



**MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (JJCC)
SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA
Monday, August 30, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

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3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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1. Call To Order:

- 1a) Welcome**
- 1b) Introductions**
- 1c) Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

2. Public Comment for items not on agenda

Members of the public are welcome to address the JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee on items not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee. The JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee 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.

3. Consent Calendar

3a) Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2021

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting.

Attachment(s):

August 16, 2021 Minutes - DRAFT

3b) Review, Discussion and Approval of Language Edits as discussed at the August 16, 2021 meeting as to Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2)), Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995(c)(3)(a-f)) and Part 5: Facility Plan (WIC 1995(c)(4)) of the DJJ Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve Part 3-5 Plan edits.

Attachment(s):



Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan
dated August 25, 2021 - DRAFT

3c) Review, Discussion and Approval of Draft Language Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System (WIC 1995(c)(5) of the DJJ Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve Part 6 draft language.

Attachment(s):

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dated August 25, 2021 - DRAFT

3d) Review, Discussion and Approval of Draft Language Part 7: Regional Effort (WIC 1995(c)(6) of the DJJ Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve Part 7 draft language.

Attachment(s):

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4. State Implementation Updates

4a) Legislative Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.

Attachment(s):

None

4b) Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.

Attachment(s):

None

4c) SB 823 County Collaboration Consortium Workgroup Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.



Attachment(s):
None

- 4d) **Host and Partner Counties Secure Track Information Update**
Recommended Action:
Receive update and discuss as necessary.

Attachment(s):
None

Adjournment: The next Regular JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee meeting will be held virtually on September 20, 2021, at 3:00pm.

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

Date: August 25, 2021

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Background and Instructions:

Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure.

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth.

County plans are to be submitted and revised in accordance with WIC 1995, and may be posted, as submitted, to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website.

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Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (WIC 1995 (b))

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information:

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Part 2: Target Population (WIC 1995 (c) (1))

Briefly describe the County's realignment target population supported by the block grant:

Mendocino County's target population are male youth ages 17-23 who have committed serious, violent offenses as listed in Section 707(b) of the WIC involving physical and/or psychological harm to a victim. The youth served in this population are those who have been found unsuitable for a less restrictive alternative disposition by the Court. Based on recent historical information, it is anticipated the number of Mendocino County youth supported by the block grant will be less than five (5) youth. Mendocino County will not be able to serve youth requiring specialized therapeutic needs such as sex offenders. Additionally, Mendocino County will not be able to serve female youth. For these youth, Mendocino County plans to contract with a Host county or regional facility.

Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:

Since 2018, there have been four (4) Mendocino County youth who have been committed to DJJ. The age at time of commitment for the four youth was as follows:

Age at Time of Commitment:

- Age 15 – 1
- Age 16 – 1
- Age 18 – 2

One of the youth returned to the community in early 2020. However, the individual immediately transferred to a different county of residence and therefore, is no longer under the jurisdiction of Mendocino County. The remaining three (3) youth, currently housed at DJJ, have the following demographics:

Current Age:

- Age 18 – 1
- Age 19 – 1
- Age 20 – 1

Gender:

- Male – 3

Race or Ethnicity:

- Hispanic – 3

Offense/Offense History:

- (F) 187(a) PC: Murder – 1
- (F) 245(a)(2) PC: Assault with a Firearm – 2

Prior to 2018, Mendocino County had not committed a youth to DJJ since 2007. However, in 2010 a youth whose case was handled as an adult direct filing, under today's law would have been committed to DJJ due to the age of the youth.

Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.

Mendocino County has not committed a youth to DJJ until recently and therefore only has three (3) housed youth in DJJ. Our one youth who was previously released is no longer a Mendocino County resident, therefore was not referred to programs or services through our department. Programs and services our current DJJ housed youth are receiving include the following:

Primary Interventions:

Aggression Interruption Training (AIT)
Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA)
Introduction to Treatment
Skill of the Week (SOTW)
Family Counseling

Supplemental Interventions - Journaling:

Victim Awareness
Relationship and Communication Skills
Express Yourself
Moods Matter

Mental Health Treatment Programs:

Intensive Behavior Treatment Program (IBTP) – Rehabilitative residential program
Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
Individual Therapy
CBT Based Education
Reality Testing

Education/Employment:

Special Education
Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
Associated Academic Support
Individual Counseling with School Psychologist
Employability Skills

Medical:

Wards with Disability Program (WDP)

Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2))

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population:

Mendocino County operates a juvenile detention facility named Mendocino County Juvenile Hall (MCJH). MCJH is a 42-bed facility with three (3) units, known as A-Unit, B-Unit and C-Unit. The layout of A and B units includes a long hallway of housing with living areas for each unit at the end of the hallway. Currently B-Unit is the only living area utilized. C-Unit is a self-contained unit, including dining area and an attached classroom, formally used for housing male violent offenders. This unit is currently closed but is the identified location to house the target population. C-Unit houses 10 youth with the ability to double-up in two (2) rooms for a maximum occupancy of 12.

