



**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Youth Justice Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday September 04, 2024

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Welcome, Co-Chair's Opening Comments, Announcement of New Members and Roll Call, and Meeting Agenda

1:34pm.: Committee Co-Chair Brooke Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members, Ex-Officio members, and members of the public. Committee Co-Chair Harris thanked the members and members of the public for their participation. Committee Co-Chair Harris provided meeting instructions for participants and provided instructions to address IT issues.

1:35 pm.: Committee Co-Chair Harris welcomed new Committee member Judge Tilisha Martin. Judge Martin was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in 2015. She currently serves as the Assistant Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court. Her role involves hearing dependency and juvenile justice cases related to youth who have been abused, neglected, or accused of violating the law. Since her appointment she has presided over misdemeanor arraignment and family law calendars as well as specialty calendars such as dependency drug court, dual-status youth, mental competency, and non-minor dependent youth. Currently, she handles specialty calendars serving commercially sexually exploited youth and a family law citation calendar.

1:35 pm.: Co-Chair Harris then advised participants to ensure that only one member was speaking at a time to ensure clarity. Co-Chair Harris then welcomed Tara Layne from Harley Consulting Group to provide instructions for the meeting. Tara Layne thanked Co-Chair Harris and welcomed the Committee and public members. She then provided meeting instructions for both the Committee and members of the public.

1:35-1:40pm: There were technical issues in the meeting space that were resolved.

1:40pm: Tara Layne completed instructions for participating in the meeting and welcomed OYCR Deputy Director Jackson to take roll of Committee members.

1:41 p.m.: OYCR Deputy Director took roll of Committee members. The following Committee Members were present at the meeting via Zoom or in-person:

- Co-Chair Katherine Lucero
 - Co-Chair Chief Robert Reyes
 - Chief Jennifer Branning
 - Diana Becton
 - Elizabeth Calvin
 - Virginia Corrigan
 - Dr. Carly Dierkhising
 - Juan Gamez
 - Tyee Griffith
 - Brooke Harris
 - Honorable Robert Leventer
 - Honorable Tilisha Martin
 - Frankie Guzman
 - Chief Dan Prince
 - Danielle Lowe
 - Rosalinda Vint
- The following committee members were absent:
 - Kasey Halcón
 - Lauren Mendez

1:42 p.m.: OYCR Deputy Director Jackson completed roll call and confirmed that there was a quorum. OYCR Deputy Director Jackson turned the meeting back to Co-Chair Harris.

1:43 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris invited Co-Chair Reyes to address action items from the last meeting.

Action Items:

1:43 p.m.: Co-Chair Reyes thanked Co-Chair Harris and called to approve minutes from June 5, 2024 and asked members if any corrections were needed. No members responded.

Co-Chair Reyes called for a motion to approve from committee members.

Member Chief Dan Prince moved to approve the minutes and Member Dr. Carly Dierkhising seconded the motion. Members Honorable Tilisha Martin and Virginia Corrigan abstained. All other members approved.

OYCR Updates:

1:44 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris called on Co-Chair Lucero to provide OYCR updates.

1:45 p.m.: Co-Chair Lucero thanked deputy Co-Chair Harris and offered an update on OYCR's recent work related to the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) funding formula. The current formula provides funding to counties for appropriate rehabilitative housing and supervision services for W&I Code § 707(B) youth offenders. This includes historical data and projections for the average daily population of wards transferred from the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) when it closed in June 2023, updated numbers of youth who commit serious and violent felonies, and the changes in the youth population of counties. Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code §1991 (5), requiring the Governor and legislature to engage stakeholders to recommend changes to the formula, OYCR engaged stakeholders several rounds of discussion and feedback throughout the last several months.

In the first round, OYCR met with a group of county probation representatives, the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on May 29, 2024. On June 28th OYCR met with a group of youth advocates and representatives from Community Based Organizations. Representatives from the Department of Finance were involved in both discussions. OYCR then synthesized takeaways from each discussion and hosted a second round of discussions to gather additional insights from both groups, which were held on August 6th and August 26th.

OYCR is currently compiling ideas from the discussions prior to considering any adjustments. Co-Chair Lucero shared that they anticipate that OYCR's JJRBG funding formula recommendations will be presented first to the Department of Finance, and that a final set of recommendations will be presented at a future meeting. Thereafter, the Department of Finance will engage the Legislature for feedback. Co-Chair Lucero called for questions.

