

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE **March 10, 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
William Bodner, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Beatriz Dieringer, California League of Cities
Mark Diorio for Selwyn Hollins, Director, County Internal Services Department
Peter Espinoza, Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry
Elaine Duong for Richard Llewellyn, Los Angeles City Administrative Officer
*Xiomara Flores Holguin for Bobby Cagle, Director, County Department of Children and
Family Services
Nicole Gougis, President, County Prosecutors Association
T. Warren Jackson for Ed Eng, County Economy and Efficiency Commission
Lajuana Haselrig for Alex Villanueva, Sheriff
*Jason Hasty for Debra Duardo, Superintendent, County Office of Education
*Brian Hoffman for Fesia Davenport, County Chief Executive Officer
Monica Lomeli for Robin Toma, Executive Director, County Human Relations
Commission
Jonathan Lucas, County Coroner – Chief Medical Examiner
Edward McIntyre for Jacki Bacharach, County Quality & Productivity Commission
Don Meredith for Joe Gardner, President, County Probation Commission
Dean Milligan, President, Southeast Police Chiefs Association
Robert Philibosian, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County
Kris Pitcher for Michel Moore, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
*William Stone for Ricardo Garcia, County Public Defender
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
Andrea Welsing for Barbara Ferrer, Director, County Department of Public Health
Noro Zurabyan for Rodrigo Castro-Silva, County Counsel

***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.

Chief Gonzales noted that Deputy Chief Probation Officer Reaver Bingham will be retiring at the end of this month. Chief Gonzales thanked Mr. Bingham for his 38 years of dedicated service to the Probation Department and the residents of the County of Los Angeles. Other members of CCJCC also thanked Mr. Bingham for his work with their Departments and his service to the community.

Mark Delgado, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) thanked Mr. Bingham for his many years of work with this committee.

Mr. Bingham expressed his appreciation to Chief Gonzales, CCJCC members, and CCJCC staff, and he thanked attendees for their well wishes.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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 January 13, 2021 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

IV. PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL DEFENSE AGENCIES

Dana Cherry, Mental Health Program Manager, Public Defender's Office
Carolee Matias, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, Alternate Public Defender's Office

Mr. Delgado provided background on the Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) program, which has been launched with funding support from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The funding agreement between CCJCC and CDCR provides \$1.5 million over a three-year period for the hiring of PSWs in the Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office.

The PSWs work cases and develop social history reports for eligible female clients. These reports may be considered during the adjudication process and can help to determine the best suitable outcome, including alternative sentencing dispositions that may be under consideration.

The Public Defender's Office began this program in September 2020 and the Alternate Public Defender's Office began three months later. The Public Defender's Office is

funded for two PSWs and the Alternate Public Defender is funded for one PSW through this program.

The funding for the program may potentially be extended to allow for \$2.3 million over a five-year period.

Mr. Delgado introduced Dana Cherry, Mental Health Program Manager with the Public Defender's Office, and Carolee Matias, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor with the Alternate Public Defender's Office, to provide more information about the PSW program.

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

Ms. Cherry reported that the PSW program is referred to as Guiding Re-Entry of Women (GROW) within the Public Defender's Office and the Women's Diversion program within the Alternate Public Defender's Office.

Within both offices, the PSWs assist in either reducing sentencing or diverting female defendants away from state prison.

The referral process in the Public Defender's Office begins when the attorney completes a GROW Request for Assistance Form and emails this with a HIPPA release form to the Mental Health Program Manager for suitability assessment. The work request is then entered into the Office's new electronic Client Case Management System (CCMS). Once approved, the GROW referral is assigned to a PSW.

The GROW team (PSW, Holistic Defense Attorney, and project manager) meet weekly to discuss referrals and begin services.

The referral process in the Alternate Public Defender's Office is similar, although a different electronic system (FileMaker) is used.

Ms. Matias noted that the PSW will collaborate with the client's attorney to identify the psychosocial needs of the individual. The PSW also meets with clients, both in and out of custody, to conduct psychosocial assessments as well as develop and review treatment and disposition plans.

Other activity of the PSW includes the following:

- Interview family members and others requested for purposes of assisting with disposition recommendations/reports and memos.
- Request and review records in order to develop clinical recommendations.
- Provide all necessary services; including wellness checks on clients in custody, client and family support, advocacy, consultation, linkage to services, and referrals.
- Attend Court to speak informally and formally on behalf of the client.

- Collaborate with the primary mental health/substance use provider, Probation, Public Defender Attorney, Alternate Public Defender Attorney, Deputy District Attorney, and judicial officers.
- Complete monthly statistics for CDCR grant.

Of 45¹ combined clients (38 with the Public Defender’s Office and 7 with the Alternate Public Defender’s Office), 96% are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). In addition, 16% are LGBTQ and 65% are homeless.

Many of the clients also have substance use disorders and mental health issues. Other vulnerability factors among the clients include being victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, physical abuse as a child, physical health issues, and having been trafficked.

