

# SB 823 Subcommittee Meeting

January 4, 2023

12:15 pm

Zoom

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**Meeting called by:** LeAnne Williams, Interim CPO      **Type of meeting:** SB 823 Subcommittee Quarterly

**Facilitator:** LeAnne Williams, Interim CPO      **Note taker:** Gina Rizza

**Attendees:** LeAnne Williams, Interim Chief Probation Officer, Probation  
Hon. John Bianco, Judge, Tulare County Courts  
Margarita Luna, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Probation  
Mike Santos, Division Manager, Probation  
Greg Powers, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation  
Doug Rodgers, Supervising Attorney, District Attorney  
Mireya Anaya, Division Manager, HHS (alternate for Courtney Sallam)  
Joseph Hamilton, Mental Health Clinic Administrator, HHS  
Galen Quenzer, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club  
Miguel Garcia, Regional Specialist, Office of Youth and Community Restoration

**Attendees absent:** Tim Rote, Assistant Public Defender, Public Defender  
Karon Valdivieso, Court Schools Principal, Tulare County Office of Education  
Adam Peck, Executive Director, Tulare County Workforce Investment Board  
Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director, Community Services Employment Training  
Sylvia Hanna, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission

**Meeting purpose:** SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

## *Minutes*

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**Agenda item:** Approval of DJJ Realignment Annual Plan FY 2022-23      **Presenter:** LeAnne Williams

**Discussion:**

Motion made for the approval of the plan submitted to Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) in May 2022.

**Conclusions:**

Defer approval of plan to meeting scheduled on January 30, 2023 as not all attendees have had an opportunity to read it.

| <b>Action items</b> | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b>  |
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| ✓ Read plan         | Subcommittee members      | January 30, 2023 |

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**Agenda item:** Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) site visit      **Presenter:** LeAnne Williams

**Discussion:**

Mr. Garcia shared that OYCR is scheduled for a site visit/tour of JDF on January 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm. The purpose of the visit/tour is to ensure compliance with the newly passed SB 823/SB 92 laws that govern the housing and program services for DJJ realigned youth at a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF); to assess if there any gaps (the State has resources to assist if there are any gaps); to address strategies employed at the facility; and to ensure best practices are being applied. Smaller counties have informed OYCR that the funding formula that the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) developed for the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant are inadequate to meet their needs and that contracting with a regional hub to provide housing and services for DJJ realigned youth is a better option for them.

**Conclusions:**

Any of the subcommittee members are welcome to be present at the January 17, 2023 site visit/tour of JDF. Anyone interested in attending should contact either DM Santos or SPO Powers.

| <b>Action items</b> | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b> |
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| ✓ N/A               | N/A                       | N/A             |

**Agenda item:** Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Presentation      **Presenter:** Miguel Garcia

**Discussion:**

Mr. Garcia will provide at a later date (TBD) a presentation of the comprehensive requirements OYCR has in place to ensure a safe environment for both DJJ realigned youth and staff at a Secure Treatment Youth Facility (SYTF) and that services provided are conducive for the full rehabilitation of youth in said facility.

**Conclusions:**

Presentation date is tentatively scheduled for the January 30, 2023 meeting.

| <b>Action items</b>                | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b> |
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| ✓ Prepare and provide presentation | Miguel Garcia             | TBD             |

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***Other Information***

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**Other Notes**

Ms. Williams shared at the beginning of the meeting that the Probation Department is looking into providing an art and a music instructor for recreational activities for youth at JDF. Instructors will not be hired through a school as this process is lengthy and hard to implement.

Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR), including basic information on Rising Scholars, and shared that OYCR has formed an Ombudsman Division, which is the first in the State of California, for both DJJ realigned youth and staff at a Secure Treatment Facility (SYTF) to contact to express any concerns with the facility or services. Mr. Garcia also shared an overview of his personal professional background and how it aligns with his position at OYCR. Furthermore, Mr. Garcia shared that, in conjunction with a collaboration of writers, including Judge Bianco, a matrix of the laws that govern the operation of a SYTF has been written.