1:47 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris asked if the rounds of meetings were held within the same stakeholder groups or if the groups had joint meetings.

1:48 p.m.: Co-Chair Lucero responded that the meetings were held separately with the defined stakeholder groups described and there was not a joint meeting. Co-Chair Lucero also expressed hope that in the December CWC YJC meeting, there would be representatives from both stakeholder groups which would provide an opportunity for them to hear from one another directly.

Less Restrictive Programs (LRP) and Justice Serving Network Initiative Updates

1:47 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris introduced OYCR Special Consultant Will Lightbourne to share context about written updates provided in the agenda on Least Restrictive Programs (LRP)s and the Justice Serving Network Initiative (JSNI).

1:48 p.m.: Will Lightbourne provided an overview of the written updates on LRPs and JSNI that were included in the agenda. Will shared that the written updates from OYCR will be provided on a regular basis for the meetings going forward. The updates for this

meeting included both a list of the participating counties and the organizations that OYCR is planning to work with directly to provide step down opportunities and less restrictive program opportunities. He reported that the counties OYCR is working with on the LRP project are in somewhat different places with the first county partner up running and the major focus of their effort has been completed and successful. For other counties, the process of going through their board and contracting process took a period of time, and so most of them now are in the phase where they are executing subcontracts with community groups to actually provide services, either residential services or other program activities for the youth. These are two-year agreements, so what OYCR has been doing is starting the clock from the time when the boards authorized execution of the contracts. OYCR is conducting quarterly meetings with all of the counties to get a sense of how it's going for them, what support OYCR can give. Will explained that OYCR is also working make sure that the effort continues to focus on community-based LRPs. He indicated that enthusiasm has been high in the participating counties.

For the Justice Serving Network Initiative, Will noted that OYCR's partners from Sierra Health Foundation are on the agenda and they may add more about this initiative since JSNI falls within the activities OYCR is contracting with Sierra Health. Will shared that cohort one has started and the participating organizations in that cohort are listed in the written update in the agenda addendum. OYCR expects cohort 2 to be selected between early September and December and to start thereafter. Overall, the effort will be a three-year initiative. He then paused for questions, which there were none.

UCLA Briefs: Gender and Sexuality, Disabilities

1:51 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris introduced Dr. Elizabeth Barnert, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UCLA and Kassandra Angel from UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs to provide an update on OYCR's recent briefs in partnership with UCLA.

1:52 p.m.: Will Lightbourne shared that Dr. Barnert and Kassandra Angel attended the full Child Welfare Committee meeting in the morning to respond to questions on briefs affiliated with OYCR's Stepping Home Model. Will Lightbourne shared that the two briefs circulated in advance of the YJC meeting. One of the briefs focuses on care for youth related to Gender and Sexuality issues in both confined places as well as in transitions with community. The second brief focuses on services and care for youth with disabilities in the juvenile justice system. Will noted that while Committee members may not have had a chance to fully read or digest the content of both reports, they wanted to welcome discussion, questions or initial reactions in today's meeting. He reminded Committee members that as has been done in the past, OYCR and UCLA will leave a window open for additional comment and feedback on the briefs as they consider the content and consult with colleagues and others in the field.

He then invited Dr. Barnert and Kassandra Angel to provide additional context for each brief.

1:55 p.m.: Dr. Barnert started by explaining that the purpose of the Gender and Sexuality brief identify was to specific issues related to gender that impact young

people's experiences through the stepping home model, then in a similar pattern identify issues related to sexuality and health care for youth throughout the stepping home model. Dr. Barnert noted that the literature for review in this area was somewhat limited.

Kassandra Angel confirmed the limitations in the available literature, citing Impact Justice and the Casey Foundation as two helpful sources. Will Lightbourne also noted that the development of the Gender and Sexuality brief provoked illuminating conversation with the OYCR staff. One finding Will highlighted was the risk associated with expressions of hyper masculinity in young males in settings where there is both a strong authority structure and possible histories of expressions of violent behavior. He highlighted the need for more attention to how to create environments and settings and program approaches that can support young men to be able to hold alternative visions of themselves that don't play into that hyper masculine role expectation. Will identified this as an area of opportunity for practitioners and others in the field to explore further how to help young men in particular and creating settings that don't reinforce or encourage that behavior and self image.

