

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2011 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chair: Michael Antonovich, Mayor, County of Los Angeles

*Francesca Anello for Marvin Southard, Director, County Department of Mental Health

Richard Barrantes for Larry Waldie, Undersheriff

Donald Blevins, County Chief Probation Officer

Ronald Brown, County Public Defender

Marv Cavanaugh for Lee Baca, Sheriff and Vice Chair of CCJCC

Susan Cichy for John Clarke, Superior Court Executive Officer

Steve Cooley, District Attorney

Paul Cooper, President, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs Association

*David Doan for Charles Beck, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department

Lee Smalley Edmon, Presiding Judge, Superior Court

Xiomara Flores-Holguin for Antonia Jimenez, Director, County Department of Children
and Family Services

Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender

Gigi Gordon, Directing Attorney, Post Conviction Assistance Center

Pamela Hamanaka for Kamala Harris, California Attorney General

*Eric Harden for John Torres, Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Anthony Hernandez, Director, County Department of Coroner

Tim Landrum, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

George Lomeli, Assistant Supervising Judge, Criminal, Superior Court

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

Andrea Ordin, County Counsel

Earl Perkins for Ramon Cortines, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Ezekiel Perlo, Directing Attorney, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program

Robert Philibosian for Isaac Barcelona, Chair, County Economy and Efficiency
Commission

Richard Propster, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County

Bruce Riordan for Andre Birotte, U.S. Attorney

Richard Sanchez, County Chief Information Officer

Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, County Coroner – Medical Examiner

Greg Savelli, President, South Bay Police Chiefs Association

Patricia Schnegg, Supervising Judge, Criminal, Superior Court

David Singer, United States Marshal

William Sullivan, Chair, County Quality & Productivity Commission

Robin Toma for Cynthia Banks, Director, County Department of Community & Senior
Services

Carmen Trutanich, Los Angeles City Attorney
John Viernes for Jonathan Fielding, Director, County Public Health Department
Mitch Ward, League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
Brenda Wells for Mike Webb, County Prosecutors Association
David Wesley, Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court

***Not a designated alternate**

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Steve Beeuwsaert, Chief, Southern Division, California Highway Patrol
Michelle Carey, Chief U.S. Probation Officer
William Fujioka, County Chief Executive Officer
Lois Gaston, California Contract Cities Association
Jon Gundry, Superintendent, County Office of Education
Gabiella Holt, County Probation Commission
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender
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
Scott Pickwith, President, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Miguel Santana, Los Angeles City Chief Administrative Officer
Greig Smith, Los Angeles City Council, 12th District
Thomas Sonoff, President, Southeast Police Chiefs Association
Dennis Tafoya, County Affirmative Action Compliance Officer
Frank Venti, President, Independent Cities Association
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

CCJCC STAFF

Mark Delgado, Executive Director
Kenna Ackley
Cynthia Machen
Craig Marin

GUESTS/OTHERS

Reaver Bingham, Probation Department
Eduardo Cordero, Probation Department
Dale Cunningham, Los Angeles School Police Department
Richard Fajardo, Second District, County Board of Supervisors
Kelly Fischer, County Department of Public Health
Anselmo Gonzalez, Sheriff's Department
Briane Grey, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Bill Hart, LAPD
Vincent Holmes, County Chief Executive Office

Sharon James, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Alex Johnson, Second District, County Board of Supervisors
Kim Keating, Probation Department
Fred Klunder, Superior Court
Marcus Leon, Information Systems Advisory Body
Julio Lima, Los Angeles School Police Department
Kyle Lint, County Chief Executive Office
Tony Massengale, County Human Relations Commission
Greg McCovey, Probation Department
James McGoldrick, Catholic Youth Organization
Carrie Miller, County Chief Executive Office
Luz Myles, Probation Department
Anna Pembedjian, Fifth District, County Board of Supervisors
Ray Regalado, County Human Relations Commission
Jorge Reyes, City of Los Angeles
John Ruegg, Information Systems Advisory Body
Devallis Rutledge, District Attorney's Office
Miyuki Selah, Vera Institute of Justice
Gary Shroan, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
Scott Stickney, Probation Department
Edward Sykes, Probation Department
Cheri Thomas, LAUSD
Michael Tynan, Judge, Superior Court
Sergio Vasquez, First District, County Board of Supervisors
Anthony Ward, Sheriff's Department
Ruth Wong, County Quality and Productivity Commission
Curtis Woodle, LAPD
Philip Ybarra, LAPD