All Secure Track youth will be provided access to treatment and services that promote and support rehabilitation and a reduction in recidivism. Additionally, we will promote and provide a safe, healthy, and secure environment at the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall and a successful, supported reentry into the community.

Upon entry into the Secure Track, each youth will be assigned to the Transition Plan Committee. This committee which consist of a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer, Mental Health Clinician, Education Representative, and Medical Staff Representative who will also serve as the Secure Track Treatment Team and be responsible for all assessment and treatment plan development and oversight. During the first 30 days, all assessments and case plans will be developed to support the youth's treatment goals. During this time family members as well as other pro-social adults will also be identified and encouraged to visit weekly and support the youth's treatment goals and case plan.

The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall utilizes the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). This comprehensive assessment instrument measures a youth's Adverse Childhood Experiences score (ACEs) and their risk and protective factors in the following 12 domains:

- Use of Free Time
- Criminal History
- School
- Employment
- Relationships
- Family
- Living Arrangements
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Mental Health
- Attitudes/Behaviors
- Aggression
- Skills

Assessment of criminogenic risk factors and treatment directed toward changing dynamic characteristics provides the best chance of reducing recidivism. We will focus our case plans

based upon the youth's top three identified criminogenic needs. The PACT assessment tool will be used as a pre and post assessment. More specifically, an initial assessment, every six-month re-assessments and a final assessment will be completed for each youth.

To meet this need, the core services provided to our Secure Track youth will aim to promote pro-social changes in attitude and behavior and prepare our youth for a positive reentry in to the community. The services we aim to provide are:

- Anger Management – Handling Difficult Feelings group provided by GEO Reentry Services (GEO) utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series that uses evidence-based strategies to assist youth involved in the criminal justice system. Handling Difficult Feelings encourages participants to identify their difficult feelings and how they connect to irresponsible behaviors. They will explore seven proven strategies that will help them cope with their difficult feelings and then develop a plan to deal with them as they arise.
- What Got Me Here group provided by GEO utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series. In What Got Me Here?, participants explore the consequences of past decision and begin to learn skills for controlling anger, handling negative peer pressure, working with authority figures and strengthening family ties.
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) provided by GEO including group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT), MRT-based workbooks CCI MRT Cognitive-behavioral treatment system that leads to enhanced moral reasoning, better decision making, and more appropriate behavior. Juvenile How to Escape Your Prison is used with all types of juvenile offenders including juveniles with substance abuse disorders. Topics include but are not limited to Honesty, Trust and Acceptance, Goal Planning, Raising Awareness and Helping Others.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Services
- Peaceful Warrior Project – Aikido provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Instructors provide structured classes of the Japanese martial art where the youth are taught self-defense while offering a peaceful path to conflict resolution, teaching the practical skills in order for youth to center and calm themselves. The program teaches critical life skills such as respect, focus, perseverance, self-awareness, compassion, and self-discipline.
- Peaceful Warrior Project – Mindfulness Meditation provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Through structured classes of meditation, youth are taught to proactively observe their present moment experience consisting of sensations, thoughts, memories or images, without reacting to it and ultimately learning to make conscious healthy decisions.

- Peaceful Warrior Project – Trauma Resiliency and Emotional Regulation Skill Development provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Youth are provided one-on-one sessions of structured coaching and skill building to assist youth in developing resiliency to internal and external trauma triggers and emotional, cognitive and behavioral patterns. The instructors specialize in working with youth who have grown up in highly adverse environments including but not limited to: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other highly traumatic experiences.
- Mental Health Counseling provided by Mendocino County Youth Project utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy which focuses on the connection between thoughts, behaviors, and emotions to help teens develop healthy coping skills. Motivational Interviewing builds awareness and helps individuals develop the motivation they need to change their lives including substance abuse issues. Solution-focused brief therapy places focus on a person's present and future circumstances and goals. Harm Reduction and Dialectical Behavior Therapy clients learn how to manage strong emotions and develop mindfulness.
- Gardening Project provided by The Unconditional Freedom Project. Our program aims to introduce our youth to sustainable and organic gardening practices that can be used to grow food in backyards. The produce grown in our garden will be donated to local Senior Centers and Food Banks, increasing the availability of fresh vegetables and fruits to these populations. Some produce will also be used to provide nutritional workshops to our youth, increasing their understanding of nutrition, how it affects the body and making healthy food choices.
- The Council for Boys and Young Men provided by Mendocino County Probation staff addresses risk factors and empowers boys and young men to find belonging, build assets, and deconstruct harmful masculinity beliefs on their journey toward becoming respectful leaders and connected allies in their community. Through guided discussions, the group inspires young men to be self-motivated to change and to develop and practice skills that can be transferred to classrooms, neighborhoods, job training, or sports.
- Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program provided by Mendocino County Probation staff aims to assist youth transition to young adulthood. The TAY Program will provide support, recreational and life skills building groups, case management services, personal coaching for learning and linkage to education and employment. Life skills include planning, focus, self-control, awareness, and flexibility.
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Positive Behavior Management System provided by MCJH is a point system designed to reward specific youth behaviors while positively reinforcing the facility standard expectations. The program encourages youth to improve upon behaviors below the standard expectations and encourages youth to go above and beyond those expectations.