Kassandra Angel then provided additional context on the Disabilities brief. She first noted the current conversation related to disabilities in this context is often biomedical-focusing on the cause and the potential cure. Without an alternate framework, the team used the categories of disabilities from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to guide the literature review. There are 13 disability categories under IDEA. The intent of the literature review was to explore the challenges that youth in the system who have these disabilities face and to surface recommendations for how to better serve those young people. Kassandra noted limitations in the available literature, especially for certain disability categories such as orthopedic impairments and deaf-blindness. She noted that the available data varied, in part, because a lot of jurisdictions are not tracking these disabilities among youth. Despite the challenges associated with the availability of the data, the team worked to find as many recommendations as possible for each disability category, and also to provide overarching recommendations for how to best care for youth and not just address their needs, but also lift up their strength and resiliency. Kassandra noted that the brief ended up being longer than expected at 42 pages but encouraged participants to start with the first five pages, including a table that summarizes the key findings.

Will Lightbourne shared that one consistent finding in the data throughout the process of developing these briefs has been the relatively high percentage of youth in the juvenile legal system who have either physical disabilities or less visible neurological disabilities. The importance both of understanding what their needs are, as well as what interventions and programs are likely to engage them becomes even more critical. He noted that of the things that OYCR has been able to do in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation is to work on establishing a set of services and resources available for those youth who have the disabilities as defined here to help them with educational and vocational supports. He noted that the brief underscores the importance of being able to respond to these needs in an effective fashion.

2:03 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris called for questions from members about the UCLA briefs.

2:04 p.m.: Member Juan Gamez asked if there had been any input from young people in the content of the briefs.

2:05 p.m.: Dr. Barnert shared that the process for the briefs to date has been to summarize available evidence-based literature. While some of the available literature incorporated voices of young people's lived experiences, she noted that a great next step would be to include more direct input from youth.

2:06 p.m.: Member Honorable Tilisha Martin asked if the Gender and Sexuality brief uncovered any evidence-based curricula to help educate youth about respecting and valuing differences.

2:06 p.m.: Cassandra Angel explained that her literature searches didn't reveal resources like this. She noted the availability of such curricula for staff training, but nothing she was aware of related to educating youth on these issues. Cassandra offered to do some additional targeted searching for these types of materials if it would be useful to the Committee.

Dr. Barnert added that their focus was for the brief was first to identify the health-care related sources and resources, so they weren't necessarily searching within educational curricula, but certainly that is related to wellness. She also reiterated that it was something they could do additional research into.

2:07: Member Honorable Tilisha Martin responded that she did think it would be helpful to do the additional research on these types of resources. She cited the experiences of youth in long term facilities and the cultures that exist in those facilities, it could be especially helpful to have an opportunity for them to be able to learn more about understanding, respecting and valuing the differences of others.

2:07 p.m.: Co-Chair Reyes commented that both briefs point to a broader conversation related to gender stereotypes, especially with respect to young men, and the need to engage with and confront them. Co-Chair Reyes also emphasized the need to increase understanding of the resources available for young people with disabilities in the justice system, as well as the rights those young people and their families have.

2:11 p.m.: Member Juan Gamez expressed appreciation for Co-Chair Reyes' comments. He also reiterated the importance of gathering input from youth people with lived experience and suggested that the youth advisory board review the briefs and provide feedback.

2:12 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris expressed agreement about the importance of hearing young people's input about their experiences on the topics covered in the briefs. She recommended involving not only the youth advisory board, but youth panels and youth currently in facilities. Co-Chair Harris suggested input from these young people be part of the additional comments gathered on the briefs and that they be revisited during the December CWC YJC meeting.

Transform Youth Justice (TYJ Community-Based Organization (CBO) Capacity Building Initiative:

2:14 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris then provided context for an update on the CBO Capacity Building workgroup by the Sierra Health Foundation. Co-Chair Harris shared that the workgroup was created in early 2023, and originally had 8 members. Within the past year, 3 members have resigned for various reasons. The workgroup recently brought on 4 new members that represent various diverse constituencies, including probation, CBOs and the LGBTQ+ community. These members: are Chief Ashlyn Kenez, from San Benito County; Deputy Chief Kimberly Drury, of San Bernardino County; Executive Director Joanna Leichtenberg, from Focus Forward in Fresno County; and Amy Barrios from the Latino Leadership Council of Placer County. The plan is to have two additional members, a judge and a tribal representative, join within the next month. Co-Chair Harris then introduced Abraham Medina, Senior Program Officer at the Center at Sierra Health Foundation.

