

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting  
 April 16, 2020  
 Teleconference & Go To Meeting Participation Only  
 Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20  
 Meeting Minutes

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>Title or Agency</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tracie Neal	Chairman, Chief Probation Officer	X	
Vacant	Shasta County Sheriff/Coroner		
Judy Flores	Shasta County Office of Education	X	
Barbara Jackson	Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council	X	
Judge Daryl Kennedy	Shasta County Superior Court		X
Steve Morgan	Shasta County Board of Supervisors		X
Steve Blunk	Anderson Police Department		X
Stephanie Bridgett	Shasta County District Attorney		X
Steve MacFarland	Chairman, Juvenile Justice Commission	X	
Donnell Ewert	HHSa Social Services Branch	X	
Nancy Bolen	HHSa Mental Health Branch	X	
Bill Schueller	Chief, Redding Police Department	X	
Bill Bateman	Public Defender's Office		X
Susan Wilson	Shasta Youth Options	X	
<b>ALTERNATES</b>		*****	*****
Ben Hanna	District Attorney's Office		X
Jennifer Richards	Shasta Youth Options		X
Jon Poletski	Redding Police Dept.	X	
Mary Lord	Shasta County Office of Education	X	
Eric Magrini	Shasta County Sheriff /Coroner		X
Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office	X	
<b>GUESTS Present</b>		*****	*****
Jeremy Kenyon	Guest – Probation	X	
Twyla Carpenter	Guest – Probation	X	
Carla Stevens	Guest – Probation	X	
Rachel Miller	Guest – County Counsel	X	
Erin Bertain	Guest – Probation	X	
Chelsey Chappelle	Guest – Probation	X	
Elaine Grossman	Guest – County Administrative Office	X	
Christina Massey	Guest – Martin Luther King Jr. Center (MLK)	X	
Kim Niemer	Guest – City of Redding (MLK Center)	X	
Jackie Durant	Guest – Hope City	X	
Doug Shelton	Guest – HHSa Children's Services	X	
Michael Burke	Guest - Pathways to Hope	X	
Brittany Garda	Guest – EMT Associates	X	
Tori Stuart-Cassel	Guest - EMT Associates	X	

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. A quorum was present by roll call. Introductions were made.

**Public Comment**

Jackie Durant, Executive Director of Hope City, reported juvenile and adult programs are successfully being provided online via live and recorded trainings to comply with COVID restrictions.

**Approval of meeting minutes**

Steve MacFarland moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019; Seconded by Susan Wilson; 9 Ayes, 0 Noes; By roll call; Motion passed.

**Financial Report**

None

**Discussion Items**

**A. Committee members will receive an update on the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

**a. Receive an update from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center (MLK)**

Christina Massey reported on the programs provided at the MLK center, which include; Boys Council (BC), Girls Circle (GC), MLK Tech Kids, College Connections, and Project Game Plan. Christina reported they had eight weeks of programming completed with Boys Council, Girls Circle, and MLK Tech Kids when the stay-at-home order was issued. MLK is currently looking at options for online classes through ZOOM and hopes to implement the classes next week. She said 20 kids were registered in the tutoring program and were in the process of partnering with a tutor when COVID-19 occurred. She indicated the tutoring program will be moved to the Zoom format as well. Christina stated MLK partnered with Shasta County's 4-H, Pathways to the Future program for their College Connection program and had a college campus tour scheduled in May that will be rescheduled in the fall. She said they plan to step up the summer programs when the stay-at-home order is lifted.

**b. Receive an update from the Anderson Teen Center (ATC)**

Barbara Jackson reported ATC started their JAG programs in the middle of December, which include; cooking classes, Mindfulness, Boys Council, and Botvin Life skills (which began in March). She said average attendance at the teen center pre-COVID was about 35 per day but dropped to five when they moved to the online format. She stated they are working hard to do outreach and education, so youth know the online format is available. She said other activities are available, outside of the ones funded by JAG, that teach the youth social skills, resilience, leadership, and relationship building. She explained these programs include music, art, physical activities, games, and an LGBTQ support group. She said on March 23, ATC started two virtual programs, Virtual Kindergarten & TK Connection and the Virtual Teen Center. She stated they are currently providing cooking and Mindfulness classes via Zoom and will continue the Boys Council group and Botvin Life Skills when attendance increases because these programs work better with larger groups. Barbara stated Toward No Drugs (TND) and an

evidenced based anger management program will be cycled in when Boys Council and Botvin Life Skills are completed. She said Triple P Teen and Teen Work Skills Training Program will be offered soon and provided on a continuous basis.