- Culinary Arts vocational certificates through Mendocino College
- Post-Secondary Education opportunities (Rising Scholars).
- Family Engagement Workshops provided by Redwood Valley Rancheria. These family group sessions address topics on Parents as Partners, Structure, Healthy Relationships, Understanding Trauma, and Community Resources.

Youth assessed and requiring more specialized programming in the areas of Gang Involvement or Substance Abuse Treatment will be referred to the appropriate provider. Our program will operate on a weekly schedule and be in compliance with all Title 15 regulations. We will structure the daily activities around the treatment program but will include ample inside free leisure times as well as structured outside recreation activities.

The Secure Track Treatment Team will provide a progress report at 6-month intervals outlining progress in the program and milestones reached, as well as, a description of additional treatment, educational and vocational needs. Additional areas that may be addressed in this report may include but are not limited to input from family members, victim notification, restitution, and written statement from the youth. This report will be submitted to the Juvenile Court for review. At the time of this 6-month review hearing the Court may continue the youth in the Secure Track Treatment Program, order the youth in to a less restrictive program which could be either a custodial or non-custodial setting. The less restrictive placement will be considered part of the baseline term. The Court may also reduce the baseline term by 6 months.

After the 12-month review and dependent upon rehabilitative goals, the secure track youth will be assessed for vocational training opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Mendocino College Certificate Completion Program (Rising Scholars)
- Culinary Certificates
- Gardening/Horticulture
- Sonoma County Camp Program
- Other Regional Facility Training Programs

Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995(c) (3)(a))

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population:

Mental Health

Currently, MCJH has a Mental Health Clinician (24 hours per week), psychiatric assessments and medication management (5 hours per month), and crisis services. Mendocino County plans to enhance existing Mental Health Services by completing a comprehensive Intake and Clinical Assessment to identify youth needs and create a treatment plan. As well as, implementing new treatment programs and group therapy. (ie. Aggression Replacement Therapy)

Sex Offender Treatment

Mendocino County plans to partner with another county in collaboration with the Consortium for sex offender treatment.

Related Behavioral or Trauma-based Needs

MCJH staff Intake Assessments will identify and address trauma in youth. Further, staff will receive ongoing training on adolescent development, trauma informed approaches, mental health needs, cultural responsiveness, motivational interviewing and de-escalation.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population: (WIC 1995(c) (3) (B))

Mendocino County will continue to work with our community-based organizations to offer appropriate programs such as life skills development. MCJH plans to implement an assessment of the youths psychological functioning, academic and vocational interests, physical health and maturation, family history and support, social development, and leisure activities and interests. Additionally, MCJH staff will provide mentoring and role modeling and TAY program.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population: (WIC 1995(c) (3) (C))

Mendocino County is currently working on implementing family counseling and plans to continue to enhance family engagement through Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT-M) and utilizing family strengthening curriculum, such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT). We will also utilize family finding tools and resources to locate additional family members to connect and develop additional family support and strengthening healthy family relationships.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education for the target population: (WIC 1995(c) (3) (D))

Mendocino County will create a Reentry Case Plan including a detailed transition plan to community services, as well as, implement employment support and vocational skills training and enhance our post-secondary educational opportunities.

Youth will be assessed for eligibility for transitional housing programs such as Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) offered through Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Children's Services or Levine House Transitional Support Program provided by Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP).

THP-Plus is a transitional housing program for young adults who exited foster care on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years of age. Eligible young adults may participate in the program for up to 24 cumulative months. Supportive services to help participants successfully transition to independence are provided including case management, housing, educational advocacy and guidance, employment counseling and job readiness training, linkage to health care and health insurance, linkage to community resources and assistance in finding and maintaining affordable housing upon completion of the program.

