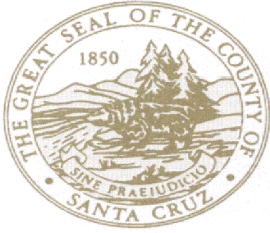


# County of Santa Cruz

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, March 29, 2021

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

JJCC Subcommittee Meeting

Microsoft TEAMS

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In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, the Commission will be utilizing remote meetings until further notice.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

Present: Fernando Giraldo, Honorable Denine Guy, Faris Sabbah, Tara George, Larry Biggam, Robin Luckett, Lisa Gutierrez-Wang, Jimmy Cook, Beverly Brook, Marisol Lopez,

Excused: Edgar Ibarra

Ex Officio: Valerie Thompson, Robert Doty, Hugo Calderon      Staff: Lisa Herschfelt

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Fernando Giraldo, Chair of the Subcommittee, opened the meeting and discussed the importance of the Subcommittee to complete a plan that is viable and will result in positive outcomes for our DJJ realigned youth for years to come. All Subcommittee Members introduced themselves as well as Probation staff who were attending the meeting and will be supporting the development of the plan.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

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IV. GROUP SHARED AGREEMENTS AND VALUES – ACTION ITEM

All Subcommittee Members participated in the conversation regarding shared agreements and values. Common themes from the discussion focused on being fully present at the meetings, keeping the best interest of the youth and families at the center of the discussions and for the Subcommittee to be open-minded during the process. The Subcommittee also agreed that our approach needed to include a restorative lens and be culturally relevant to the population we are serving.

**Action: (M) Beverly Brook (S) Tara George All in Favor**

V. SB 823 UPDATE – INFORMATION ITEM

Fernando Giraldo, Subcommittee Chair, provided an update on SB 823 and discussed the proposed Secure Youth Treatment Program (Secure Track). This overview included a brief background of Secure Track and requirements of SB 823 that the Subcommittee would have to consider when developing the realignment plan. This discussion identified eligibility and terms, rehabilitation planning and other program requirements.

VI. LOCAL FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS AND HOST COUNTY OPTIONS – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

The topic of DJJ closing led to a discussion from committee members that focused on the size and age of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall. The Subcommittee acknowledged that the current Juvenile Hall, which was built in 1967, is much smaller when compared to many of the more newly built Juvenile Hall facilities in other parts of the state. The newer facilities are built with multiple units which could more easily address the need for separate programming and maintaining separation between youth who may be confined as part of the DJJ realignment and youth who are housed for local violations. The Subcommittee also acknowledged that due to realignment, the ages of youth needing to be confined could change dramatically with housing needs possibly including youth between the ages of 13 and 25 years old which present its own set of challenges if the youth cannot be adequately separated and housed in different units. Additionally, the Subcommittee discussed the lack of space in the current Juvenile Hall for recreational exercise and the need for space for large muscle activity which currently is limited at the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall. Discussions then addressed the possibility of using a “host” county who might be able to house realigned youth in a more modern and better equipped facility. It was determined that if a host county(s) were to be considered it would be necessary to carefully review a host county’s plan to develop the Santa Cruz County plan. Additional information included that CPOC and CSAC are looking at developing a consortium to support counties that may choose a host county option.

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VII. SB 823 PLANNING TEMPLATE REVIEW – INFORMATIONAL ITEM  
Robert Doty, Juvenile Division Director, reviewed the SB 823 Planning Template and discussed each section and what information will need to be included in the final plan. The Subcommittee discussed that prior to completing the plan it would be ideal to have determined if a local facility or host county facility would be utilized.

VIII. GROUP-WORK SB 823 FORMAL PLANNING LOCAL OR HOST COUNTY DETERMINATION – ACTION ITEM

**Action: Tabled to next meeting**

IX. NEXT STEPS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND TASKS TO DEVELOP THE LOCAL SB 823 PLAN – ACTION ITEM

The Subcommittee discussed scheduling upcoming meetings and using a Doodle calendar when possible or unless a meeting date is determined during an existing meeting. There will be a need to meet regularly as the deadline to complete the plan is May 1, 2021.

**Action: Tabled to next meeting**

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Fernando Giraldo, Subcommittee Chair, at 4:12 PM

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