I. CONVENE/INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Michael Antonovich, County Supervisor, Fifth District

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Mayor Michael Antonovich, Chair of CCJCC.

Mayor Antonovich introduced Ronald Brown to the committee. Mr. Brown was recently appointed as the new Public Defender of Los Angeles County.

Self-introductions followed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Michael Antonovich, County Supervisor, Fifth District

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

III. INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADVISORY BODY (ISAB)

John Ruegg, Director, Information Systems Advisory Body

John Ruegg, Director of the Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB), appeared before CCJCC to present ISAB's Semi-Annual Report.

ISAB is a standing subcommittee under CCJCC. Its core mission is to facilitate the sharing of information across the criminal justice enterprise using standards-based protocols and technologies. Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca serves as the Chair of ISAB.

The membership of ISAB includes the Alternate Public Defender, County Chief Executive Office (CEO), County Chief Information Office (CIO), Department of Coroner, District Attorney's Office, Internal Services Department (ISD), Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Superior Court, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Ruegg highlighted some of the projects that ISAB is involved in:

Electronic Subpoena Project

The District Attorney's Office is continuing to expand the electronic subpoena project. This project allows the District Attorney's Office to electronically serve subpoenas on law enforcement officers that are needed to testify. It also provides an email acknowledgement of the availability of the officer.

The benefits of this process include: (1) Reduction in the number of law enforcement officers to subpoena because of rapid direct response by the officer as to availability to testify; (2) Reduction in law enforcement overtime; and (3) Reduction in court continuances by obtaining rapid feedback on officer availability.

The Sheriff's Department, LAPD, Long Beach Police Department, and Culver City Police Department are all participating. In addition, the District Attorney's Office is engaged in planning sessions to expand the project to include the Santa Monica Police Department and the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Electronic Delivery of Probation Reports

The Public Defender's Office has been receiving electronic filings of adult probation reports from the Probation Department for the past year. In addition, the District Attorney's Office is now receiving approximately 400 e-filings per day of adult probation reports via the ISAB e-delivery service. Efforts are also underway to ultimately include juvenile probation reports as well.

Receiving a probation report early improves efficiency in that the attorney has an opportunity to review it before the hearing and properly prepare, thereby avoiding some continuances.

Archival Scanning of Case Files

The Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office, and Sheriff's Department are all performing archival scanning of case files under the ISAB enterprise SourceCorp contract. The Probation Department is scheduled to begin next quarter.

Sheriff's Department Imaging System

The Sheriff's Department has initiated a vendor contract to replace its SIRRAS imaging system. The replacement is also going to be the platform for their Field-Based Reporting System (FBRS), which will provide for electronic creation/distribution of Police Reports, Probable Cause Determination (PCD), and other inter-agency filing documents.

About 2,800 patrol cars will have mobile digital computers that will be utilized by the deputies for their field based reporting.

Reporting Arrest Dispositions

ISAB, at the Sheriff's Department request, has initiated a project to identify how Los Angeles County is electronically reporting arrest dispositions to the California Department of Justice (Cal DOJ).

One of the priorities that Cal DOJ has set for local law enforcement with respect to information technology is to improve the reporting of arrest dispositions. Specifically, Cal DOJ is seeking to obtain complete, accurate, and timely reporting on the dispositions of cases.

