

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

October 23, 2012

PRESENT: (Attendees Roster on file)

NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2013 at 2:00 pm

CHAIR: Holly Benton in for Chief Michelle Scray (387-5693)

Room 401, Probation ADMIN

COORDINATOR: Luciano Perez (387-5918)

Location: Probation – Room 401, Probation ADMIN

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introductions & Opening Remarks	DCPO Holly Benton opened the meeting noting that Chief Scray was unable to attend the meeting and that Mr. Perez will be taking the lead	
Review & Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2012	Luciano Perez solicited comments or revisions to minutes from the July 24, 2012 meeting and requested motion to approve.	Motioned by Karen Bell and seconded by Terri Franklin to approve minutes as written.
Financial Report	<p>Luciano Perez gave the floor to Bobbi Byington-Rourke to provide the financial updates.</p> <p>The FY 2011-2012 Annual Report and the Year to Date Expenditures for the current Fiscal Year were distributed. Ms. Byington-Rourke reported that the Annual Report for FY 11-12 reflects revenue of \$5.7 million actual allocation and an additional \$294,000 from VLF funds for period FY 10-11 for a total of \$6,076,000. The actual expenditures for FY 11-12 were \$4,353,264 which is slightly higher than the April-June Summary Report reviewed in July. The remaining funds will rollover into the contingency fund for FY 12-13.</p> <p>Luciano Perez wanted to thank everyone that participated in updating the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan, it was submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections.</p>	
Counseling & Tutoring Update	Luciano Perez reported that the counseling contracts were signed and took effect March 1, 2011 and will expire February 28, 2014. We will go out for a counseling RFP some time in 2013. A question arose whether there is a list of all the classes that are available at the DRCs in a brochure for the schools to receive. Luciano Perez will supply these brochures after the meeting. The brochures are available at each Day Reporting Center as well. The DRC/enrichment services RFP was completed and approved by the BOS on June 19, 2012, we selected 8 providers, 5 were existing providers and 3 are new providers. The contracts were effective July 1, 2012 and expire June 30, 2015. The increase of six new school probation officers increased the number of referrals and prompted the opening of the Family Service Agency's facility in Fontana and an increase in classes at the Montclair DRC,	

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School Probation Officers	<p>resulting in us requesting an increase to the contract for Family Services Agency of \$75,000 a year for the next 3 years and an increase to the contract for Christian Counseling Services of \$40,000 a year for the next 3 years. We are receiving a lot more referrals from the school Probation Officers and the kids are receiving a lot more services. We will re-evaluate the other contracts in January.</p> <p>Tutoring – a company called Professional Tutors of America have provided 95% of all of the tutoring for the county. We went to the board on June 19, 2012 to ask for an increase to their contract for \$100,000. At that time an agreement was made with the BOS to put out an RFP for tutoring, it will go out in January. The new contract(s) will be effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 (period of 3 years). Holly Benton explained that in the past it has been difficult to recruit tutoring companies that have the resources to provide services and or travel the distances necessary to provide the services required. She requested that if you know of agencies that are equipped, to please refer them to that upcoming procurement. It is especially hard to secure tutors in the high desert.</p> <p>This year, FY 2012/2013 we have added 12 positions, last year we had 11 giving us a total of 23 School Probation Officers. County Schools will have 6 PO's- 2 in each region. Victor Valley currently has 2 and will receive 2 more. Apple Valley will get 1 PO; Chaffey Union will get 1 PO. Big Bear/Rim will split 1 PO. San Bernardino Unified was offered a contract but it fell through at the last minute. Needles is interested, Fontana has been re-contacted. Redlands declined. It was brought up that Needles is in need because of the drug problem up there, all of the kids that are in extra-curricular activities will be drug tested.</p>	
HAP	<p>Averaging 30-35 minors which saves space and money for our juvenile halls. We estimate the saving for FY 11/12 was \$5.7 million. It's very expensive to keep a kid in juvenile hall; we are doing all we can to keep them out, with the safety of the community in mind. When comparing the numbers this year to last year they are about the same.</p>	
L.E.T. Update	<p>Karen Bell reported that there was a County wide truancy sweep. This was planned and coordinated with the LET lawyers and law enforcement/probation and was very successful. Officers picked up truants, minors out messing around, and minors with warrants. Probation was in full force and talked to a lot families trying to get resolution. Next one is planned for March, right before Spring Break.</p> <p>Truancy has a new lawyer coming into the Victorville office, Kit Davis has returned from Afghanistan and will hit the ground running. A clerk has been hired in Rancho Cucamonga for Don Pezza. Another OAIII was hired as a split position for LET and victim services.</p> <p>Truancy lawyers are always looking for ways to keep kids in school, referring parents to</p>	

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<p>Roundtable</p>	<p>parenting classes is one of them.</p> <p>Luciano Perez stated he was at the truancy sweep debriefing and was very impressed with the stats that Don Pezza shared; the truancy rate is going down in this county by 4.2%. Everyone is trying to find out the core issue for truancy and a resolution. Karen Bell spoke of two new projects they are working on, a youth court to start in early spring, and the 10% program. This is done at UC Merced. We would like to clone it here. They are working with Cal State San Bernardino and to have students go into 8th grade classrooms and explain how they went from the ghetto to the University. The goal is to increase graduation by 10%. Kids that are involved in school are less likely to be involved in criminal activity.</p> <p>Special thanks to High Desert District child welfare and the anti gang program in Rialto - a great job!</p> <p>Sherman Garnett– School is in session, great results from a breakdown from the DA’s office listing city by city; how many have warrants, how many truants, drugs, etc. He will give this data to the next SARB meeting. Also Spring Break varies by school and school district so, for the next Truancy Sweep, keep that in mind. School calendars have been given out, 80% of their schools are in session beginning of August. A whole week at Thanksgiving and an extra week during the winter break is given so that there is ample time for testing review.</p> <p>Earl Smith – Says thank you for the PO’s at the County Schools, it’s a definite positive. We would like to work on the fact that they have students that jump from school to school and the history of the student isn’t readily available. Questioned where there is a global database. The situations are, per Karen Bell, the kids move around a lot due to evictions and such. There really isn’t a consistent system; however they are working on it.</p>	

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Public Comment	None.	
Closing Remark	Next meeting January 22, 2013 2:00 pm, Room 401. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm <u>ATTENDEES: (Sign in Roster on file)</u> Holly Benton, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Luciano Perez, Division Director II AB 1913 Karen Bell, DA Hon. Gregory Tavill, Court Sherman Garnett, County Schools Earl Smith, SBCSS Marlene Hagen, CFS Terri Franklin, DBH Bobbi Byington-Rourke, Probation Charlene Auzenne, Secretary, Probation Department	