Mike Burke indicated they may continue the Virtual Teen Center post COVID to reach outlying area like Burney, Fall River Mills, and Happy Valley. Mike said they are working with the schools to get information to the youth when the schools distribute Chrome books and lunches.

Tracie Neal asked Barbara if the LGBTQ group is continuing with Zoom. Barbara stated there is not a large enough audience yet to continue but she anticipates there will be now that schools are resuming via online learning. She said the group, which is led by a volunteer at the ATC, had been in session for six months with seven to eight kids attending every Friday. Mike clarified that they are using a HIPPA approved Zoom online format which will be used for the JAG programs along with the LGBTQ group. Mike stated they are partnering with the Ryan O'Callaghan Foundation for their LGBTQ groups. He explained Ryan O'Callaghan played football at Enterprise High School as well as played professionally and came out publicly. He stated he has a great message about his life and has written a book. He said they plan to host a special book signing with Ryan O'Callaghan with just the LGBTQ club.

Mike said they are running a Camp Hope Program out of Pathways to Hope for Children, separate from the program running out of Family Dynamics to ensure they don't duplicate services, for youth who've been exposed to domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault. He said Jennifer Ely is running Camp Hope out of the ATC. Mike said they are working with Dr. Chan Hellman on hope theory and developing an assessment to measure the level of hope with teens at the ATC because they know that a two percent increase in hope results in improvement of a full letter grade. He stated his vision is to have Teen Centers in Shasta Lake and Redding.

**c. Receive an update from Youth Options**

Susan Wilson stated they have a small portion of the JAG grant to provide Project Towards No Drugs (TND) and Restorative Circles. She said TND is being facilitated by Rick Crowley and Jenny Lynn Young. She said they've finished two groups and are trying to finish the third group on Zoom and have had 26 youth to date participate in this program. She stated it's been difficult keeping the youth connected via phone, so they've split them into smaller groups with one minor receiving one on one. She reported the first Restorative Chat was completed by Zoom and worked well. She stated they are only conducting Triple P Teen classes one on one by phone.

**d. Receive an update from the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility**

Carla Stevens reported the JRF is expanding the sports program and is getting ready to install a volleyball court and soccer playing area. She said the basketball program is being run by a juvenile detention officer, who teaches the residents how to play and practice drills as a team. Carla stated they are developing a de-escalation room to help with the emotional needs of the residents. She shared a fine arts program will also be implemented in the near future using JAG funds. Mike Burke, who currently teaches an on-line photography class at Shasta College, offered to help with a photography class.

Steve MacFarland asked Carla what the current population JRF was. Carla said the population was 12 and they have been working to lower the population in the JRF as a result of COVID.

**e. Received an update and presentation for EMT Associates on the JAG Evaluation Plan.**

Erin Bertain introduced Tori Stuart-Cassel from EMT Associates, who is the contracted evaluator for the JAG Grant. Tori gave a PowerPoint presentation on the evaluation plan that was submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in December 2019 and the evaluation process moving forward. Tori said the purpose of the activities in the evaluation plan is to monitor implementation and test the effectiveness of strategies in preventing delinquency and reducing risk for justice system involvement. She stated they will evaluate outcomes as well as assess the quality of program implementation, and fidelity to the evidence-based program. She stated quarterly reports will be submitted regularly, documenting the types of prevention and education programs implemented and the numbers of participants served.

Note: Bill Schuler left the meeting but Bill's designated alternate, Jon Polestski, remained in attendance.

Tori stated they will gather data and perform a program evaluation halfway through the grant cycle to determine if the evidence-based programs were implemented with fidelity. She said they will monitor if youth complete the program components with the recommended dosage as well as challenges, barriers, and accomplishments. Tori reported this would be repeated at the end of the grant cycle for final evaluation which is due December 31, 2022.

