

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2012 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ronald Brown, County Public Defender and Chair Pro Tem

Elvira Castillo for Cynthia Banks, Director, County Department of Community & Senior Services

Joseph Charney for Zev Yaroslavsky, County Supervisor for the Third District and Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, CCJCC Chair

Susan Cichy for John Clarke, Superior Court Executive Officer

Xiomara Flores-Holguin for Philip Browning, Director, County Department of Children and Family Services

Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender

Briane Grey, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

*Eric Harden for Steven Bogdalek, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Christa Hohmann, Directing Attorney, Post Conviction Assistance Center

Mary Marx for Marvin Southard, Director, County Department of Mental Health

Georgia Mattera for William Fujioka, County Chief Executive Officer

*Jonathan McCaverty for John Krattli, Acting County Counsel

Edward Medrano, President, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association

Don Meredith, President, County Probation Commission

William Montgomery for Tom Tindall, Director, County Internal Services Department

Michel Moore for Charles Beck, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department

*Quinton Packard for Matthew Cate, Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

*Anthony Porter for Jorge Cisneros, President, Southeast Police Chiefs Association

Richard Propster, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County

Cal Remington for Jerry Powers, County Chief Probation Officer

Timothy Robbins, Field Office Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Devallis Rutledge for Steve Cooley, District Attorney

Richard Sanchez, County Chief Information Officer

*Joseph Santoro for Betty Chu, Director, Independent Cities Association

Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, County Coroner – Medical Examiner

*Peter Shutan for Carmen Trutanich, Los Angeles City Attorney

*Jim Smith for David Kettle, President, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs Association

William Sullivan, Chair, County Quality & Productivity Commission

*Cheri Thomas for John Deasy, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Nancy Tragarz, California Contract Cities Association

John Viernes for Jonathan Fielding, Director, County Department of Public Health

Lance Winters for Kamala Harris, California Attorney General

***Not a designated alternate**

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Lee Baca, Sheriff and Vice Chair of CCJCC
Isaac Barcelona, Chair, County Economy and Efficiency Commission
Bruce Barrows, California League of Cities
Steve Beeuwsaert, Chief, Southern Division, California Highway Patrol
Andre Birotte, U.S. Attorney
Michelle Carey, Chief U.S. Probation Officer
Arturo Delgado, Superintendent, County Office of Education
Lee Smalley Edmon, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles City Council, 12th District
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender
George Lomeli, Assistant Supervising Judge, Criminal, Superior Court
Steve Martinez, Assistant Director in Charge, Los Angeles Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Michael Nash, Supervising Judge, Juvenile, Superior Court
Charlaine Olmedo, Supervising Judge, North Valley - San Fernando, Superior Court
Ezekiel Perlo, Directing Attorney, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program
Miguel Santana, Los Angeles City Chief Administrative Officer
Patricia Schnegg, Supervising Judge, Criminal, Superior Court
David Singer, United States Marshal
Paul Tanaka, Undersheriff
Mitch Tavera, President, South Bay Police Chiefs Association
Robin Toma, Executive Director, County Human Relations Commission
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Mike Webb, County Prosecutors Association
David Wesley, Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court

CCJCC STAFF

Mark Delgado, Executive Director
Cynthia Machen
Craig Marin
Michelle Pangborn
Ana Silva

I. CONVENE/INTRODUCTIONS

Ronald Brown, Public Defender

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Los Angeles County Public Defender Ronald Brown, Chair Pro Tem.

Self-introductions followed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ronald Brown, Public Defender

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the April 4, 2012 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2012 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

III. TASKFORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTOTHEFT PREVENTION (TRAP)

Captain Anthony Ward, Sheriff's Department

Captain Anthony Ward of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department appeared before CCJCC to present the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) progress report.

The mission of TRAP is to reduce the number of auto thefts, increase the recovery rate of stolen automobiles, identify trends and patterns of vehicle theft, provide training and expertise to participating law enforcement agencies, and coordinate a deterrence program with the private sector.

TRAP consists of representatives from various law enforcement agencies throughout the county. Partnerships have also been formed with other government and private organizations.

In 2011, TRAP was responsible for 358 arrests, 48 warrants served, 224 Vehicle Code Section 2805 business inspections¹, and 491 vehicle recoveries. The value of the recoveries was \$10,333,706.

For the first quarter of 2012 (January through March), TRAP was responsible for 79 arrests, 14 warrants served, 83 Vehicle Code Section 2805 business inspections, and 101 vehicle recoveries. The value of the recoveries was \$2,811,826.

Captain Ward discussed two recent high-profile cases involving celebrities. Both cases involved extensive investigations that resulted in arrests.

Efforts to secure additional funding for TRAP are ongoing, including through potential legislative action at the state level.

TRAP will continue to sponsor training sessions for law enforcement agencies throughout the county. These sessions are intended to assist local agencies with reducing incidents of auto theft in their areas.

¹ Vehicle Code (V.C.) Section 2805 allows full-time auto theft investigators to inspect auto dismantling yards, repair and body shops, and other auto dealerships to determine if they are illegally chopping vehicles or are otherwise involved in fraud.

Additionally, TRAP is seeking to work closely with the insurance industry in the near future. Captain Ward noted that there is often an overlap of cases; TRAP investigators and insurance investigators may be able to partner in some instances.

ACTION: For information only.

