



*SB 823 Sub Committee*

**Minutes**

**August 12th, 2021**

**Present:**

Cesar Escuro, Probation - Chair\*

Scott Huizar, Probation

Matt Strickland, Probation

Brook Smith, Children's Initiative

Ruben Leyva, Probation

Joy Singleton, Community Member\*

Sandy Keaton, SANDAG

Laila Aziz, Pillars of the Community\*

Mary Beth Wirkus, Public Defender\*

Dorothy Thrush, PSG

Sandy Keaton, SANDAG

Marc Regier, Probation

D'Andre Brooks, Community Rep\*

Stephanie Heying, Children's Initiative

Bennett McManus, Children's Initiative

Shawnalyse Ochoa, District Attorney\*

Tracy Thompson, SDCOE\*

Lisa Sawin, Probation

Alex Zermeno, Probation

Ana Espana, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge\*

Fran Cooper, Behavioral Health Services\*

Yael, Koenig Health and Human Services\*

Frank Barone, Public Defender

**\* Voting members**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Brook Smith called meeting to order at 3:03PM and informed those in attendance that they would be going over edits/suggestions to be incorporated in the SB 823 plan. The committee will also address any additional questions, comments, or concerns.

**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 (Edits)**

- Brook Smith requested that everyone turn to page 11 to begin the meeting.
- Brook Smith stated that there was a question about what further assessments would be used by BHS to ensure appropriate mental health support for youth.
- Fran Cooper explained that if there was ever a cause of concern after any screening, the matter would be forwarded to the County's (STAT) team and any other relevant Behavior Health provider.
- Brook Smith asked if there were any additional concerns and Joy Singleton stated, yes Joy Singleton stated that she thought the last sentence in the 'Daily Achievement System' paragraph could use more precise language. Matt Strickland agreed and said it would be worked on by probation.

### ***Draft Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan (Edits Continued)***

- Brook Smith requested to turn to page 12 to discuss how the County plans to apply grant funds in family engagement for targeted population.
- Brook Smith highlighted a concern that addressed transportation assistance to visiting and additional support for families.
- Marc Regier stated that an extensive analysis would be conducted to address transportation by region in efforts to recognize/accommodate the challenges families will have when visiting youth.
- Joy Singleton asked if virtual visiting would be addressed in draft plan. Brook Smith replied that a note was being made to add that aspect to the end of this particular draft section.
- Laila Aziz asked about incorporating additional visiting hours for families who don't work traditional 9 to 5's. Brook Smith asked if probation could speak to the support that has been given to visiting hours. Marc Regier stated that probation always considers that dynamic as well as flexibility when discussing visiting.
- Dorothy Thrush asked if language around supporting incarcerated parents could be added to the draft. Brook Smith then requested that a note be made to add that to the end of the section.

### ***Draft Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan (Edits Continued)***

- Sandy Keaton asked if there would be more language detailing CTE, work readiness, and educational planning. Brook Smith replied that he again would work with Probation to weave said language into draft plan.
- Matt Strickland suggested that the institutions team have more talks around housing female youth. Marc Regier stated that San Diego is not the only County who will have challenges with housing arrangements for female youth and would reach out to other counties for assistance.
- Brook Smith informed committee that Part 6 of the draft plan would be rewritten in order to consider and reflect all comments and suggestions. Ana Espana suggested adding language to this section about case management approach, robust services, and engaging youth. This was noted by Brook Smith.
- Brook Smith requested to move to part 8 of the plan where he stated that the suggestions made around data collection had been incorporated to reflect all outcome measures being disaggregated by race and ethnicity.
- Brook Smith highlighted a question regarding what additional training would be provided to probation considering the higher levels of violence, risk, criminal history, and sophistication of this population. Marc Regier replied that probation had received recommended trainings from the "Counsel on Juvenile Justice Administrators" that included de-escalation, relationship building, verbal, progressive, and physical interventions. Regier also made note that 80% of those training preventions were nonphysical.

#### ***4. Next Steps***

- Brook Smith informed committee that all comments would be addressed, and that section 6 would be rewritten and provided at the next meeting for adoption.

## **5. Closing**

- Brook Smith asked if there were any closing comments.
- Cesar Escuro thanked everyone for their time, effort, and collaboration.
- Brook Smith adjourned the meeting.

### ***Next Meeting:***

Tuesday, August 31st, 2021

Meeting minutes were submitted by Brook Smith. Please call him at (858) 581-5882 if you have corrections or suggested revisions. He may also be contacted for agenda items or general information. Thank you.