

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE **April 14, 2021** MEETING Meeting Conducted Via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chair Pro Tem: Chief Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer,
Vice Chair of CCJCC

Erika Anzoategui, County Alternate Public Defender
David Cons for Tracy Wilkinson, Acting U.S. Attorney
Beatriz Dieringer, California League of Cities
Elaine Duong for Richard Llewellyn, Los Angeles City Administrative Officer
Peter Espinoza, Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry
*Xiomara Flores Holguin for Bobby Cagle, Director, County Department of Children and
Family Services
*Christi Frey for George Gascón, District Attorney
Ricardo Garcia, County Public Defender
Dan Jeffries for Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney
Lajuana Haselrig for Alex Villanueva, Sheriff
*Jason Hasty for Debra Duardo, Superintendent, County Office of Education
Jonathan Lucas, County Coroner – Chief Medical Examiner
Edward McIntyre for Jacki Bacharach, County Quality & Productivity Commission
Robert Philibosian, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County
Kris Pitcher for Michel Moore, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
Susan Sullivan Pithey for Xavier Becerra, California Attorney General
Rachel Teitelbaum for Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Kip Thompson for Jonathan Sherin, Director, County Department of Mental Health
Robin Toma, Executive Director, County Human Relations Commission
*Thida Van for Fesia Davenport, County Chief Executive Officer

***Not a designated alternate**

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chief Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment was made by the following individual:

Genevieve Clavreul

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

IV. AD HOC WORK GROUP ON MEDICATIONS FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT

David Panush, President, California Health Policy Strategies, LLC

Shoshanna Scholar, Director of Community Based Diversion, Office of Diversion and Reentry, Department of Health Services

Mark Delgado, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC), provided a background on the Ad Hoc Work Group on Medications for Addiction Treatment (Work Group).

PowerPoint slides that were used for this presentation have been posted online at <http://ccjcc.lacounty.gov>.

The Work Group was created at the CCJCC meeting on November 19, 2020 and was tasked with supporting current efforts and developing strategies for expanding the availability of Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) within the criminal justice setting. The group was asked to report back to CCJCC on a quarterly basis to provide an update on its activities.

The aim of the Work Group is to expand and enhance the availability of MAT as part of an integrated substance use treatment approach for the justice-involved population in Los Angeles County. The approach to this is as follows:

- Identify and troubleshoot gaps to develop operational fixes; and
- Receive technical assistance provided by Health Management Associates and California Health Policy Strategies through funding provided by the Federal State Opioid Response Fund, administered by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

The Work Group consists of representatives from following county entities:

- Department of Health Services (DHS): Correctional Health Services (CHS) and Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR)
- Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- Chief Executive Office of the County of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Public Defender's Office and Alternative Public Defender's Office

- Department of Public Health (DPH): Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)

Mr. Delgado introduced David Panush, President of California Health Policy Strategies, to provide additional information.

Mr. Panush discussed the following key issues that the Work Group has identified and will address:

- Support for Correctional Health Services (CHS) efforts as access to MAT expands for the in-custody population. This includes working to enhance linkages for continuing care for MAT and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment.
- Expanding access to MAT in the community for re-entry individuals who are leaving custody. This includes collaborating with Work Group members from DPH, DMH, and DHS.
- Creating a justice system flowchart and matrix. Specifically, the need for mapping data for individuals that are moving through the criminal justice system and are candidates for SUD treatment/MAT.
- Probation and MAT education. This was identified as a need and desire while working with Probation, CHS, and the Sheriff's Department.
- Naloxone Distribution. The Work Group is collaborating with DHCS and ODR to secure a steady supply of Naloxone for distribution.

Mr. Panush introduced Shoshanna Scholar, Director of Community Based Diversion of ODR, to discuss the importance of expanding access to MAT.

Since 2002, 450 to 600 people have died every year in Los Angeles County due to opioid overdoses. In addition, there were statistically significant increases in 2019 and 2020. As with most of the United States, Los Angeles County has had a large (58%) increase in deaths during COVID-19.

From January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, a total of 367 individuals of those released from Los Angeles County jails died in this county. Of these 169 (46%) died from an opioid overdose, and 13% of all opioid overdose deaths in the county were people released from Los Angeles County jails.

ODR's response has been to promote the Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) program, which was created by ODR in 2019. The aim of OEND is to reduce deaths from opioid overdoses in the county by targeting reentry and other vulnerable populations for overdose prevention education and Naloxone distribution.

Ms. Scholar provided information about the OEND program and noted that, in 2020, 3,391 opioid overdose events were reversed by OEND participants.

Mr. Panush discussed a new opportunity for the re-entry/justice-involved population. A proposal called California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a new approach for delivering healthcare to Medi-Cal beneficiaries with complex needs.