Levine House is a short-term housing program for young adults, ages 18-21, who are in need of temporary housing, support services and care management. The program uses the Positive Youth Development approach to work towards obtaining a high level of involvement from the residents served in making a successful transition to more permanent housing. Residents are provided with supportive services including: transitional living planning assistance, life skills education and counseling designed towards prevention and treatment of substance abuse and referral to other resources in support of strengthening healthy life choices and life skills.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive services for the target population: (WIC 1995(c) (3) (E))

Mendocino County is currently participating in the Trauma Informed Implementation Project (TIIP) with the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care and Mendocino County Youth Project to assess our current levels of trauma-informed practice, to specify recommendations for improved service delivery and to provide outside verification to certify our department's level of trauma-informed transformation. Mendocino County Probation Department has been assessed by the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care for our department baseline agency report and recommendation. and Staff have received training as participants of the TIIP. MCJH staff will continue to receive ongoing training. Additionally, Mendocino County can use the resources offered through the PACEs Connection made available by CASA of Mendocino County.

MCJH will also have a supervisor responsible for programming coordination, addressing evidence-based services and data collection. We will continue to ensure our program and services are either evidence-based, evidence informed, or based on promising practices. We plan to identify new programs that are trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

Additionally, Mendocino County will continue to utilize the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to assess and identify a youth's risk level to reoffend as well as their criminogenic needs. This allows for an individualized case plan identifying both their risk factors and protective factors. The PACT is validated for youth up to age 21. For youth over the age of 21, the Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) will be used.

Mendocino County will also implement the use of interactive journaling with Thinking for Change and Courage to Change workbooks. Additionally, we plan to implement Phoenix Gang Intervention curriculum.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers: (WIC 1995(c) (3) (F)

Mendocino County is committed to a collaborative approach to develop and implement innovative services to support the needs of realigned youth, including expanded programming and services with our community-based providers. It is recognized there will likely be gaps in services and programs that will be discovered as the County plan develops or new legislation evolves. In those instances, we would be looking to our nongovernmental agencies and community-based organizations to fill the gap.

Part 5: Facility Plan

Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. (WIC 1995(c) (4))

Mendocino County's intention is to utilize what is currently known as C-Unit to accommodate our realigned youth. This wing of Mendocino County Juvenile Hall is a secure, self-contained residential facility with the capacity of 10 beds. C-Unit has its own day room for structured inside activities, dining area as well as an attached classroom to meet the educational needs of our youth. Exiting C-Unit to the West, our youth will utilize the outdoor physical recreation area equipped with a basketball court, exercise area, covered walkways (shade and rain), landscaped grass area and trees.

C-Unit will allow for some separation by age or other needs as identified during classification. Our realigned youth will also be assessed using the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) as well as additional risk assessment tools as deemed appropriate. Historically, Mendocino County has committed male youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a very low rate and no record of a female commitment in the last 20 years. Based upon that data, female commitments would be better served in a setting where additional female youth can be housed and program together. Therefore, we would contract with another county to provide the secure track housing and treatment for the female population. To better serve our realigned male youth and surround them with other like-gendered youth, Mendocino County is willing to accept commitments from other counties of similar size and demographics. Mendocino County will not be accepting commitments for sex offenses or severe mental health.

In order to have the programming and service delivery outlined in Part 3 of this plan, some facility modifications will be necessary to ensure the safety and security of youth and staff. Additional security camera systems will be added throughout the facility to ensure the safety of our youth, staff and community partners, as well as, investigate allegations as needed. Technology will be added to C-Unit classroom to allow student access to post-secondary educational opportunities. The classroom will also be painted with a splash of color and include upgraded furniture fixings to promote a comfortable learning environment.

We will re-purpose a previously closed classroom and create a Multi-Use Resource Room to offer our youth access to community based services, family engagement workshops and an adequate space for group facilitation. The Multi-Use Resource Room will need security camera installation, technology upgrades to allow youth access to webinars and other online learning platforms as well as furniture and cosmetic alterations.

Additional Safety Measures and Protections:

Prison Rape Elimination Act: MCJH has a zero tolerance policy for sexual harassment or abuse. Youth will have access to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) hotline. The Probation Department has a policy in place to investigate all sexually based accusations or complaints as serious, truthful, and time sensitive. PREA investigators include supervisory staff at all levels within the facility. At any time during an investigation, outside law enforcement agencies may be called to conduct a criminal investigation. Victim Advocates

will be made available should they need to be utilized in any case. All information is considered confidential.

Transgender Youth: Policies are in place to protect transgender and intersex youth. Upon initial entry, youth will identify their preferences, which will help in determining housing, clothing, and supervision based on their gender identification.

Special Education: In cooperation with the Mendocino County Office of Education, youth will have access to continued education and services. Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Education Related Mental Health Service (ERMHS) are available for those youth who qualify. Schools also work in cooperation with behavioral health providers, medical staff, Redwood Coast Regional Center staff and Probation to individualize each youth's program to meet their specific needs.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The Department will ensure youth with disabilities have equal access to programs, education and activities by providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aides. The Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officers (SJCO) monitor accommodations for youth requiring additional assistance due to a disability. The SJCO's conduct quality control of the documentation in unit binders, follows up with staff to ensure accommodations are understood and being followed, serves as an ADA liaison with partnering agencies and evaluates ADA training needs for the facility. The SJCO will ensure youth accommodations are communicated during intake, initial assessment, school, and multidisciplinary team meetings. The SJCO's will work closely with the Mendocino County Office of Education to ensure information regarding educational accommodations are received and documented.