Tracie said Judy Flores asked earlier about the possibility of collecting data regarding school absenteeism of the youth who participate in these programs. Tori said they are open to incorporating school absenteeism data into the evaluation process and would work with the schools to determine the feasibility of gathering this data. Judy stated she would be happy to work with Tori to get the information to them.

**B. Committee members will receive an update from the Probation Department on operational changes due to COVID-19.**

Jeremy Kenyon reported the juvenile division is minimizing face to face contact and is not allowing any in-person office visits. He indicated they are using video conferencing and phone contacts in place of office visits and are conducting random drive by contacts conducted outside the youth's homes instead of home visits inside the homes. He stated some of the treatment programs have transitioned or will be transitioning to video conferencing. He said the placement unit received permission from the state to use video conferencing in place of face to face visits in order to reduce travel to the other counties. Jeremy explained the juvenile court is only hearing in-custody matters and all appearances are done using the Skype system which was already in place in the JRF pre-COVID. He stated court dates for out-of-custody youth have been moved to the end of May or later.

Carla Stevens reported the current JRF population is 12. She said the population would not normally be this low but, because of COVID-19, all residents who could be returned safely to their homes or placement were released. She explained this leaves the highest need youth in the JRF which include: five minors pending placement, one out-of-county youth, one youth pending adult charges, one youth waiting to be transferred to DJJ, two long-term commits, and two youth pending serious charges in court. She stated they are only accepting bookings for youth who've committed very serious offenses. She said to maintain health and safety, only JRF staff are allowed into the facility with an occasional exception for a youth's probation officer. Carla reported programs such as: ART, MRT, Boys Council, Girls Circle, NA, AA, TND, and religious services are being delivered electronically. She said therapists can either provide services electronically or use the no contact room when needed. Carla stated the school transitioned to distance learning quickly which includes the use of chrome books. She said staff attendance has been great and there has been no reported illnesses related to COVID-19.

### **Action Items**

**A. Committee members will review and consider approving the updates to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOGB) consolidated annual plan.**

Erin Bertain refreshed the commission members on the process used to develop the Juvenile Justice Plan, which was completed in April 2019. Erin stated the plan needs to be reviewed and submitted to the state on an annual basis by May 1. Erin presented the red-line version of the plan electronically in the Go-To meeting and stated changes made to the JJCPA-YOGB consolidated plan were limited to the prevention and early intervention goals and included a progress update on each goal. Erin shared highlights of the progress documented in the report.

Nancy Bolen moved to approve the JJCPA-YOGB consolidated annual plan; Seconded by Steve MacFarland; 9 Ayes, 0 Noe; By roll call; Motion passed.

**B. Committee members consider appointing a new member, Eric Magrini as the representative for the Shasta County Sheriff's Office.**

Susan Wilson moved to appoint Eric Magrini as the representative for the Shasta County Sheriff's Office; Seconded by Steve MacFarland; 9 Ayes, 0 Noes; By roll call; Motion passed.

### **Other Items for Discussion/Future agenda items**

Tracie reviewed a list of future agenda items, to include: presentations from local school districts on absenteeism, suspensions, expulsions and student engagement; SARB updates; JAG partner updates; Daryle McDaniel, a BSCC representative, to present on interventions available related to JAG ; the Department of Justice, who received JAG grant dollars to work with individual counties with educational seminars and support; and a presentation by Public Health on vaping.

Mike Burke requested a conversation on teen suicide. He stated that teens with low hope, have a 48% suicidal ideation rate while teens with a higher hope report a 12% rate. Tracie asked Mike for a presentation on Hope Theory at the next meeting and he indicated he would be willing and would include Dr. Hellman.

**Next Meeting**

September 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

**Individual comments from board members**

Susan Wilson said 40 Developmental Assets has a new curriculum on Developmental Relationships, which works with parents and minors to build family relationships and works with mentors or constant adults outside the minor's family to provide services. Susan stated that she has handouts and posters on Developmental Assets that she could provide to Probation staff.

**Adjourn**

Susan Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Steve MacFarland; 9 Ayes, 0 Noes; Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.