

DRAFT MINUTES: Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 3:00 PM-4:30 PM; 370 Administration Drive-2nd Floor Multi Use Room.

Minutes:

- i. Present: Probation-Brad Michnevich, Chair
- ii. District Attorney-Anne Masterson
- iii. Public Defender-Lynne Stark-Slater
- iv. VOICES-Greyson Gunheim
- v. HSD-FYC-Rachel Carr (proxy)
- vi. Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)-Angela Scardina
- vii. City of Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Program-Danielle Garduño

b. Absent:

- i. Juvenile Court representative-Hon. Robert LaForge
- ii. Boys & Girls Club-Jason Weiss
- iii. DHS-BHD-Karin Sellite

c. Other Subcommittee Participants:

- i. City of Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Program-Miles Burgin
- ii. Probation-Vanessa Fuchs
- iii. Probation-Rob Halverson
- iv. Probation-Kilee Willson
- v. Probation- Haunani Pakaki
- vi. Probation-Lisa Valente
- vii. Probation-Theresa Brownlee
- viii. Probation-Kris Hoyer

1. Welcome and Introductions–Brad Michnevich & Haunani Pakaki

a. Overview of meeting format changes–Haunani Pakaki

- i. Since the last meeting, Probation has changed its virtual format from meeting to webinar. Those changes were described in the Notice posted online, but we wanted to give a quick overview of how that experience may feel different for those joining us virtually.

- 1. If joining virtually, participants will only be visible if joining as a panelist (presenting). Otherwise, members of the public will no longer have their cameras enabled. If a member of the public wishes to make public comment, that can be requested in the Q&A function. The webinar facilitator will reply, letting you know they granted

permission. When it is your turn, the webinar facilitator will let you know when you are unmuted, at which time a public comment can be made, in accordance with the existing Public Comment rules.

- b. Roll call-a quorum was present, and the meeting was officially commenced.
- c. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings–Haunani Pakaki

- a. Verbal votes for Minutes are allowed
- b. Before this Meeting, the draft Minutes from 10/30 were sent for review
- c. Are there any questions or corrections at this time?
- d. Hearing none, can I get a Motion to Approve the Minutes by a show of hands?
- e. Motion: Lynne Slater / Second: Anne Masterson
 - i. 4-Yay
 - ii. 0-Nay
 - iii. 2-Abstain
- f. The Minutes are Approved

3. Discussion: Updates since the October 2024 meeting–Brad Michnevich

- a. There are just over 243 youth on supervision, today.
- b. Juvenile Hall population as of March 4 was 68.
- c. Local juvenile justice trends show that:
 - i. The age of offending youth is trending younger with increased supervision for youths between 12-17 and declining numbers for youths ages 17-20+. The biggest shift is for youth ages 12-14 that went from 26 in FY22-23 to 114 in FY 23-24-an increase of 338%
 - ii. In terms of gender, numbers went up for both males. and females. While the number of females is still lower, the respective number on supervision for both rose by 26%.
 - iii. Regarding race and ethnicity, there were increases for all except Black youth who had a small decrease. Otherwise, all other ethnicities increased: Hispanic/Latin(o)-36%, White-12%, Other/Unknown-18%, All Others-61%.
 - iv. Group format work is down, both for restorative justice services and gender-specific circles. This was a trend we saw and the end of the last fiscal year which has continued. The only exception is ART, which has remained steady since the end of the COVID-19 shutdown.

4. Updates: Developments in Juvenile Hall–Kilee Willson & Kris Hoyer

- a. 16 youth in Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) (2 from out of county, both from Santa Cruz)

- b. Total of 5 on supervision: 4 youth in Less Restrictive Programs (LRP) and 1 on general supervision.
- c. There are 8 out of county youth on supervision. Of the 8 out of county youth the breakdown is: 2 Modoc, 1 Contra Costa, 1 Marin, and 4 Santa Cruz
- d. 11 All Proceedings Dismissed (APD) from SYTF. 7 were successful (per court order)
- e. Shifts in group format restorative justice usage downward could be reflective of those group numbers being subsumed into Restorative Conferencing numbers.