Suicide Prevention: Probation is committed to deterring and preventing self-harm and suicide within its facilities. Policies are in place for the identification and supervision of youth identified as high-risk for this behavior. A youth's history, current state of mind, and potential for self-harm or suicidal ideation will be assessed. Youth deemed an immediate risk will be immediately assessed by behavioral health to determine programming needs and supervisory objectives. Youth may be placed on Suicide Watch or Special Watch depending on their needs. Programs can be changed at any time during their stay with behavioral health input and approval.

Youth Grievances: Each youth will have access to grievances and will be able to file a grievance at any time. A confidential grievance box is made available or youth may give them directly to an SJCO. Grievances are taken seriously, handled in a timely manner, and are reviewed by the Juvenile Hall Division Manager.

Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

Describe how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system: (WIC 1995(c) (5))

During the initial assessments and case planning development, youth will be encouraged to play a major role in their individualized plan. Their input and insight into their own goals along with the criminogenic needs identified will foster youth buy-in and pre-contemplation for change. Focusing on creating smaller SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) goals within the larger and more overwhelming objectives will allow more opportunities to celebrate the wins. It will also provide the youth a sense of accomplishment and confidence to continue to work towards achieving their larger goals. While it is anticipated some youth will be resistant to change, the programming goals are designed to meet the youth where they are. Using appropriate interventions and support proven to be most effective will assist the youth in recognizing the benefits of change and investing in their personal growth.

The Transition Plan Committee will periodically review the youth's progress. The team will provide input for case planning, general oversight of case progress and will make recommendations to the Supervising Probation Officer and Juvenile Division Manager. If a transfer to the adult criminal justice system is recommended by the Transition Plan Committee, the case will be presented to the Assistant Chief Probation Officer or Chief Probation Officer for approval to ensure significant administrative oversight of the assessment, recommendation and decision, prior to filing a motion of transfer with the Juvenile Court.

Part 7: Regional Effort

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation: (WIC 1995(c) (6))

Mendocino County Probation plans to participate in the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Consortium, a statewide partnership developed to pool resources in order to ensure the availability of high-quality treatment programs. We would utilize this resource to identify housing options for the secure track youth which we are unable to serve such as, females, youth requiring sex offender treatment and intensive mental health treatment. Participation in the CPOC Consortium is a contribution of 1% of Mendocino County's annual block grant allocation.

Part 8: Data

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant: (WIC 1995(c) (7))

The Probation Department will identify specific data to be collected on youth served including, demographics, case information, prior case information and services provided (if applicable), in-custody programming, assessment information and post release recidivism rates. Data will be collected by an SJCO and compiled on a monthly basis utilizing our case management system. The Juvenile Hall Division Manager will oversee the collection of data on the target population youth served.

The Probation Department will also identify specific data to be collected on youth program participation including, program dosage and frequency, participation in MDTs, timeliness of service delivery, program completion, warm-hand off and transition to community programming, and participation levels while reintegrating into the community. Data will be submitted to the Probation Department by service and programming providers on a monthly basis. Service and program providers will use a unique identifier to easily and confidentially track data and outcome measures.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions supported by block grant funds: (WIC 1995(c) (7))

Data collection is an important aspect to program success and Mendocino County Probation is committed to having accurate and relevant data in order to measure what is working and what is not working. Outcome measures will include recidivism rates (new criminal arrests, convictions and/or supervision violations) and program completion rates (treatment program completions, educational accomplishments and vocational certifications). Additionally, the pre and post assessment outcomes will be used as an additional measuring tool. Further, the youth's success in the community in maintaining their educational objectives, employment, housing, etc. will be reviewed by measuring the length in time in which they sustained stable and healthy life skills.

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3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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1. Call To Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

1a) Welcome

Chief Locatelli welcomes everyone to meeting.

1b) Introductions

Everyone knows each other. No public attendance present. Introductions are not necessary. Chief Locatelli commences with visual rollcall.

1c) Additions or Corrections to Agenda

None.

2. Public Comment for items not on agenda

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No public comment.

3. Consent Calendar

3a) Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2021

Sheryn Hildebrand makes motion to approve SB 823 meeting minutes from July 19, 2021 with correction to Consent Calendar 3a and 3b to reflect Katie Ford and David Barrett abstained from voting as they are not voting members of this committee.

Bekkie Emery seconds the motion.