Statewide, approximately 45% of Cal DOJ's criminal history felony arrest records for the last ten years are incomplete and have not been closed with a final disposition (e.g., law enforcement release, District Attorney declined to file, Court verdict, etc.). For the County of Los Angeles, 42% of the felony arrest records with Cal DOJ are incomplete.

This lack of complete criminal history information can have negative consequences with respect to the use of background checks for sensitive job placements and licensing. Furthermore, it increases the workload for members of the criminal justice community that must try to fill the incomplete information.

Mr. Ruegg noted that there are now multiple information systems in place of the form that was previously used to report this information to Cal DOJ. ISAB is in the process of examining incomplete cases from Cal DOJ to determine why the particular information

is not getting to the state.

Once ISAB completes its analysis, recommendations will be made to CCJCC on how to improve the flow of data in the criminal justice system so that Cal DOJ will receive complete arrest disposition information. A request may be made at that time for a subcommittee to be tasked with addressing this matter.

Mr. Ruegg noted that FBRS may serve to assist the local criminal justice system in ensuring that Cal DOJ obtains complete information. By linking together a number of forms and automated systems, FBRS can facilitate the electronic processing of data related to arrest disposition information that is sent to Cal DOJ.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley inquired about the status of upgrading the Countywide Warrant Systems (CWS). Chief Richard Barrantes of the Sheriff's Department stated that a report may be brought to CCJCC concerning the current status of this issue. Mark Delgado, Executive Director of CCJCC, added that a subcommittee was formed and funding is being sought to assist with efforts to address this matter.

Mayor Antonovich requested that Mr. Ruegg provide an update on the Court Case Management System (CCMS) at the February CCJCC meeting. In particular, the Mayor asked for information on what CCMS is, the status of its implementation in Los Angeles County, and the operational and fiscal impact on the Superior Court and local criminal justice system. The report should also include an update on the role of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in working with the Los Angeles Superior Court to mitigate any concerns with respect to CCMS.

A motion was made to approve the ISAB Semi-Annual Report for submission to the County Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: The motion to approve the ISAB Semi-Annual Report for submission to the County Board of Supervisors was seconded and approved without objection.

IV. TASKFORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO THEFT PREVENTION (TRAP)
Captain Anselmo Gonzalez, Sheriff's Department

Captain Anselmo Gonzalez 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.

Captain Gonzalez thanked CCJCC members for their support in obtaining passage of Assembly Bill 286 (AB 286), which extends the funding legislation for TRAP to January 1, 2018.

Captain Gonzalez reported that auto thefts in the county are down by 15% as a result of collective efforts to combat this crime.

Funding for TRAP has remained steady for the past several years. However, due to the increase in operating costs, TRAP has not been able to expand.

TRAP has consolidated its operations into the following three teams that cover the County of Los Angeles: (1) San Gabriel Valley Team; (2) South Team; and (3) West Team. Each team is responsible for a cluster of law enforcement agencies and TRAP investigators are assigned to keep contact with them and stay apprised of current trends and any particular local needs.

Approximately one-third of the staffing for TRAP comes from the Sheriff's Department, another third is provided by the LAPD, and the final third consists of law enforcement officers from other police agencies in the county.

The headquarters for TRAP and two of its teams are being relocated to a former La Mirada substation. This move is being made to reduce operating costs and eliminate redundancies.

Captain Gonzalez introduced Captain Anthony Ward. Captain Ward will be taking over as the head of TRAP effective this Sunday, January 9th.

TRAP is participating in a reality television show entitled "Bait Car" that has completed its second season. This show depicts individuals being arrested when they attempt to steal bait cars and is intended to serve as a warning to potential car thieves.

A total of 40 episodes have been aired thus far and negotiations are underway with Earth Angel Productions to enter into a third season. If approved, filming for the third season will begin in April of this year.

In 102 film days, TRAP has arrested 250 individuals and all have been convicted. TRAP officers have also used this opportunity to engage in community outreach and education with respect to crime prevention efforts.

Through the agreement with the production company, the County of Los Angeles has been paid nearly \$400,000 for participation in the first two seasons of this program.

