

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting
 Wednesday, March 28, 2018
 JRF, 2684 Radio Lane, Redding Ca 96001
 Meeting Minutes

Attendee:

MEMBERS	Title or Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Chairman, Chief Probation Officer	X	
Tom Bosenko	Shasta County Sheriff/Coroner	X	
Judy Flores	Shasta County Office of Education		X
Linda Ram	Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council	X	
Vacant	Shasta County Superior Court		
Steve Morgan	Shasta County Board of Supervisors	X	
Rocky Harpham	Anderson Police Department		X
Stephanie Bridgett	Chief Deputy District Attorney		X
Steve MacFarland	Chairman, Juvenile Justice Commission	X	
Donnell Ewert	HHSa Social Services Branch		X
Dianna Wagner	HHSa Mental Health Branch	X	
Roger Moore	Chief, Redding Police Department	X	
Marget Huscher	Public Defender's Office	X	
Susan Wilson	Youth Violence Prevention Council	X	
Tom Wright	Wright Education, Inc.		X
ALTERNATES		*****	*****
Ben Hanna	District Attorney's Office	X	
Jennifer Richards	Youth Violence Prevention Council	X	
Mary Lord	Shasta County Office of Education	X	
GUESTS		*****	*****
David Yorton	Guest – County Counsel	X	
Twyla Carpenter	Guest – Probation	X	
Sarah Till	Guest – Probation	X	
Eric Jones	Guest – Probation	X	
Patrick O'Conner	Guest – Redding Fire Department	X	
Erin Ceccarelli	Guest – Probation	X	
Ed Miller	Guest – Probation	X	
Carol Ulloa	Guest – Probation	X	
Jackie Durant	Guest – Hope City	X	

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

None

Approval of meeting minutes

Steven Morgan moved to approve the minutes of 4/24/17, Seconded by Linda Ram, 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Abstain; Motion did not pass.

Steve McFarland moved to approve the minutes of 9/6/17, Seconded by Steve Morgan, 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstain; Motion passed.

Financial Report

Discussion Item

Received a presentation on the WINGS II, Drug Court Program

Eric Jones provided a presentation on the WINGS II, Drug Court Program. Eric stated that with the closure of the Phoenix School many years ago, the previous Drug Court Program lost a significant amount of its structure. Three years ago, through the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Act (MIOCR) grant, the previous Drug Court program was restructured to provide services and interventions similar to the WINGS Program for youth with substance use disorders. In fiscal year 15/16, 18 youth were served through this program and six completed the program, two completed successful and four completed unsuccessful. In fiscal year 16/17, 14 youth were served and five completed the program, one completed successful and four completed unsuccessful. In fiscal year 17/18 to date, 10 youth have been served and four have completed the program, three completed successful and one completed unsuccessful. The team consists of a Mental Health Clinician, Deputy Probation Officer, Skill Builder, Parent Partner, and Substance Abuse Counselor who work with the family unit. The drug court program is a phased step program that the minors progress through with support from their family and the treatment team. Phase I includes review of the referral and initial interviews with the family and youth to determine appropriateness and readiness for the program. Phase II includes weekly meetings with the mental health clinician, substance abuse counselor, skill builder and parent partner. In Phase I and II the participants see the Judge twice a month. Phase III focuses on relapse prevention. The family is more engaged and are more consistent with attendance in the program. Phase IV is preparation to graduate and the participants must have a certain number of days sober to enter this phase and to graduate. Phase III & IV meet with the Judge once per month. Of the 42 participants served over the last 3 years, 4 were arrested in the adult system.

Marget Huscher stated that minors in the drug court program are highest risk youth. The Drug and Alcohol counselor was added when the program was revamped a couple of years ago, and is an essential piece of the program. The Skill Builder and Parent Partner are also important to the success of the program because they provide a significant amount of assistance and guidance for the youth and parents.

Eric stated that, as a result of the support provided by the Skill Builder and Parent Partner, the youth have increased their school attendance and improved their behavior in school. In addition, several of the participants have been able to gain employment.

Carol Ulloa stated that they see families turn around with help of the support team. Parents have stated that the team has saved their child and their families.

Dianna Wagner spoke on the roles of the drug and alcohol counselor and the mental health clinician, both are an important part of the team that work with the youth and the families.

Received a presentation on the Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program (YFPI).

Jas Shaw, Youth Violence Prevention Council (YVPC), and Patrick O'Conner, Redding Fire Department, provided a presentation on the YFPI program. This program is run by YVPC in partnership with the Shasta Arson Task Force (SATF) and has been operating since 2014 to educate children and families on the hazards associated fire setting, provide them with the skills necessary to prevent future fire setting incidents, and satisfy the community intervention program requirement. The YFPI Program diverts youth out of the criminal justice system through the Peer Court program and uses a screening program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) to evaluate children who have been involved in fire-setting. In the initial year of implementation, the program served 4 fire setters. By 2017 126 fire setters, ages 5 to 18, have been referred through the program. Classes are split by age level and the whole family must attend the classes. This program is the ninth one in the nation.

Action Items

A. Review and consider approving the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) consolidated annual plan.

Erin Ceccarelli gave an overview of the consolidated annual plan for 2018/2019. There are several program name changes, Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) was changed to Diversion and Sex Offender changed to Juveniles That Have Offender Sexually (JThOS). The Wings II Drug Court Program was also added to the plan.

Dianna Wagner motion to approve the JJCPA-YOBG annual plan; Steve MacFarland second with changes; Motion passed. Ayes 10, Noes 0, 1 abstained.

B. Discuss and consider appointing a new member to the JJCC to replace Tom Wright due to his retirement.

Tracie received a letter from Tom Wright on March 7th, notifying the Council of his retirement and submitting a nomination for Elijah Gildea to replace him.

Tracie stated that there are three community member positions identified as part of the council. A community based drug and alcohol program, an at-large community representative, and a nonprofit community based organization providing services to minors. Dianna Wagner nominated Jackie Durant to fill the vacant position. Jackie stated that she would love to accept the nomination but Hope City does not provide a drug and alcohol program for youth. In addition, Jackie stated that she is not currently certified to provide drug and alcohol counseling and does not believe she fits the criteria for the position.

There was discussion regarding who fills the roles of a community based drug and alcohol program, an at-large community representative, and a nonprofit community based organization providing services to minors. Tracie stated that records were reviewed for as far back as 1992 no documentation about who fills the roles of a community based drug and alcohol program, an at-large community representative and a nonprofit community based organization providing services to minors were located. David Yorton stated that we need to fill the roles as identified. Tom Bosenko suggested that the roles of each position should be clarified for discussion at the next meeting. David Yorton stated that the bylaws state that nominations originate at the JJCC meeting and are approved by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. Tracie will work with David for the agenda item wording for the next meeting.

Marget Huscher nominated Elijah Gildea. No action was taken.

Other Items for discussion/future agenda items

None

Next meeting schedule

To be determined.

Individual comments from Board members

Linda Ram mentioned that April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and passed out pins to those who were interested.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.