Cambria Milani inquires if we do in fact have a quorum with those present. Sheryn Hildebrand states she believes in the bylaws this committee agreed to majority present. Chief Locatelli tends to agree since we cannot seem to get all the members together at each meeting. Chief Locatelli will take the vote now and if it is incorrect we will take vote again. No objection. Chief Locatelli states we are posting the draft minutes on the website because of the scrutiny the sub-committees are under throughout the state. Essentially the draft will be removed and allows it to go forward as approved minutes. Voting commenced. All in favor. No nays. Katie Ford and David Barrett abstain as they are not voting members. Motion passes with corrections.

Sheryn Hildebrand inquires if anyone looked in to gang programs. Katie Ford responds stating we do have a suggestion in the curriculum for gang programs. Sheryn Hildebrand inquires about meeting diversity and things like that. Sheryn further states they do have a program they purchased that Mendocino County could be a part of to deliver any outcomes that you may want in healthy Mendocino. It is basically becoming a Trauma Informed organization and there are tools. Sheryn Hildebrand sent out documents to the committee. It is free to participate and does not know if we want to make it part of this draft.

3b) Review, Discussion and Approval of Language Edits Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2)) of the DJJ Plan

Katie Ford explains additional language to Part 3 even though we had previously spoke about it and made edits to it. All of the new information is in red. It basically outlines the Secure Track Transition Plan Committee and all of the assessments which will be completed in the first 30 days. It talks about using our Juvenile Risk Assessment tool which is the PACT (Positive Achievement Change Tool) and identifies what the 12 domains are and what it is assessing. That tool itself will identify the criminogenic risk factors for that particular youth and what areas of programming they would benefit from based on their assessment. It was decided to add more language to services and what the curriculum entails. Youth assessed and requiring more specialized programming in the areas of Gang Involvement or Substance Abuse Treatment provider. Katie Ford acknowledges this portion is probably what Sheryn Hildebrand inquired about earlier.

There will be a 6-month progress report outlining progress in the program and milestones reached, as well as, a description of additional treatment, educational and vocational needs. After the 12-month review and dependent upon rehabilitative goals, the secure track youth will be assessed for vocational training opportunities.

Sheryn Hildebrand inquires as to specific assessments, if they could be used for funding too, and whether it would be appropriate to add pre and post assessments language.

Chief Locatelli asks for clarification as to post assessments. Sheryn Hildebrand responds and refers everyone to page six. Requests that the narrative captures that the PACT assessment is a Pre and Post assessment as they are being released.



Joanna Olsen states it also ties into page 15 where it states “describe outcome measures...” if we track pre and post assessments for each youth, track their progress through the program then you’ll be able to answer that question. You be able to measure the efficacies of the program per individual youth and also identify gaps or areas to approve upon with each youth. Katie Ford responds we complete initial, every six months and then a final assessment. Each time you do a reassessment it can change what the youth’s top criminogenic needs are.

3c) Review, Discussion and Approval of Draft Language Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995(3)(a-f)) of the DJJ Plan

This is where is breaks down specific areas of funding to be used for these sections. Mental Healthy, Sex Offender Treatment and Related Behavioral or Trauma-based Needs.

Under Mental Health it identifies what our current services are with mental health clinical, assessments, medication management and crisis services. We plan on enhancing existing Mental Health Services by completing a comprehensive Intake and Clinical Assessment to identify youth needs and create a treatment plan. As well as, implementing new treatment programs and group therapy. (i.e. Aggression Replacement Therapy) ART. This is something we will be looking to send our staff to training on.

For Sex Offender Treatment, Mendocino County plans to partner with another county in collaboration with the Consortium for sex offender treatment.

For Related Behavioral or Trauma-based Needs, MCJH staff Intake Assessments will identify and address trauma in youth. Further, staff will receive ongoing training on adolescent development, trauma informed approaches, mental health needs, cultural responsiveness, motivational interviewing and de-escalation.

Katie Ford has been collaborating with local county counterparts and identifying treatment plans documents they have already started putting together and/or assessments they are going to be using.

Sheryn Hildebrand suggests inserting the word ACES Connection which is now called PACES Connection into the language. So it addresses trauma either through an ACEs and they are recommending an ACEs and a resilience assessment. Katie will add that ACEs language to the piece on our PACT. Our PACT assessment provides an ACEs score. We are already identifying ACEs and we should add language to capture that. Sheryn Hildebrand states that is a funding key word.

Katie Ford further states we will not be reinventing the wheel, we will be collaborating with our county counterparts in what those look like in terms of assessments and creating individual plans.