CalAIM builds on Whole Person Care pilots that emphasize social determinants of health (e.g. housing). The following aspects of CalAIM were also noted:

- Funds enhanced care management and new “in lieu of services” benefits.
- Includes specific elements for the justice-involved population and reentry process.
- Medi-Cal managed care plans will be responsible for implementation.

A more in-depth briefing on CalAIM can be found online at the California Health Policy Strategies website located at: <https://calhps.com/>.

Public comments were made by the following individuals:

Joseph Maizlish
Kathryn Jett

ACTION: For information only.

V. ONE-TO-ONE: ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION PROGRAM

David A. Bozanich, Deputy City Attorney, Prosecution Technology Unit, Strategic Justice Systems, Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office

Linda Blanshay, Ph.D., Director of Program Development, Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance

Michael A. Brown, Associate Director of Field Operations – West, Office of Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention, Department of Homeland Security

David Bozanich, Deputy City Attorney with the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office Prosecution Technology Unit, Strategic Justice Systems, provided an introduction of the One-To-One: Anti-Bias Education Program.

The Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes involving incidents of hate, including those rising to the level of hate crimes. The City Attorney’s Office’s Community Justice Initiative has been working with the Museum of Tolerance, which is an educational arm of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, to address hate crimes in the city.

Mr. Bozanich introduced Linda Blanshay, Ph.D., Director of Program Development at the Museum of Tolerance, to provide information about the Museum’s anti-bias education program known as One-To-One.

PowerPoint slides that were used for this presentation have been posted online at <http://ccjcc.lacounty.gov>.

Overview

The Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance's One-to-One program is a future-oriented, solutions-oriented, and strengths-based bias reduction program designed for offenders of bias/hate related misdemeanors and higher-level crimes.

The content of the program can be customized for both youth and adults.

Whether part of a diversion program or a condition of sentencing, probation, or parole, One-to-One is an alternative placement and specialized treatment for bias remediation.

The program is funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for all appropriate referrals.

Details of the One-To-One Program

The program is approximately 12 hours total. It includes the following features:

- Interview and pre-survey to begin relationship and assess needs.
- Customized facilitated exploration at the Museum of Tolerance (or virtually) designed to enhance understanding of human dignity and our collective responsibility to preserve it.
- Private meeting with a special speaker (credible witness) from the targeted group or a former hate crimes offender who can dialogue and create context for the bias and its consequences.
- Coaching sessions using neuroscience-based planning tools for goal setting.
- Essay, journal writing or artistic representation project on the experience presented to referring justice partner.

For each case, the program assigns a facilitator who engages the client in dialogue, critical thinking, self-awareness, empathy, and ultimately coaches them through an action plan for sustained positive decision-making.

One-to-One Outcomes

The intended outcomes of the One-To-One program are:

- Increased willingness to assume responsibility for one's actions.

- Enhanced empathy toward others (target group and others).
- Improved understanding of the broad causes and impact of bias/hate.
- Strengthened resilience against biased activities.
- Increased comfort in using and applying action-based tools to make positive changes.

Dr. Blanshay introduced Camilo Cruz, Director of the Community Justice Initiative of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, to provide additional information.

Mr. Cruz stated that his office is pleased to collaborate with the Museum of Tolerance on the program. The Community Justice Initiative is interested in new treatment modalities for diversion, alternative sentencing, and restorative justice. The One-To-One program offers a means for doing that and for reducing hate-related incidents in the community.

Dr. Blanshay next introduced Michael Brown, Associate Director Field Operations-West, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Targeted Violence & Terrorism Prevention. She noted that, in addition to providing grant funding for the One-To-One program, DHS also provides technical assistance and intellectual support.

Associate Director Brown stated that his office seeks a comprehensive approach to intervening with those persons who show indicators of radicalization to violence. In furtherance of this, DHS is encouraging local prevention frameworks throughout the country through educational, technical, and financial assistance to reduce the risks of targeted violence and terrorism. DHS personnel are working with local communities to build the capacity of service providers to support intervention work.

He added that this is multi-disciplinary, public health approach to violence prevention that involves working with specific service programs. This may include mentoring groups, career centers, job placement agencies, and organizations such as the Museum of Tolerance.

Chief Gonzales thanked the presenters and expressed his support for the efforts being made by the One-To-One program, as did Los Angeles County Public Defender Ricardo Garcia.

A public comment was made by Mr. Joseph Maizlish.

Those interested in contacting the speakers for this presentation to inquire about partnership opportunities or to obtain additional information may reach them at the following email addresses:

Dr. Linda Blanshay - lblanshay@wiesenthal.com
Camilo Cruz - camilo.cruz@lacity.org
Michael A. Brown - michael.a.brown@hq.dhs.gov

ACTION: For information only.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.