TRAP will be undertaking geographic based investigations in which there will be an enhanced focus on particular regions. This is currently being implemented in the City of Pomona, but will also be implemented in the City of Long Beach and the City of Los Angeles later this year.

With geographic based investigations, TRAP investigators work with local law enforcement to address problems of regional auto theft activity. Due to these efforts, several arrests were made in Pomona during the month of December 2010.

TRAP investigators have observed a rise in fraudulent auto purchase applications. Captain Gonzalez discussed a recent case in which identity theft was used to fraudulently purchase eleven vehicles during a two-month period.

Another problem that TRAP investigators have been encountering involves title washing. This refers to situations in which a DMV employee assists in the auto theft by changing the title to the car.

Captain Gonzalez next discussed a recent case in which an individual responsible for 50 auto thefts throughout the county was apprehended due to extensive efforts made by numerous investigators.

Hermosa Beach Mayor Mitch Ward (League of California Cities) inquired about the mechanisms in place to insure that entertainment aspects of the Bait Car television show don't override law enforcement concerns. Captain Gonzalez stated that the Sheriff's Department has the final edit rights for every aspect of the show. The program shows actual law enforcement activity that happens in real time; none of it is staged. The producers take the resulting footage and create the episodes from that.

ACTION: For information only.

V. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE ACT OF 2009 (SB 678)

Chief Don Blevins, Probation Department

Chief Probation Officer Donald Blevins appeared before CCJCC to provide an update on the California Community Corrections Performance Incentive Act of 2009 (SB 678).

SB 678 was signed into law on October 11, 2009, and establishes a system of performance-based supervision of adult felony probationers. The law provides a financial incentive for counties to implement probation supervision strategies that contribute to probationers' success and reduce revocations that result in prison terms.

The Probation Department estimates that Los Angeles County's 2010 reduction in the number of probationers sent to prison can result in approximately \$60 million in funding over a two-year period. Two-year funding allocations will be made each year, meaning that year-one funding could be \$30 million, but combined funding in each year thereafter would be \$60 million.

The funding is to be invested into evidence-based programming, which can include implementing and expanding risk and needs assessments, implementing and

expanding intermediate sanctions, providing more intensive probation supervision, and expanding the availability of rehabilitation programs.

Intermediate sanctions may include electronic monitoring, mandatory community service, home detention, day reporting centers, restorative justice programs, work furlough programs, and 90 days incarceration.

Each program that receives funding will have an evaluation component to measure effectiveness.

SB 678 requires that the county establish a Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Committee to advise Probation in the utilization of SB 678 funding. This oversight committee will also serve to ensure that the legislation is being implemented properly in the county.

The legislation provides that the CCP Committee be chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and that it include the following members:

1. The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, or his/her designee;
2. A County Supervisor or the Chief Administrative Officer for the County;
3. The District Attorney;
4. The Public Defender;
5. The Sheriff;
6. A Chief of Police;
7. The head of the County Department of Social Services;
8. The head of the County Department of Mental Health;
9. The head of the County Department of Employment;
10. The head of the County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs;
11. The head of the County Office of Education;
12. A representative from a community-based organization with experience in successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense; and
13. An individual who represents the interests of victims.

The Probation Department has begun taking steps to implement this program and has identified 50 probation officers who will be involved.

Chief Blevins made a motion to establish the Community Corrections Partnership Committee as described by SB 678.

ACTION: The motion to establish the Community Corrections Partnership Committee as described by SB 678 was seconded and approved without objection.

VI. LOS ANGELES COUNTY GANG INITIATIVE
Vincent Holmes, County Chief Executive Office

Vincent Holmes, Principal Analyst with the County Chief Executive Office (CEO), appeared before CCJCC to provide an update on the County's Gang Initiative.

On May 8, 2007, the County Board of Supervisors directed the County CEO to develop a countywide strategy to reduce gang violence. In response to the Board's request, the CEO convened an executive steering committee to assist in the development of the analysis and recommendations.