5. Discussion: Less Restrictive Programs Evaluation update-Rob Halverson & Haunani Pakaki

- a. Introduction and overview-Rob
- b. Evaluation presentation-Haunani

6. Question: What other updates or data would you like from Probation?–Brad Michnevich

At the October meeting, the PIE Team asked what other data would be useful for the JJRS to have as Probation develops its Less Restrictive Programs Youth Experience: A Participant Voice Evaluation. The responses to the recorded questions are below:

- a. Has the age range [and] race of youth changed in Juvenile Hall and in the community from pre-pandemic?
 - i. This question was answered earlier during the “Updates Since the October 2024 meeting” section
- b. Where do youth [being referred] reside, [and] where are services available?
 - i. During the last meeting, it was stated that “Probation is aware of deserts; it is working to create connections.”
 - ii. In addition, this question will be part of the upcoming Juvenile Justice Continuum Assessment.
- c. Are there statistics for the different points on the continuum?
 - i. This question is part of a future analysis, that will occur probably in 2026.
- d. How long to step down, and what are the barriers?
 - i. At the last meeting, a Probation team member remarked that “at this point it is widely anecdotal and that data is currently not mandated.” This will also be part of the upcoming Juvenile Justice Continuum Assessment.
 - ii. The programming is highly individualized, so a single approach won’t be successful. In addition, there is more required than merely being told by Probation and CBOs what to do next. Stepping down is a process where youth need to learn life skills,

job readiness, and day-to-day coping mechanisms now that they are out of the institutional setting. Probation is tracking outcomes as youth move through the process.

- e. How are the step-down decisions made?
 - i. At the last meeting it was said that, “Those decisions are made by the Judge, but also as a part of the case-management process which relies on the CFTs which happen every 6 months.”
 - ii. In addition, Probation plans on incorporating CBOs into the CFT process to strengthen youth connections in anticipation of reentry.
 - iii. Similarly, efforts are being made to include services that providers start while the youth is in Juvenile Hall that will continue once they transition out. The goal is to have streamlined services to maintain continuity for the youth during reentry.
- f. What are the trends for youth outside of criminality or for co-occurring diagnoses (ex: SUDS, mental health, truancy, etc.)?
 - i. This information will be a part of the Less Restrictive Programs Evaluation.

7. Follow up: Youth members on the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee

- a. The Chair was spoke with an Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) connected resource who helped set up similar groups in other counties.
- b. Boys & Girls Club and VOICES mentioned at our October meeting that they would help develop our JJRS Youth Voice subgroup. City of Santa Rosa (Danielle Garduno) also agreed to play a role.
 - i. In the near future, youth can have a role in the LRP evaluation
 - ii. May be able to make recommendations to the JJRS and JJCC based on their experiences.

8. Standing Item: Do any JJRS Voting Member volunteer to be Cochair?–Brad Michnevich

- a. This is a standing item.
- b. If someone does want to be Cochair please nominate yourself and we will do a roll call vote.
- c. No one nominated themselves at this meeting

9. Public Comment: Three minutes per speaker–Brad Michnevich

- a. From the City of Santa Rosa-Violence Prevention Program (VPP): Funding for prevention services were federally cut. The City of Santa Rosa no longer qualifies because there is insufficient gun-violence per capita to meet the grant threshold. If there are partners or alternative

funding sources the JJRS or its collaborators are aware of, please direct them to Danielle Garduño at dgarduno@srcity.org.

10. Questions?

- a. Will there be another meeting before May date, below, to discuss the Annual JJRS Plan?
 - i. Response: Another off-cycle meeting will likely be called in April to review the Plan before submission by the Probation Department.

11. Next Steps

- a. Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 3:00-4:30 at 370 Administration Drive-2nd Floor Multi Use Room.