



**MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Friday, September 20, 2024

12:00pm – 1:30pm

In-Person (required for Voting Members, public welcome) at the following location:

**Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), Multimedia Lab, 2240 Old River Rd, Ukiah,
CA 95482**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcoe.zoom.us/j/97437170814>

Meeting ID: 974 3717 0814

1. Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m.

1a) Welcome

Izen Locatelli welcomes everyone to meeting. Everyone reminded to sign the sign-in sheet.

1b) Introductions

Izen Locatelli conducts roll call.

Izen Locatelli, Probation

Mick Hill, Public Defender

Cedric Crook, UPD

Yvonne Avila, MCOE

John Bednar, Probation/JH

Jenine Miller, BHRS

Jill Ales, BHRS

Kate Gaston, JJDPC

Blythe Post, Foster & Homeless Youth Services Coordinator

Cambria Milani, Probation

Matthew Kendall, MCSO

Jan Cole-Wilson, Public Defender (zoom)

Chris Francis, MCOE

Jason Iversen, UUSD

Rachel Ebel-Elliott, Social Services (zoom)

Karen Lovato, BHRS

Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA

Judge Carly Dolan, Superior Court

Cathy White, Probation

1c) Additions or Corrections to Agenda

None



2. Public Comment for items not on agenda

Members of the public are welcome to address the JJCC on items not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the JJCC. The JJCC is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the JJCC under Public Expression are welcome to do so via email at jjcc@mendocinocounty.org. All correspondence received by 8:00 A.M. the day of the meeting will be attached to the item.

None.

3. Consent Calendar

3a) Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2024, SB 823 Subcommittee Meeting

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the March 22, 2024, SB 823 Subcommittee Meeting

Matt Kendall, MCSO, motions to approve the recommended action.

Kate Gaston, JJDPC, seconds the motion.

Vote taken. Motion passes.

3b) Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2024, Regular Meeting

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the March 22, 2024, regular meeting

Jason Iversen, UUSD, motions to approve recommended action.

Matt Kendall, MCSO, seconds the motion.

Vote taken. Motion passes.

4. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and Member Matters

4a) Review, discuss and approve the JJCPA-YOBG 2024 Expenditure and Data Report; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Submit the Approved Report to the BSCC by the October 1, 2024; and Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Present the Report to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Recommended Action:

Approve the JJCPA-YOBG Expenditure and Data Report; authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit the approved report to the BSCC by the October 1, 2024, due date; and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to present the report to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.



Izen Locatelli presents statements as to documents. Discussion held.
Cedric Crook, UPD, motions to approve recommended action.
Kate Gaston, JJDPC, seconds the motion.
Vote taken. Motion passes.

- 4b) Approve Amendment to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) FY2024-25 Approved Budget in the Amount of \$1,909.39 for the Cost of GREAT Certification Training for One Ukiah Police Department Staff, Including All Travel Related Costs; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Amend the FY2024-25 JJCPA Budget Accordingly**

Recommended Action:

Approve Amendment to the JJCPA FY2024-25 approved budget in the amount of \$1,909.39 for the cost of GREAT Certification training for one Ukiah Police Department staff, including all travel related costs; authorize the Chief Probation Officer to amend the FY2024-25 JJCPA budget accordingly.

Summary:

G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) is an evidence-based and effective gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula. It provides a continuum of components for children and their families. These components include a 13-lesson middle school curriculum and a 6-lesson elementary school curriculum. This Program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children in the years immediately before the prime ages to introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior. Probation has certified two officers in the Program. We will now also have one officer certified with UPD, which enables collaboration with an additional agency.

Inquiry and discussion held as to G.R.E.A.T. program.
Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA, motions to approve recommended action.
Jason Iversen, UUSD, seconds the motion.
Vote taken. Motion passes.

- 4c) Review and Discuss the Mendocino County Office of Education-Homeless Youth Services Snack Pack Program to Consider Financial Support for the Program for FY2024-25; If Financial Support is Approved, Determine Amount of JJCPA Funds to be Allocated to the Program for FY2024-25; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Amend the FY2024-25 Budget According to the Approved Amount**



Recommended Action:

Review and discuss the Mendocino County Office of Education-Homeless Youth Services Snack Pack Program to consider financial support for the program for FY2024-25; if financial support is approved, determine amount of JJCPA funds to be allocated to the Program for FY2024-25; authorize the Chief Probation Officer to amend the FY2024-25 JJCPA budget accordingly.

