



*SB 823 Sub Committee*

**Minutes**

**August 31, 2021**

**Present:**

Cesar Escuro, Probation – Chair\*

Scott Huizar, Probation

Matt Strickland, Probation

Brook Smith, Children’s Initiative

Lisa Weinreb, District Attorney\*

Sandy Keaton, SANDAG

Laila Aziz, Pillars of the Community\*

Mary Beth Wirkus, Public Defender\*

Dorothy Thrush, PSG

Lisa Sawin, Probation

Sandy Keaton, SANDAG

Marc Regier, Probation

Dana Maier, County Council

D’Andre Brooks, Community Rep\*

Stephanie Heying, Children’s Initiative

Bennett McManus, Children’s Initiative

Shawnalyse Ochoa, District Attorney

Renee Stapley, Probation

Ruben Leyva, Probation

Alex Zermeno, Probation

Ana Espana, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge\*

Fran Cooper, Behavioral Health Services\*

Yael Koenig, Health and Human Services

Services\*

**\*Voting members**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Brook Smith called meeting to order at 1:02PM and informed all in attendance that this meeting would be to finalize and vote on the SB 823 plan.
- Brook Smith informed committee members that there was a quorum and stated names of all voting members.

**2. Opportunity for public comment**

- Brook Smith asked if there were any public comments and after hearing none, moved to the first agenda item.

**3. Draft Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan (Action)**

- Brook Smith began to review the draft plan and asked that committee to look at page 9 and communicated that additional language had been added to address harm to the victim and community.
- Brook Smith reminded all in attendance that if at anytime there were any objections to speak freely.
- Brook Smith moved to page 11 of draft and informed committee that more precise language had been added around interactions with staff and youth. Brook Smith again asked if there were any comments, concerns, or objections to the language added, which there were none.
- Brook Smith requested to move to page 12 and communicated that more language/options had been added to address concerns around virtual attendance, education, and visiting. In addition, Brook Smith went on to add that those options were flexible hours and support for incarcerated parents.
- Brook Smith moved on to page 15 where he went over finalized language around CTE, Work Readiness, and Individual Rehabilitation Plans. Laila Aziz asked if every youth

would have housing assistance funding provided within this plan. Mark Regier stated that probation currently contracts interim housing services for up to 90 days for those coming out of DJJ and would be open to exploring other options.

- Brook Smith requested to move to section #6 of the draft plan and stated that the entire section had been rewritten to be inclusive of all questions, comments, and concerns, as well as took into consideration the plans of other counties.
- Brook Smith asked if there were any objections or comments pertaining to what was rewritten.
- Mary Wirkus asked if (wic707(b)offenses) could be added to one of the sentences in section #6 to allow the language to be more precise, which it was.
- Brook Smith again thanked everyone for their comments and asked if everyone was comfortable with the language, hearing no objections, Smith asked the chair if he could call for a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and vote.

#### **4. *SB 823 Draft Plan Vote***

- Cesar Escuro requested a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Ana Espana made the motion, Laila Aziz was the 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Cesar Escuro asked for a vote from all in favor which came back unanimous
- Cesar Escuro asked for a vote by all in opposition (There were none)
- Cesar Escuro asked if there were any abstentions (There were none)
- Cesar Escuro informed Brook Smith and the entire committee that the draft plan had been officially adopted.

#### **5. *Next Steps***

- Brook Smith informed committee members that next steps would include a presentation on SB 823 to the Board of Supervisors, as well as the presenting of the newly adopted draft plan.

#### **6. *Closing***

- Brook Smith asked if there were any closing comments. Lisa Weinreb asked if a final copy of the draft plan would be sent out to the committee prior to being presented to the Board of Supervisors.
- Brook Smith asked if there were anymore comments and D'Andre Brooks, Ana Espana, and Scott Huizar thanked everyone for their work
- Brook Smith adjourned meeting