Katie Ford presents statements on how we plan to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development. We said we would continue to work with our community-based organizations to offer appropriate programs such as life skills development. MCJH plans to implement an assessment of the youths psychological functioning, academic and vocational interests, physical health and maturation, family history and support, social development, and leisure activities and interests. Additionally, MCJH staff will provide mentoring and role modeling and the TAY program. Sheryn Hildebrand inquires if we contend there may be recommendations for Regional Center for adolescent development that there may be referrals to Regional Center. Katie Ford responds stating if they are eligible for Regional Center, we would be including them in those assessments. This is commonly done on juvenile side and when someone is referred to them we collaborate with them.

Sheryn Hildebrand also suggests that supportive of those needs, only speaking of under 18 year olds, who holds educational rights, because if that child had an IEP and they haven't had a good triennial, which will give you some of those things too, with all the good assessments from the schools, that would be a way to do that too. Katie Ford responds stating going back to Part 3 we identified the Educational teams would be included in the 30-day assessments that are gathered and information for the youth to create their plan. We would definitely be getting information whether they had an IEP or 504 or any other information we would need to know from the schools. Further discussion held.

Katie Ford presents statements as to plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs. We are currently working on implementing family counseling and plans to continue to enhance family engagement through Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT-M) and utilizing family strengthening curriculum, such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT). Bekkie Emery inquires if we are looking to include Family Findings. Katie Ford will add that language in.

Katie Ford presents statements as to plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education. We will create a Reentry Case Plan including a detailed transition plan to community services, as well as, implement employment support and vocational skills training and enhance our post-secondary educational opportunities. Housing is difficult for our community and what those housing options would be for anyone transitioning into our county for reentry. Open to suggestions. Chief Locatelli states this may have to be played by ear depending on what goes



on in the community. We will know which house the child came out of when they were a child, we are looking at long term sentencing in Juvenile Hall, and working with a transition plan back to the family hopefully or using the family findings to a family member local in the community. Further discussion held.

Katie Ford presents statements as to plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma- informed and culturally responsive services. We are currently participating in the Trauma Informed Implementation Project (TIIP) with the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care and Mendocino County Youth Project to assess our current levels of trauma-informed practice, to specify recommendations for improved service delivery and to provide outside verification to certify our department's level of trauma-informed transformation. We can add more language here that Sheryn spoke of earlier. Mendocino County has been assessed and staff have received training. MCJH staff will continue to receive ongoing training.

MCJH will also have a supervisor responsible for programming coordination, addressing evidence-based services and data collection. We will continue to ensure our program and services are either evidence-based, evidence informed, or based on promising practices. We plan to identify new programs that are trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

Additionally, Mendocino County will continue to utilize the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to assess and identify a youth's risk level to reoffend as well as their criminogenic needs. This allows for an individualized case plan identifying both their risk factors and protective factors. The PACT is validated for youth up to age 21. For youth over the age of 21, the Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) will be used.

Mendocino County will also implement the use of interactive journaling with Thinking for Change and Courage to Change workbooks. Additionally, we plan to implement Phoenix Gang Intervention curriculum.

Kate Gaston inquires about including language that staffing has been assessed by whom. Katie Ford responds stating it is California Center of Excellence of Trauma Informed and language will be added.

Katie Ford presents statements as to plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers we are committed to a collaborative approach to develop and implement innovative services to support the needs of realigned youth, including expanded programming and services with our community-based providers. It is recognized there will likely be gaps in services and programs that will be discovered as the County plan develops or new legislation evolves. In those instances, we would be looking to our nongovernmental agencies and community-based organizations to fill the gap.



3d) Review, Discussion and Approval of Draft Language Part 5: Facility Plan (WIC 1995(4)) of the DJJ Plan

David Barrett presents statement regarding details of facilities we plan to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics.

Mendocino County's intention is to utilize what is currently known as C-Unit to accommodate our realigned youth. This wing of Mendocino County Juvenile Hall is a secure, self-contained residential facility with the capacity of 10 beds. C-Unit has its own day room for structured inside activities, dining area as well as an attached classroom to meet the educational needs of our youth. Exiting C-Unit to the West, our youth will utilize the outdoor physical recreation area equipped with a basketball court, exercise area, covered walkways (shade and rain), landscaped grass area and trees.

C-Unit will allow for some separation by age or other needs as identified during classification. Our realigned youth will also be assessed using the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) as well as additional risk assessment tools as deemed appropriate. Historically, Mendocino County has committed male youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a very low rate and no record of a female commitment in the last 20 years. Based upon that data, female commitments would be better served in a setting where additional female youth can be housed and program together. Therefore, we would contract with another county to provide the secure track housing and treatment for the female population. To better serve our realigned male youth and surround them with other like-gendered youth, Mendocino County is willing to accept commitments from other counties of similar size and demographics. Mendocino County will not be accepting commitments for sex offenses or severe mental health.

