. Judge Gross Moves. Lynne Slater seconds

- a. Aye: Georgia Ioakimedes, Ken Gross, David Koch, Lynne Slater, Irma Cuevas, Greyson Gunheim

- b. No: None
- c. Abstain: Anne Masterson
- ii. Motion passed. Plan approved.

7. Discussion: Frequency of meetings – Vanessa Fuchs

- a. Meet again in April 2023 before the Plan submission deadline.

8. Public Comment – three minutes per speaker

- a. Inquiry made, no comments received.

9. Questions?

- a. Is it possible that we could get some examples about other counties from out of region that would be petitioning to have youth come here?
- b. Response: The only examples we have to date are those we discussed today. We are also aware that females are another population that shows interest coming here.

10. Next Steps

- a. Schedule a meeting in early spring 2023 to discuss the out of region youth more.
- b. Determine if Youth voting positions should be refilled for future meetings.