IV. INFORMAL JUVENILE TRAFFIC COURT

Cal Remington, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Cal Remington, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, appeared before CCJCC to discuss the Probation Department's plans for addressing the closure of Informal Juvenile Traffic Court.

The Informal Juvenile Traffic Court began in 1998 as an expedited means for processing low-level juvenile offenses. Until recently, these cases were heard in 12 courtrooms throughout the county.

The Los Angeles Superior Court's recent budget cuts and resulting courtroom closures (discussed at the April 4, 2012 CCJCC meeting) have led to the closing of the Informal Juvenile Traffic Court as of June 15, 2012.

While some of these cases will be diverted to adult traffic court, the Probation Department estimates that they will now be responsible annually for up to 65,000 infractions and misdemeanors that had been handled by the Informal Juvenile Traffic Court.

Mr. Remington introduced Dr. Hellen Carter of the Probation Department to discuss the Department's proposed model for handling this caseload.

Of approximately 14,000 expected infractions, about 35% will be responded to with a letter of warning and a requirement of five community work hours. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of the individual's driver's license or the inability to obtain a driver's license.

The remaining group, which will consist of more serious infractions, will receive community referrals. This may include the involvement of probation officers, police departments that run their own diversion programs, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and/or community-based organizations (CBOs).

Over 49,000 expected misdemeanor cases will be processed as well. About 72% of these cases will receive community referrals which, in addition to the potential involvement of the agencies referenced above, may include teen court.

Dr. Carter noted that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) School Police Department will have an internal diversion program for first time offenders within the

school district.

About 25% of the juveniles charged with misdemeanors will be referred to the Probation Department's Behavior Change Program. This utilizes a curricula developed by the National Curriculum and Training Institute (NCTI). This curricula is in place throughout the country.

Finally, the remaining 3% of misdemeanants will be go before a Referee in Court or have their case referred to the District Attorney's Office.

Within the population of juveniles that the Probation Department will be handling as a result of the Informal Juvenile Traffic Court closure, a small number are already on probation. As these youth are identified through the vetting process, they will be referred back to their probation officers for either a graduated sanction or a filing of a violation of probation.

Mr. Remington stated that the Superior Court will provide a Referee for at least one more year to continue hearing cases that had been heard in the courtrooms of the Informal Juvenile Traffic Court. The Referee has the authority to suspend the juvenile's driver's license, which can serve as a significant sanction.

In response to a question from Ronald Brown, Dr. Carter stated that experienced probation officers will determine which juveniles will go before the Referee or have their case sent to the District Attorney's Office. This is part of the vetting process in which probation officers will review each citation.

Peter Shutan of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office inquired as to what procedure is in place in the event that the District Attorney's Office decides not to file a petition. Dr. Carter stated that the case would be referred back to the Probation Department and, depending upon the circumstances, the Department may attempt to place the youth in an appropriate diversion program.

Gardena Police Chief Edward Medrano, President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, inquired as to the guidelines accompanying the letter of warning and five hours of community service for the lesser infractions. Dr. Carter stated that the community service must be completed at an approved non-profit organization. The Probation Department will provide a list of approved organizations within the juvenile's community.

The Probation Department will work with local governments and police departments that wish to create their own diversion programs. Dr. Carter has offered to meet with local law enforcement agencies to discuss this option and provide assistance in developing appropriate programs for their respective communities.

Cheri Thomas of LAUSD inquired as to what assistance is provided to parents. Dr. Carter stated that the Behavior Change Program has a component that requires

parental participation. The approach is to offer parents/guardians guidance and assistance in positively impacting the behavior of the juvenile.

Mr. Remington noted that early intervention in the life of a juvenile can deter that individual from entering into a lifetime of criminal activity and instead steer him or her in a positive direction. Any successful early intervention effort will necessarily need to take account of the supervision and care that the juvenile is receiving at home.

Xiomara Flores-Holguin of DCFS inquired as to whether there will be a sufficient number of bilingual probation officers to work with the parents and families. Dr. Carter stated that bilingual probation officers in the juvenile camps may be utilized and that the Probation Department will seek to provide a sufficient number of bilingual individuals to meet the needs of communities throughout the county.

It was emphasized that the Probation Department's proposed model for handling the caseload resulting from the closure of Informal Juvenile Traffic Court has not yet been approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: For information only.

V. DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ) REALIGNMENT

Cal Remington, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Cal Remington next reported on the current Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) realignment proposal.

At the March 7, 2012 CCJCC meeting, Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers reported on the Governor's budget proposal to phase out the state's operation of the DJJ by stopping the intake of any new commitments after January 1, 2013. The County Board of Supervisors and CCJCC both voted to oppose this proposed shift.

The Governor has since withdrawn this DJJ realignment proposal. In its place, an alternative proposal involving a fee for admissions has been proposed by the Governor's Office.

Mr. Remington stated that the County of Los Angeles has about 300 individuals housed in DJJ facilities at any given time. A previous fee for admissions proposal would have charged the counties at a rate of \$125,000 per year for each individual kept in DJJ facilities. The current proposal would require the counties to pay \$24,000 per year for each individual.

CCJCC will be kept informed on the status of this proposal and any further proposed changes concerning DJJ.

ACTION: For information only.

VI. TASKFORCE ON CRIMES AGAINST THE HOMELESS

Robin Toma, Executive Director, County Human Relations Commission

This agenda item was continued to a future CCJCC meeting.

ACTION: This item was continued to a future CCJCC meeting.

VII. OTHER MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional matters or public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.