

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM**

MINUTES OF THE July 14, 2022 MEETING
Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS AND DESIGNATED ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chair Pro Tem: Howard Wong for Adolfo Gonzales, Chief Probation Officer,
Los Angeles County Probation Department

Erika Anzoategui, Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender
Judge Songhai Armstead, Executive Director, Alternatives To Incarceration
Judge Jeffrey S. Cohen-Laurie for Judge Sam Ohta, Supervising Judge – Criminal
Division, Los Angeles Superior Court
Ricardo Garcia, Los Angeles County Public Defender
Brian Hoffman for Fesia Davenport, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer
Yanira Lima for Dr. Gary Tsai, Director, Department of Public Health – Substance
Abuse Prevention and Control
Josh McCurry, Appointee, Fifth Supervisorial District
Heather Jue Northover for Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Executive Director, Anti-Racism,
Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative
Dr. Bikila Ochoa, Appointee, Second Supervisorial District
Jose Osuna, Appointee, Fourth Supervisorial District
Jose Perez for Kelly LoBianco, Executive Director, Department of Economic
Opportunity
Kris Pitcher for Michel Moore, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
Maricela Ramirez for Dr. Debra Duardo, Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of
Education
Dr. Karen Streich for Dr. Lisa Wong, Director, Department of Mental Health
Troy Vaughn, Appointed community-based organization representative
Sharon Woo for George Gascón, Los Angeles County District Attorney

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ivette Alé, Appointee, First Supervisorial District
Marisa Arrona, Appointee, Third Supervisorial District
Itzel Citlali Bonilla, Appointed representative of victim interests
Dr. Jackie Contreras, Acting Director, Department of Public Social Services
Dr. Christina Ghaly, Director, Department of Health Services
Chief Eugene Harris, President, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Dr. Clemons Hong, Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry
Sheriff Alex Villanueva, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Howard Wong, Deputy Director, Probation Department, Chair Pro Tem

Chief Probation Officer Adolfo Gonzales was unavailable to attend this meeting of the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT). Howard Wong, Deputy Director of the Probation Department, served as Chair Pro Tem for this meeting in his place. Mr. Wong called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Mark Delgado, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC), took attendance through a roll call of PSRT members and designated alternates that had joined the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16, 2022 MEETING

Howard Wong, Deputy Director, Probation Department, Chair Pro Tem

A draft of the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting was distributed to members prior to this meeting.

There were no requests for changes to the minutes.

Jose Osuna, Appointee for the Fourth Supervisorial District, made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Troy Vaughn, Appointed community-based organization representative.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting were approved by the PSRT with a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain, and 9 absent.

Yes: Howard Wong; Judge Jeffrey S. Cohen-Laurie; Ricardo Garcia; Erika Anzoategui; Brian Hoffman; Dr. Karen Streich; Yanira Lima; Maricela Ramirez; Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher; Troy Vaughn; Dr. Bikila Ochoa; Jose Osuna; Josh McCurry.

Abstain: Jose Perez; Judge Songhai Armstead; Heather Jue Northover

Absent: Sheriff's Department; District Attorney's Office; Department of Public Social Services; Department of Health Services; Office of Diversion and Reentry; Police Chiefs Association; Appointee, Supervisorial District 1; Appointee, Supervisorial District 3; Victim Advocacy Organization

III. AD HOC FUNDING WORK GROUP

Howard Wong, Deputy Director, Probation Department

As a review, the PSRT has been tasked with providing AB 109 funding recommendations for the CEO's consideration during the County's supplemental budget cycle. The due date for submissions to the CEO is today, July 14, 2022.

To develop proposed recommendations, the PSRT created an Ad Hoc Funding Work Group in March of this year. This Work Group has since developed three recommendations for consideration and approval by the PSRT.

The three recommendations, which were distributed to PSRT members and designated alternates prior to this meeting, are as follows:

- Transportation Services for AB 109 Clients

\$500,000 to the Office of Diversion and Reentry's (ODR's) Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) program to implement transportation services for AB 109 and other reentry clients (and support for ODR's planned overall RICMS funding request to the CEO).

- Workforce Development Support

\$10,500,000 to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to develop linkages and provide specialized workforce development services to individuals released from prison and jail, including employment and training services, transitional subsidized employment opportunities, supportive services, stipends, incentives, and peer mentorship.

- AB 109 Funded Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) Program

\$939,666 to the Public Defender's Office (\$626,444) and Alternate Public Defender's Office (\$313,222) to fund a total of six Psychiatric Social Worker II positions to develop social history reports and support alternative dispositions in cases facing potential custody sentences.

Mr. Delgado provided background on the three recommendations.

For the Transportation Services for AB 109 Clients recommendation, Vanessa Martin of ODR provided details about the RICMS program and how the transportation services would be included.

For the Workforce Development Support recommendation, Troy Vaughn provided additional background information and Cheren Payne of DEO reviewed the details of how the funding would be utilized.

For the AB 109 Funded Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) Program recommendation, Tom Moore of the Public Defender's Office and Sam Abrahamian of the Alternate Public Defender's Office discussed the details of this program and how it would expand upon an existing program funded by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

A discussion was had about the three proposals.

Judge Songhai Armstead, Executive Director of Alternatives To Incarceration (ATI), made a motion to approve the three funding recommendations. This motion was seconded by Jose Osuna.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the three funding recommendations.

ACTION: **The three funding recommendations from the Ad Hoc Funding Work Group were approved by the Public Safety Realignment Team with a vote of 16 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 8 absent.**

Yes: Howard Wong; Judge Jeffrey S. Cohen-Laurie; Sharon Woo; Tom Moore; Erika Anzoategui; Dr. Karen Streich; Yanira Lima; Jose Perez; Judge Songhai Armstead; Heather Jue Northover; Maricela Ramirez; Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher; Troy Vaughn; Dr. Bikila Ochoa; Jose Osuna; Josh McCurry.

Abstain: Brian Hoffman

Absent: Sheriff's Department; Department of Public Social Services; Department of Health Services; Office of Diversion and Reentry; Police Chiefs Association; Appointee, Supervisorial District 1; Appointee, Supervisorial District 3; Victim Advocacy Organization

Slides that were used in this presentation, as well as informational documents, can be accessed online under supporting documents for this meeting at:

<http://ccjcc.lacounty.gov/Public-Safety-Realignment>

IV. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT ON A FUTURE AGENDA

Howard Wong, Deputy Director, Probation Department

The PSRT will begin focusing on the response to the annual Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) questionnaire. This will include updates on the progress with FY 21-22 goals.

Judge Armstead requested that a discussion be had concerning collaboration among departments/agencies/units, the reduction of silos and duplication of services, and the connection with data collection, evaluation, and funding. Troy Vaughn indicated that he could work with Judge Armstead on language for a motion concerning these matters.

ACTION: **For information only.**

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.