On January 6, 2009, the Board adopted the CEO's formal proposal for a planning process in which four areas in the County -- Florence Firestone, Harbor Gateway, Monrovia Duarte, and Pacoima were designated demonstration sites and specific strategies would be developed in each area to address gangs and gang violence.

In April 2010, the Board approved a set of recommendations to address gang violence. This Initiative seeks to prevent youth from becoming involved in gang violence or delinquent activity, intervene in the lives of individuals and families that become involved with gangs, and have coordinated suppression efforts in place. The strategies are to be phased in over 18 months and measured periodically to determine their effectiveness.

Site coordinators have been assigned to each of the four demonstration sites. These individuals, all Supervising Deputy Probation Officers, are responsible for implementing the recommendations at the local level, building relationships with local stakeholders and organizations, fostering cross-systems collaboration, and identifying and serving youth and families in the Probation Youth Community Transition Project.

One of the prevention efforts is the Parks After Dark (PAD) program. This was implemented last summer at Roosevelt, Watkins, and Pamela Parks and involved opening up the parks to the community until 11:00 p.m. Various activities were provided during the evenings and resource fairs were held at the parks as well. In all, nearly 31,000 people participated and surveys revealed positive perceptions both with respect to the program itself and in terms of feeling safe at the park.

Mr. Holmes noted that the county also collaborated with the city's Summer Night Lights program in holding resource fairs at Normandale and Humphrey Parks.

Another prevention effort is Library Teen Programming, which also began last summer. This provides reading, educational programs, and recreational activities at the Florence, Graham, and Duarte Libraries.

One of the intervention/re-entry programs for high-risk individuals is the Probation Youth Community Transition Project (PYCTP). In each of the four demonstration sites, 25 juvenile probationers that are transitioning back to the community from probation camps

are identified. Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT's) provide enhanced case management to the juveniles and their families. The MDT's are comprised of representatives from the Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services, Probation Department, and local school district.

The PYCTP includes a System Opportunities Review Team that is tasked with reviewing and resolving systemic issues that may be barriers to successful reentry and rehabilitation.

The PYCTP has been awarded a grant for \$750,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The funding will allow community partners to provide in-home intervention, prevention, and mental health services to probation youth and their families.

With respect to suppression efforts, the countywide plan emphasizes strategic collaboration with law enforcement to proactively target violence and identify individuals and families who may desire assistance. Site coordinators have been working with the local law enforcement agencies in their areas.

Mr. Holmes noted that, since the countywide Initiative has been in place, gang-related crime is down 2.4% in the four demonstration sites.

The following are the next steps in the implementation of the county's gang strategy:

- Develop Case Fire strategies to notify and engage gang-involved families;
- Determine the viability of PAD in 2011;
- Ongoing Library Programming and the library card registration drive;
- PYCTP case management, identification of systemic issues, and implementation of the Second Chance Re-entry Grant;
- Continue to hold Employment/Resource Fairs;
- Continued collaboration with suppression efforts;
- Convene prevention and high-risk/re-entry workshops in each demonstration site;
- Follow-up/review of the findings of the Auditor-Controller's report concerning existing anti-gang expenses;
- Ongoing search for funding to support the County Initiative (gang plan);
- Continued partnerships with local municipal agencies to enhance services to communities; and
- Ongoing data collection.

For more information on the implementation of the countywide Initiative, a report entitled, "Los Angeles County Regional Gang Violence Reduction Initiative Semi-Annual Progress Report" covering April through September 2010 was distributed. It can be accessed at this link: http://www.ccjcc.info/cms1_155113.pdf.

In addition, the Executive Summary of the report can be accessed at this link: http://www.ccjcc.info/cms1_155256.pdf.

Earl Perkins of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) stated that their next school year will start on August 15, 2011 and end on June 1, 2012. The Regional Coordinators may need to take note of these dates in planning the Parks After Dark activities.

ACTION: For information only.

VII. OTHER MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional matters or public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.