Summary:

The “Snack Pack Program” began in the 2015/16 school year with a combined mission to provide food bags to identified homeless students over the weekend through the school year. At the closing of the 2023-24 school year, they were serving 256 students weekly (372 kids total) and over 7,000 meals were provided. MCOE- Foster and Homeless Youth Services Program work in collaboration with Ukiah Kiwanis, Ukiah Grocery Outlet, and other dedicated individuals who are invested in serving homeless children of Mendocino County. United Parcel Service also partners with the Program to transport non-perishable bags across the county free of charge, which has allowed the Program to expand into Laytonville, Round Valley, Mendocino, Point Arena, and Fort Bragg. The Program was previously operating from combined Federal Aid, local grants from the Community Foundation, Adventist Health, and private donors. However, these funding streams have ended, or have been reduced. The total cost for the Program in the 2023-24 school year was \$47,767.00. With the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, the Program is starting with \$7,500 from Community Foundation. Students and families have come to rely heavily on the Program for support throughout the year, and there is a demand for the Program to continue. MCOE is looking for support in their efforts to create sustainability for this program.

Blythe Post, Foster and Homeless Youth Services Program, explains program in detail to committee. Inquiry and discussion held.

Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA, motions to approve recommended action, with the approval amount of "up to \$50,000.00". Along with the upfront request being approved and billed against this year's school cycle. Request could fluctuate depending upon inflation and Blythe will be submitting invoices.

Jason Iversen, UUSD, seconds the motions.

Vote taken. Motion passes.



4d) JJCC Members Report on Items of General Interest

Recommended Action:

No Action Required

Matt Kendall, MCSO, reports there an increase in youth violence in the south end of town. MCSO is working to combat this issue and being proactive. There is also new “tagging” in Ukiah and Willits. MCSO personnel is down and is concerning.

Cedric Crook, UPD, reports kudos to Karen Lovato, BHRS for 24/7 mobile crisis to officers.

Chris Francis, MCOE, advises they are rebuilding relationship with Probation. They are also seeing an increase in youth violence. Enrollment numbers in Juvenile Hall have increased.

Jason Iversen, UUSD, Thanks everyone for supporting G.R.E.A.T. Also, thanks Jenine Miller for vaccine clinics for the past two cycles which allows kids to remain in school.

Jill Ales, BHRS, Thanks John Bednar for collaboration with the Animal Care Unit summer project in Juvenile Hall. Five youth received certificates of completion for the program. Jill expressed she would like to see this program continue and hopes to have 12 youth participate along with the previous five youth returning as mentors. Youth were excited to receive new shoes for walking the canines.

John Bednar, Juvenile Hall, informed group of the new music program, proposed by Juvenile Hall counselor which included proposal and budget. Jill was instrumental in funding program with remaining funds from a HMA grant. Youth are excited about the new program.

Jenine Miller, BHRS, presents further statements about the treatment program and animal therapy which contributes to keeping youth out of trouble. She is looking forward to searching for additional funding for this program.

John Haschak, BOS, informs group he attended the graduation stating it was nice to be around the youth and along with youth seeming proud to be part of the program with the canines. Youth were taught how to do commands with the dogs and learned to walk them.



Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA, informs everyone on January 21st & 22nd, 2025 is the Trafficking Summit and encourages school to bring busses and allow youth/young people to walk through the exhibit. Held at Carl Purdy Hall at Ukiah Fairgrounds with experts and professionals. Free lunch for kids and will also provide certificates to youth, if needed.

Kate Gaston, JJDP, informs group of five new commissioners. Committee is still in need of one more commissioner. Kate's commitment will be to stay on with JJDP until new commissioners are confident and seasoned. Information on website with Court. The committee needs to work on understanding what the process of delinquency in our county and needs a thorough analysis.

Judge Carly Dolan, Court, presents concern as to youth in foster care. Youth are being placed out of county, getting trafficked, committing crimes, and getting a crash course in juvenile court. Youth are then returning to the community with felonies and addictions, as well as having the traffickers following youth here. Extensive discussion held by group.

Izen Locatelli, Probation, informs committee we are now a Dual Jurisdiction County and exclusively occurring in 300WIC court.

He also informs group of new Social Services Director will begin early November.

Further discussion held as to California closing access to STRTP (group-homes) out of state and now the 300 WIC & 602 WIC youth compete for beds which results in youth being sent to Bakersfield.

There is a fundraiser at the Humane Society in Redwood Valley for Foster Families. Further discussion held.

Rachel Ebel-Elliott, Social Services, informed group the new director is Dede Parker and will begin mid-November and will be a great addition to this council.

4e) Review and Discuss Requests for Items to be Included on Future Agenda, Including Agenda Date or Dates, and Give Direction to Staff as needed

Recommended Action:

Accept requests for items to be included on future agenda, including date or dates of requested items, discuss and/or provide direction to staff as needed

None.



Adjournment:

The next JJCC meeting will be held on March 21, 2025, at 12:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes complete/cm