In order to have the programming and service delivery outlined in Part 3 of this plan, some facility modifications will be necessary to ensure the safety and security of youth and staff. Additional security camera systems will be added throughout the facility to ensure the safety of our youth, staff and community partners, as well as, investigate allegations as needed. Technology will be added to C-Unit classroom to allow student assess to post-secondary educational opportunities. The classroom will also be painted with a splash of color and include upgraded furniture fixings to promote a comfortable learning environment.



We will re-purpose a previously closed classroom and create a Multi-Use Resource Room to offer our youth access to community based services, family engagement workshops and an adequate space for group facilitation. The Multi-Use Resource Room will need security camera installation, technology upgrades to allow youth access to webinars and other online learning platforms as well as furniture and cosmetic alterations. Sheryn Hildebrand inquires about having a list created of things needed that could be donated. David Barret will create a list. Furniture is a special order item. David Barrett suggests a group tour once upgrades are completed.

Katie Ford states Parts 6, 7, and 8 will discussed by the next meeting.

Chief Locatelli is looking for approval of Part 3 Plan edits, approve Part 4 draft language and Part 5 draft language.

Sheryn Hildebrand motions to approve Parts 3, 4 and 5 of the plan.

Bekkie Emery seconds the motion with content being approved with grammatical/spelling error corrections to be made.

Vote commenced taken. All in favor. Katie Ford and David Barrett abstained from voting.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. State Implementation Updates

4a) **Legislative Update**

4b) **Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Update**

4c) **SB 823 County Collaboration Consortium Workgroup Update**

4d) **Host and Partner Counties Secure Track Information Update**

Chief Locatelli presents statements as to 4a – 4d. Chief Locatelli states CSAC has been working on a

Consortium model for SB 823. It is a regional approach, a supportive group, a pooling of resources, a way for a county like Lake who does not have a juvenile hall to put funding forward in case they have a Secure Track youth and cannot house themselves. They would submit the name with the needs to the consortium, who would then partner them with a county who could meet their needs.

Each county is required to put in 1% of their DJJ realigned pot of money towards the



consortium, which buys you in to the consortium, which gives you access to training they have, access to support, which includes MOU language that would be similar across the state and in the partnership in this expertise from CPOC who is going to be requested to house these employees. Chief Locatelli highly suggests we take 1% of the funding we receive annually and make sure we are in the Consortium and we have all the resources available to us.

Chief Locatelli states there was a temporary Request for Injunction for the funding filed by an advocate group against the State Auditor Controllers office to stop the monies being sent to the counties.

The Courts did not approve that and the money was sent to the counties. Mendocino County did receive the first allotment of \$250,000.00 for SB 823. Chief Locatelli is still working with the Executive and Auditor's offices so a separate account is set up with very strict guidelines around it, so the money does not go in to the general fund. Which the way the language is written could happen, but there is a lot of scrutiny on what these funds are used for, so we want to set up a protected account so we know every dollar that goes in and out of it and what it was expended for.

Chief Locatelli states we were required by five o'clock today to sign a self-attestation form. He worked with CEO Carmel Angelo and County Counsel Cristian Curtis. Cristian Curtis himself signed the form, essentially stating that Mendocino County has followed everything required for the SB823 subcommittee formation, meetings, Brown Act, minutes, and plan, process and development. That allows us to receive these dollars and expend them. When the time comes for the bill to be due on the 1%, he would like to use 1% from the \$250,000.00 realignment account because it obviously goes to the type of planning and implementation needed. Chief Locatelli state he wants it to go into the plan so it further documents why we chose to use that pot of funding for this Consortium. The subcommittee and full committee would be voting on that plan. Chief Locatelli wants this group to have finalized everything before the full JJCC meeting mid-September for the subcommittee to bring the full plan there to get a vote by full committee. Cathy White then will have a place holder with the Board of Supervisors for late October, early November, so we can present the plan to the Board for Informational and educational purposes. Once the Board has seen and signed off on our plan, Chief Locatelli is required by January 1, 2022 to submit our plan to the OYCR, which is the newly formed group inside of HHSA at the state level, which oversees all these operations and expenditures that go with this realignment. This then makes us eligible for the second years funding. That is the timeline we have to follow and the madness with all the meetings.



5. **Meeting Schedule Change**

5a) **Discussion and Approval of Adding August 30, 2021 to Meeting Schedule**

Katie Ford explains reasoning for moving next meeting to August 30, 2021 due to holiday on September 6, 2021 and final meeting set for September 20, 2021 and JJCC set for September 24, 2021.

Chief Locatelli looks for motion to approve the addition to the August 30th meeting which cancels out September 6th meeting date.

Kate Gaston makes motion to approve the addition to the August 30th meeting which cancels out the September 6th meeting date.

Tawney Fernandez seconds the motion.

Vote taken. All in favor. Katie Ford & David Barrett abstained from vote. Motions passes.

Adjournment: The next Regular JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee meeting will be held virtually on August 30, 2021, at 3:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.