



MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2021
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.
Microsoft TEAMS

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair, Supervisor Zach Friend called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Members in Attendance: Zach Friend, **County Supervisor**; Carlos Palacios, **County Administrative Officer**; Faris Sabbah, **County Office of Education**; Terry McManus, **Capitola PD**; George Rivera, **SCCACT**; Mimi Hall, **SC County Health Services**; Amanda Gamban, **United Way**; Jorge Zamora, **Watsonville PD**; Rebecca Garcia, **Watsonville City Council**; Donna Lind, **Scotts Valley City Council**; Steve Walpole, **Scotts Valley PD**; Mitchell Medina, **SC County Sheriff's Office**; Fernando Giraldo, **SC County Probation Dept.**; Jeff Rosell, **SC County District Attorney**; Erica Padilla-Chavez, **PVPSA**; Larry Biggam, **Public Defender**; Kristen Peterson, **Capitola City Council**; Martine Watkins, **City of Santa Cruz**; Justin Cummings, **Santa Cruz City Council**; Susan Brutschy, **Applied Survey Research**; Jennifer Anderson-Ochoa, **Applied Survey Research**; Michael Beebe, **Community Member**; Marilu Martinez, **SC County District Attorney's Office**.

II. Approval of Agenda/Meeting Minutes

Action: Councilmember LIND motioned to approve the August 12, 2021 agenda and minutes of May 13, 2021. Seconded by Superintendent SABBAH; unanimously approved.

III. Oral Communications

- Faris Sabbah mentioned that schools are open and the stabbing that occurred is of concern. The victim was a PVUSD student.
- Mike Beebe inquired on a "jail 101" for families to understand the process of criminal justice systems.
- Fernando Giraldo mentioned an approach and potential reviving of the critical response team to violence.

IV. Executive Committee – Discussion/Consent

- Supervisor Friend thanks Faris Sabbah for the fully functional website. <https://www.santacruzjc.org/>

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- Applied Survey Research is working on annual report. Report includes transparency from all agencies not just on policies, but also directives and why it is directives rather than policies. Allows agencies to have a better understanding of the meaning of certain policies so everyone agrees. Susan Brutschy will have a potential new CJC logo.

V. Ratify Agreement – Erica Padilla Chavez motioned to ratify the agreement with Applied Survey Research in the amount of \$8,500 for collection and analysis of data and production of annual report. Seconded by Faris Sabbah, approved unanimously.

VI. Acceptance of Written Standing Reports (Clarifying Questions only and Actions if requested)

1. Community Corrections Partnership.
 - Question about how COVID-19 affected programs. Answer: Continued programs with a remote format and supplied devices for some programs. There was an increase in participation.
2. Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team (SCCACT).
 - Question if there has been an increase or decrease in guns during COVID-19. Answer: There has been no change, not too much activity during shelter in place during COVID-19.
3. North County BASTA.
4. Youth Action Network.
 - Question about what criteria is used to select people. Answer: Youth community representation, youth from the community will be part of the interview process.

Fernando Giraldo motioned to accept reports. Seconded by Terry McManus; approved unanimously.

VII. Grant Opportunities and Updates

- Fernando Giraldo mentioned about \$147,000 of the DJJ realignment funds will support the purchase of a van to facilitate transportation for families to visit youth.
- Faris Sabbah mentioned a \$4 million grant for mental health services across the county. More information to follow.

VIII. Legislative Updates – None.

IX. Adjournment/Next Meeting

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm. The next regular meeting of the Criminal Justice Council will be on November 18, 2021, via Microsoft TEAMS.