## ALAMEDA COUNTY JJCC SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES October 11, 2023, 12:00-2:00 p.m. JJC, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578 Microsoft Teams Teleconference Option Provided

## JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:

Marcus Dawal, Chief Probation Officer	Scott Bezner, OPD
Otis Bruce, DA	Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC
Al Mance, PD	Erickson Amaya, FOK
Christine Gerchow, ACBH	Judge Scott Jackson, Court Representative
Monica Vaughan, ACOE	Kelvin Potts, D4 Representative
Andrea Zambrana, Conflict Counsel	Erin Palacios, D5 Representative
Emily Young, DPN	Jesus Cortez, Youth Representative

## **Meeting Participants:**

Louise Anderson, JJDPC	Judge Lupe Garcia, Superior Court
Dieudonné Brou, UPM	Tiffaney Gipson, DA
Dante Cercone, ACPD	Michelle Love, SSA-CWS (Present Remotely)
Shauna Conner, ACPD	Carissa Pappas, ACPD
Romany Corella, ACOE	Kelly Sorbera, ACOE
Brian Ford, ACPD	Robert Walton, ACPD
Alex Garcia, ACPD	Anna Kane, ACPD (recorder)
Julian Hamilton, UPM	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed
1. Welcome and Roll Call		
2. Review of the Office and Community Restoration (OYCR), Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan Template (SB 823 Plan Template)	<ul> <li>The OYCR plan template was provided and reviewed.</li> <li>ACPD has submitted the plan and the two addendums in a report format and has not used the template.</li> <li>OYCR does not require counties to submit the plan using the template, but they strongly suggest it.</li> <li>There is new legislation, AB 505, which takes effect January 1, 2024, and requires the counties to update their progress in the plan. This legislation may change the template as it requests additional information. This legislation will be discussed in greater detail at the next quarterly meeting.</li> </ul>	

3. Data review and discussion of the SB	<ul> <li>There is consensus that any information contained in the Alameda County plan that does not fit into the OYCR template headings is included in an addendum so that information gathered and subcommittee work is not lost.</li> <li>A motion was made by Emily Young to use the OYCR headings and subheadings and lay out the plan exactly as written into the template. If anything from the plan does not fit in the boxes, we add an extra section at the end for all important information that we don't want to lose from our plan. Motion seconded by Otis Bruce. Motion passed.</li> <li>No public comments.</li> <li>Questions: Are there word limitations in the template? Can charts be added into the template? We do not know at this time.</li> <li>How is the plan template submitted? Is it via a database or PDF? We do not know at this time.</li> <li>Secure Track youth data was reviewed and discussed.</li> </ul>	Probation to share any additional information about new plan requirements with the Subcommittee.
823 population and the potential of "net widening"	Questions: Did any of the robberies involve gun use? We will look into it and get back to you. Why was the data not compared year-to-year? Can we see a year- to-year comparison on sustained petitions? SB 823 Quarterly data document provides additional information. There are several cases that settled in 2022 that originated in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Also, there are four kids that were charged with murder which made the numbers jump. What does this body want to do about net widening? What are our options? The Court does not have a policy. The Court reviews each case individually to decide what's best for the child. The jump in the numbers can be explained by major delays in getting cases resolved during COVID; the election delayed some cases; there has been a major uptick in cases involving firearms post COVID. Also, the court has fewer options regarding other secure placements. We can no longer place youth outside the state due to changes in legislation.	Respond to Tiffaney Gipson. Prepare a year- to-year comparison to see if we are net widening over time.

4. Less Restrictive Step Downs	<ul> <li>Please discuss the charging decisions and how they get made? DA office: What can we prove in court? What are the facts in the police report?</li> <li>The Court is required to follow the law. The law gives us guidance regarding what factors to consider. The focus of the court is rehabilitation. This is difficult to capture through data. Each decision is made on an individual basis. The focus needs to be on prevention. We have been seeing an escalation in violence in the last five years. What is being done in the community? What are we doing to help the families?</li> <li>How can we prevent youth from going to secure track? What services can be provided to the youth before they start to commit more serious offenses?</li> <li>The point where we control net widening is at preventive services and re-entry support services.</li> <li>The JCC and JJDPC have an obligation to discuss and take action.</li> <li>Addendum B (Less Restrictive Treatment Options) was provided for review and discussed.</li> <li>The addendum is current and accurate.</li> <li>Pine Grove contract has been executed. They came and gave a presentation to the youth. No youth were interested.</li> <li>It was requested that the Step-down options of the plan are updated.</li> <li>There was a request for further information regarding Transitional housing.</li> <li>There was a request for the number of youth that took advantage of the step-down programs provided.</li> <li>There are two vendors under contract that provide services to youth with harmful sexual behaviors.</li> <li>Both programs have MFT/PhD level clinicians.</li> <li>Services are available in Spanish.</li> <li>There are currently two youth going through the program.</li> <li>One vendor agreed to provide a presentation to this body if there's interest.</li> <li>How long is the program?</li> </ul>	Provide a regular update regarding step- down options at every quarterly meeting going forward. Provide a number of kids in each step- down option.
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5. Status of the SB 823 Realignment Plan and Discussion on Future Plan Updates and Deadlines, including scheduling a Special Meeting to Discuss Sex Offender Services & Services for Youth With Severe Mental Health Needs	<ul> <li>Are you looking for another vendor for sex offender services? We are considering another vendor but want to make sure there is no duplication in services. We are looking to assess the youth's response to current vendor prior to making any decisions.</li> <li>Severe mental health update: <ul> <li>The Behavioral Health (BH) team is aware that youth entering the facilities are at an age where there is presentation of severe mental health issues.</li> <li>There are five full-time clinicians and will bring on two more which will push down the ratio to 1:12.</li> <li>BH offers 50 hours of psychiatry per week. Able to provide 1:1 services to youth with extremely serious needs. The Guidance Clinic is able to provide triage.</li> <li>Substance misuse can exacerbate mental health issues. BH is offering MAT and SUD psychotherapeutic support through Family Spring. Communications happen through weekly huddle with providers.</li> <li>If a youth is in acute crisis, BH will triage, which is very time consuming.</li> <li>There was a decision not to set another special meeting prior to the next quarterly meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Shauna Conner and Christine Gerchow to summarize their report-outs. Both elements can be added to the updated plan.</li> <li>Erin Palacios will work on reformatting the report to fit the OYCR template.</li> <li>Probation will work on the updates for the plan.</li> </ul>	Requested: SYTF policies and protocol for 90-day re-entry services under Cal-Aim
6. Public Comment	None	
7. Future Meeting	November 16, 2023, 12:00-2:00PM at 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA, 94578, 1st floor, Room C1002	
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM	