

Multi Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

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Date: August 24th, 2023

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Humboldt County Courthouse, Conf. Room A

Minutes

Voting Members: Coral Sanders, William Honsal, Sacha Marini, Stacey Eads, Connie Beck proxy Jeremy Nielsen, Caterina Kein, Luke Brownfield, Judge Lawrence Killoran & Proxy Meara Hattan, Michelle Bushnell, and Felicia Doherty.

Voting Members in attendance were: Coral Sanders, Sacha Marini, Stacey Eads, Jeremy Nielsen for Connie Beck, Judge Killoran, and Lex Rohn for Felicia Doherty.

Non-voting members in attendance were: Raven Majors with Fortuna Teen Court, Megan Gotcher with Probation, Lauren Lund with Probation, Meara Hattan with the Superior Court, Sonya Levy-Boyd with HCTAYC-TAY, Sarah Gross with Probation, and Lydia Thrash with Probation.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Interim Chief Probation Officer Coral Sanders called the meeting to order at 3:32pm. A round of introductions were made.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA (Inquiry of Attendees for additions/subtractions/changes for the current agenda)

No adjustments to the agenda were made.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to three (3) minutes per person, per item)

No public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes from both the **02/23/2023 & 05/25/2023** meetings.

Sacha Marini motioned to approve the minutes from the February and May MAJJCC meetings.

Meara Hattan seconded the motion.

A vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.

V. PROGRAMS (10-15minutes):

- **Report out from Bridges, Teen Court, Parent Project, and the Lounge at Boys and Girls club to include more detailed descriptions of services provided so newer members, the Court and other justice partners are familiar with services being provided to youth. This may extend to more than one meeting.**

Sacha Marini presented on the Boys & Girls Club's Teen Court program.

- Teen Court provides services to youth who have committed offenses, withdrawn from school, and need additional assistance.
- Referrals from Teen Court are received from many local agencies: Probation, Law Enforcement, Schools, and Community Agencies.

- There are many partners of Teen Court who are utilized as services for youth.
- Teen Court's goals are to shift from a court process to a support process to equip youth with valuable skills while building community and wellness.
- There are three programs within Teen Court: YOUth choose, Attendance Councils, and Teen Court hearings.
- Adult legal mentors assist youth with the Teen Court hearing process.
- Youths have two months to complete the Teen Court process.
- Once Teen Court is completed, about 10% of the participants continue to volunteer in the process.
- Teen Court can handle around 60 cases per year in both hearings and the YOUth Choose program.
- Youth Volunteers are in 8th-12th grade and receive community service work hours for their service.
- Anyone can observe Teen Court by signing a confidentiality waiver.

Jeremy Neilsen reported out about the Bridges program.

- The Bridges program started out as a grant funded program.
- The County in partnership with HCOE applied for an oversight grant around 2018 and awarded funding.
- The grant was focused on helping counties developed crisis-based programs that met students needs.
- Clinicians, navigators, and coaches are implemented to assist and stabilize the youth during and after crisis.
- The teams can respond to individual youth or entire school sites when a crisis occurs.
- The teams serve as a bridge for the youth to support and connection to services.
- The Bridges program has served over 1,500 children since its start.
- The referrals come to the Bridges program from the school directly.
- Presentations are made to schools about the Bridges program to establish and maintain the partnership and collaboration.
- The effects of COVID on youth's lives has increased the referrals significantly.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- Probation Data – Location, race, ethnicity, types of offenses, cross system information Sarah Gross with Probation reported out on Juvenile Probation data from Fiscal Year 22-23.
 - An overview of juvenile referrals that are received from local law enforcement agencies was provided.
 - There is a higher concentration of youth referrals in Eureka and Fortuna.
 - The top three most serious offenses committed were: Assault/battery, vandalism, and driving unlicensed.
 - Almost half of youth on a supervision are on an informal type of supervision, with the remainder being formal supervisions.
 - A majority of youth who were detained longer than 48 hours were between 15-17 years of age.
 - 10% of detained youth were in the New Horizons program; 2% were in the Secured Youth Treatment program.
 - Over 56% of bookings had felony charges upon initial booking into Juvenile Hall.
 - The average length of a youth's stay at Juvenile Hall was 32 days.

VII. AGENCY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OPEN TOPIC

Due to time, there was no roundtable discussion.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: To be determined.

- A presentation from the Parent Project.

To add an item onto the MAJCC agenda, please email Coral Sanders at: csanders@co.humboldt.ca.us

IX. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on November 30th, 2023, from 3:30-4:30 in the Humboldt County Courthouse, 1st Floor, Conference Room A.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Closure.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

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