Ms. Cherry reported that, of the 40 clients that have been served by PSWs in the Public Defender’s Office, 11 cases have been closed. Of these, 2 clients were released on Probation, 1 ordered time served, 2 accepted to the Women’s Re-Entry Court, 1 accepted to the Office of Diversion and Re-Entry (ODR), 1 released to a community-based substance abuse program, 1 refused services, and 3 received reduced sentences.

Of the 7 clients that have been served by the PSW in the Alternate Public Defender’s Office, 1 case has been closed. This individual received a reduced sentence.

Of the combined 12 closed cases, the time saved as a result of the PSW program amounted to 51.81 years (18,909 days), with a cost avoidance to CDCR of \$4,196,822. Projecting out over a potential five-year period, the cost avoidance may be over \$40 million.

Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert inquired as to the eligibility requirements for the program. Ms. Matias stated that eligible clients are women that were born female, are charged with a felony, and are facing a state prison sentence.

Mr. Delgado added that the eligibility requirements are due to the funding source.

ACTION: For information only.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Chair Pro Tem

Chief Gonzales reported that the County Board of Supervisors recently expanded the membership of the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT) so that, in addition to the existing 16 members, it would also include the following 9 members:

¹ There have been 47 clients overall. 2 are not included in these program statistics.

- Department Head or high-level executives from the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR); the Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative; the Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative; and the Department of Health Services.
- Five representatives from community-based or advocacy organizations that work with the AB 109 population, with one appointee to be appointed by each Supervisor.

In addition, the Board directed PSRT to revise the AB 109 Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) implementation plan to reflect the Board's priorities on alternatives to incarceration. These include, but are not limited to, diversion programs, substance abuse programs, mental health treatment, housing, restorative justice programs, and community-based services.

Following the approval of the new plan, PSRT is to provide recommendations for AB 109 funding allocations that reflect the Board's priorities.

The newly expanded PSRT has begun meeting and is working on revising the CCP implementation plan, as directed.

As Chair of the PSRT, Chief Gonzales will provide updates to CCJCC on the progress of these directives as appropriate.

The Motion from the Board of Supervisors, which was passed on December 8, 2020, can be accessed at the following link:

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/151134.pdf>

ACTION: For information only.

VI. DISCUSSION OF RECENT HATE CRIME DATA AND TRENDS

Chief Chris Marks, Sheriff's Department, Detective Division

Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher, Los Angeles Police Department, Detective Bureau

Chief Chris Marks of the Sheriff's Department's Detective Division and Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD's) Detective Bureau provided updates on recent hate crime data and trends.

Chief Marks noted that there is a distinction between hate crimes and hate incidents. A hate crime is defined as any crime or attempted crime that is directed at a person based all or in part on the person's actual or perceived characteristics. This includes disability, gender, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, or association with groups.

The Sheriff's Department has an extensive policy for both handling hate crimes and hate incidents, beginning with the initial receipt of a call for service. Chief Marks discussed the process for addressing hate crime cases. Resources may be provided to the victim(s)

and there may also be community outreach depending upon the nature of the hate crime/incident.

The Sheriff's Department and LAPD are both members of the Los Angeles Regional FBI Hate Crimes Task Force that meets regularly to discuss trends. The Task Force also shares resources and information, and members work together on some investigations.

Chief Marks reported that there were 177 hate crimes/incidents in 2020, which was an increase from 135 reported in 2019. The South Patrol Division (Cerritos, Lakewood, Carson, Norwalk area) reported the largest increase with 41 in 2020, up from 9 in 2019.

The largest increases in hate crimes/incidents were against Asians and African Americans. There were 10 anti-Asian hate crimes/incidents in 2020, which compares to 1 in 2019 and 4 in 2018. Also in 2020, there were 72 hate crimes/incidents directed against African Americans, which compares to 46 in 2019 and 57 in 2018.

Chief Marks noted that these hate crimes/incidents are taking place countywide with no specific cluster. Furthermore, there are no specific groups that are driving these numbers up and the incidents appear to be unrelated.

Deputy Chief Pitcher reported that the City of Los Angeles also saw an increase in hate crimes in 2020. Citywide, the LAPD reported a 4.7% increase in hate crimes from the previous year (355 in 2020 versus 339 in 2019).

There was decrease in anti-Semitism hate crimes (48 in 2020 versus 80 in 2019). However, hate crimes increased against Asians (15 in 2020 versus 7 in 2019), African Americans (77 in 2020 versus 73 in 2019), and Hispanics (57 in 2020 versus 42 in 2019). Hate crimes based on sexual orientation also increased (77 in 2020 versus 67 in 2019).

The largest trend in 2020 were hate crimes based on race and ethnicity.

Ray Regalado of the County Human Relations Commission inquired as to whether the final hate crime numbers can be made available. Data from both the Sheriff's Department and LAPD will be made available to Mr. Delgado for distribution.

In response to an inquiry from Monica Lomeli, also with the County Human Relations Commission, Deputy Chief Pitcher noted that the data reported does not distinguish among the level of violence of the hate crimes perpetrated against Asians.

ACTION: For information only.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.