

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE **April 13, 2022** MEETING Meeting Conducted Via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chair: Holly J. Mitchell, Supervisor, Second District and Chair of the County Board of Supervisors

David Cons for Tracy Wilkinson, Acting U.S. Attorney
Beatriz Dieringer, California League of Cities
Mark Diorio for Selwyn Hollins, Director, County Internal Services Department
Ricardo Garcia, County Public Defender
Adolfo Gonzales, County Chief Probation Officer, Vice Chair of CCJCC
Eugene Harris, President, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Kelly LoBianco, Executive Director, Economic and Workforce Development, Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services
Jonathan Lucas, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner
Edward McIntyre for Nichelle Henderson, Chair, County Quality & Productivity Commission
Emilio Mendoza for Ginger Pryor, Acting Director, County Department of Children and Family Services
Robert Philibosian, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County
Kris Pitcher for Michel Moore, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
Cesar Sanchez for Erika Anzoategui, County Alternate Public Defender
Connie Sullivan for Robert Cole, Chair, County Economy and Efficiency Commission
Susan Sullivan Pithey for Robert Bonta, California Attorney General
Robin Toma, Executive Director, County Commission on Human Relations
*David Turla for Fesia Davenport, County Chief Executive Officer
*Joseph J. Williams for Alex Villanueva, Sheriff
Sharon L. Woo for George Gascón, District Attorney
Cyn Yamashiro, Directing Attorney, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program

***Not a designated alternate**

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTONS

Chair Mitchell, County Supervisor, Second District

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Chair of CCJCC.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Mitchell, County Supervisor, Second District

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting. Chief Eugene Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Chief Adolfo Gonzales.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting was approved without objection.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Delgado, Executive Director, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

Mark Delgado, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC), provided the Executive Director's Report to the committee.

Mr. Delgado provided the following updates:

- Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) Report: At the March CCJCC meeting, a consultant team provided a report with strategies for enhancing the availability of MAT among the justice-involved population. The background presented in the report included quarterly overdose data from the state for the past few years. However, the report did not label the data appropriately as "rolling" quarterly, and therefore presented a significantly higher (and incorrect) number. This is being corrected and an updated report will be made available.
- CCJCC Meeting Logistics: Mr. Delgado advised that CCJCC may need to resume in-person meetings in the near future. Initially, in-person meetings will not be held in the Hall of Administration. Several different off-site locations are being considered. CCJCC members will be kept informed of any changes.

Supervisor Mitchell inquired as to whether the CCJCC meetings can be held in a hybrid manner that would allow for both in-person and virtual (via online and telephone) attendance.

Mr. Delgado stated that the hybrid option is being considered and off-site locations are being sought that would accommodate that format.

ACTION: For information only.

V. L.A. vs. HATE

Robin Toma, Executive Director, County Commission on Human Relations
Terri Villa-McDowell, Manager, County Commission on Human Relations,
L.A. vs. Hate – Program Coordinator

Robin Toma, Executive Director of the County Commission on Human Relations, presented an overview of a program known as L.A. vs. Hate. Joining Mr. Toma in this presentation was Terri Villa-McDowell, Manager with the County Commission on Human Relations and Program Coordinator of L.A. vs. Hate.

Mr. Toma emphasized that the program is not just intended to address hate crimes, but also hate incidents that may not rise to the level of a crime. He provided an example of a hate incident that occurred and where no action was taken in response.

Ms. Villa-McDowell noted that 635 hate crimes were reported in the County in 2020, which was the largest number recorded since 2008. Hate crimes have grown 65% since hitting an all-time low in 2013. Race/national origin/ethnicity was the leading motivation for all reported acts.

The L.A. vs Hate program is one of the efforts to address this. Led by the Human Relations Commission, the program works with community partners to promote unity and action against hate.

There are three components to the program:

1. Unite communities against hate
2. Countywide system for reporting hate
3. Build local community capacity to effectively respond and prevent hate acts

Ms. Villa-McDowell discussed the programs under each of these categories.

The program includes working directly with victims who report bias, discrimination, hate violence, and bullying. Victims are offered case management and referrals to needed resources, and efforts are made to address community-wide patterns of hate.

Individuals can report hate incidents through the 211 website (211LA.org), the L.A. vs. Hate Campaign site (lavshate.org), or by dialing 2-1-1.

Ms. Villa-McDowell reviewed examples of the types of crimes/harassment that have been consistently reported in the past 27 months.

She also discussed 211 LA Care Coordination, which can be provided with consent for empathetic support, follow-up, referrals, and advocacy using a team approach. Once connected, the care coordinators will review and explain how to utilize the applicable referrals and connect with agencies. The team and care coordinators will also help with making police reports as well as getting health, mental health, and legal services. They

will also provide additional information regarding the reporting process to government agencies.

Ms. Villa-McDowell discussed certain groups that data suggests are being targeted with hate crimes/incidents, as well as common trends.

Notably among common trends, she stated that there are incidents where first responders don't encourage victims to report or use incorrect rationale or statements, which further discourages reporting, increases trauma, and sends residents away with incorrect information about why the report was not taken.

To address this, the Commission on Human Relations is seeking to partner with law enforcement and security agencies. Leveraging support from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), they would like to build out resources to provide law enforcement agencies with information that they can in turn provide to the victims of hate so that these individuals can access additional support, especially if the incident is not classified as a crime.

The Commission on Human Relations is also seeking input from law enforcement to help guide the development of effective messaging on hate activity for first responders.

Supervisor Mitchell noted that there will be a number of upcoming regional events marking the 30th Anniversary of the verdicts in the Rodney King case and their aftermath. She advised that these events will provide the Commission with opportunities to increase public outreach and inform the community about the L.A. vs. Hate program.

Robert Philibosian of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County inquired about how the information on the program will be distributed to law enforcement agencies.

Ms. Villa-McDowell stated that information about the program and resources are printed on business-sized cards that can be handed to victims of hate crimes/incidents. She added that she would like to receive additional feedback from law enforcement on how best to convey the information.

Mr. Delgado stated that staff will coordinate with Chief Eugene Harris, President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, in following-up on this issue.

Supervisor Mitchell requested that there be follow-up on this Agenda item and a report back on progress later this year.

ACTION: CCJCC staff and the Commission for Human Relations will coordinate with the Police Chiefs Association and other law enforcement agencies and associations to follow-up on this Agenda Item and report back at a future CCJCC meeting.

The L.A. vs. Hate program has a website that can be accessed at the following URL address: <https://www.lavshate.org>.

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

VI. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Kelly LoBianco, Executive Director, Economic & Workforce Development,
Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

Kelly LoBianco, Executive Director of Economic and Workforce Development of the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), presented an overview of workforce development services and ongoing efforts to connect justice-involved populations with employment opportunities.

There are seven Workforce Development Areas in the county: Los Angeles County, Los Angeles City, Pacific Gateway (Long Beach), South Bay, SELACO (Southeast Los Angeles), Foothill, and Verdugo.

WDACS is the designated Los Angeles County Local Workforce Area, which covers 57 cities and all unincorporated areas.

There are 19 AJCCs (America's Job Centers of California) operated by Los Angeles County, plus 2 specialized AJCCs for students. Additionally, there are 44 job centers, some specifically for youth, across the other six workforce development areas.

WDACS specifically targets communities with high barriers to entry into the workforce system. Communities that are served include justice-involved individuals, individuals experiencing homelessness, foster youth, veterans, individuals on public assistance, low-income communities, basic skills deficient individuals, LGBTQ+ individuals, and disconnected youth.

Economic and Workforce Development is a newly created branch under WDACS that unites services previously performed by four different agencies within the county. As of July 1st of this year, the new name will be the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

Priorities for the new department include:

- Unlock the existing potential here in the county by supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners to start up, grow, and expand.
- Attract new industry and investment to the region to create new, good jobs and career pathways in high-growth and emerging sectors.
- Support the collective health and security, self-sufficiency, and mobility for all workers and business owners.
- Empower community voice so that we drive community solutions together.

Ms. LoBianco reviewed the programs designed to help the justice-involved population through workforce interventions that include custodial programs, re-entry programs, and prevention and reducing recidivism programs.

Custodial programs include:

- CRDF Career Center – Gender responsive career development at the women’s jail, Century Regional Detention Facility.
- Camp to Community – Preparing justice-involved youth for success in employment upon release from probation camp.

Re-entry programs include:

- INVEST – Co-locates Deputy Probation Officers at America’s Job Centers of California (AJCCs). This has served 2,000 people since program inception with a 59% employment rate.
- Prison to Employment – This program is for all people that have been previously incarcerated or involved in the criminal justice system.
- Careers for a Cause – An employment training program for individuals with lived homelessness and justice involvement experience. It has enrolled 130 people to date, with an 88% graduation rate and 80% female participants.
- Fair Chance Hiring Campaign – This seeks to minimize biases against hiring reentry applicants. This effort has resulted in over 200 businesses pledging to hire from the reentry population. \$2 million has been provided from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Individuals served are overwhelmingly Black and Latinx. Additionally, 25% are experiencing homelessness and over 75% identify as male.

Since Fiscal Year 2017-2018, over 30,000 justice-involved individuals have been served by the Los Angeles County Workforce Development System and over half have been placed in jobs.

Prevention and reducing recidivism programs include:

- Prevention – Services that guide community members toward goal attainment and prevent justice system involvement.
 - AJCCs
 - Youth @ Work
 - Work Experience (WEX)
 - On the Job Training
 - Pre-Apprenticeships
 - Occupations Training
 - Training Stipends
 - Supportive Services

- Reducing Recidivism – Opportunities at intersections to provide pathways to family-sustaining careers.
 - High Road Training Partnerships
 - LA:RISE

Ms. LoBianco noted that WDACS has a number of critical partnerships, which include:

- Los Angeles County
- Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR)
- America’s Job Center of California (AJCC)
- City of Los Angeles
- County Human Resources Department
- County Probation Department
- County Sheriff’s Department
- Roberts Enterprise Development Fund

A list was shown of programs that have received funding from ARPA, which has totaled over \$100 million. Workforce Development programs funded by ARPA that have a direct nexus to the justice-involved population include the following:

- Fair Chance
- Careers for a Cause
- Worker Equity Fund
- Pandemic Recovery Rapid Reemployment
- Youth at Work-Elevate
- High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs)

Los Angeles County Chief Probation Officer Adolfo Gonzales thanked Ms. LoBianco for her work and noted that the Probation Department coordinates with WDACS on a number of programs.

Ms. LoBianco can be contacted at the following email address:

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

ACTION: For information only.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.