2:16 p.m.: Abraham Medina explained that he has the responsibility of project managing the partnership between the Center at Sierra Health Foundation, OYCR and the Department of Health Care Services. This year that partnership is launching the Transform Youth Justice Program. This program represents a \$24 million dollar investment to transform youth justice in California. Abraham explained that the program has three intersecting initiative pillars and one project deliverable he planned to share more about. Each pillar reinforces the vision of a health and healing-based healthy youth development approach to community harm. The first initiative pillar is the Community Based Organization Capacity Building Initiative known as CBI. This initiative includes \$6.5 million dollars allocated over 2 to 3 years. The second initiative is the Ending Girls Incarceration Initiative in partnership with Vera. This initiative includes \$4.4 million dollars over 2 years. The third initiative is the Justice Serving Network Initiative, which he noted was discussed by Will Lightbourne earlier in the agenda. JSNI is a partnership between OYCR and DHCS. that represents a \$13.2 million dollar initiative over 2 years.

Abraham then shared updates from each of the three initiative pillars. He shared that is CBI is currently building the capacity of community-based responses and interventions to youth involved in carceral systems in poor regions of California. The team is looking to expand not only capacity, but also for youth and counties to have diversion programming options. They are also hoping through the work to take steps that advance racial equity in the four participating regions. The awarded organizations will receive funding, technical assistance and participate in at least three peer-to-peer funding opportunities. The funding opportunity covers 26 months and will allow community-based organizations to receive \$500,000 to expand capacity to serve youth involved in carceral systems. This expanded capacity could include building out diversion programs and options for counties. The opportunity is meant to target organizations that can serve youth ages 12 to 26. This funding opportunity is open to tribal organizations, including those that are federally designated, which include urban clinics. The 4 priority regions for this initiative are Northern California (but this is north of Sacramento, north of the bay area north of the East Bay); the Sierra Nevada region; the Inland Empire Imperial Valley

region and the San Joaquin Valley region. These regions have a lot of rural communities that are also often not funded by philanthropy and have high rates of unmet needs. Abraham noted that the goal was to prioritize regional equity, while working to build capacity in California for youth involved in carceral systems. The initiative has 4 goals. It seeks to provide TA and support the CBOs so they are better positioned to:

- 1) effectively apply for, receive and manage funding from different sources (including county, state, federal, or philanthropic funders)
- 2) support directly impacted community members learn how to generate possibilities for practice, change or changes to local regional county systems
- 3) support meeting the social determinants of health needs of youth involved in carceral systems, thereby providing counties with alternatives to incarceration and diversion options in the present or in the future. (Note- This is not necessarily an expectation for these CBOs to accomplish in a 26 month initiative)
- 4) create an in community, by community network of learning and care for youth involved in carceral systems. This network is among funded partners, but also involves local community stakeholders, including schools, health providers, and local governments.

Abraham noted that they have closed the RFA since the last YJC meeting and celebrated that. They received 111 applications from the 4 priority regions. The team is currently reviewing those applications and plans to recommend 8 CBOs on the 13th of September, and anticipates OYCR approval between the 16th and 27th of September. The final award announcements will take place the week of September 30th or the 1st week of October, marking the official launch of the initiative.

Abraham next provided an update about the second initiative, Ending Girls Incarceration (EGI), a partnership between the Vera Institute and OYCR. He recognized the commitment of participating counties Imperial, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego, who are leading California forward in making steps towards ending the incarceration of girls and gender expansive youth. The team is the process of developing an open, competitive RFA that will launch in October and close at the end of the month. The RFA will be open to CBOs in the 4 participating counties that are interested in building out the programmatic aspect of the EGI initiative. Thus far, each county has received \$125,000 to build the muscle for collaborative decision making with CBOs. So we have a partnership between probation departments and CBOs in these 4 counties. Throughout the first year, they have engaged in a process to review the data and identify policies and practices that could help end the incarceration of girls and gender expensive youth in these 4 counties, exploring questions such as: What are the problems? What are the gaps? Why are youth girls and gender expensive youth being incarcerated? What are the programs that are needed? What they have learned so far is being used to develop the RFA and will provide a funding opportunity for CBOs.

Abraham reflected that there's a lot of work more work to do in this area. Their overall hope is to ensure that at the end of the EGI initiative, there is a change not only in the

narrative that youth or girls, or gender expensive youth are safer incarcerated than in than in the community; but a change in the numbers and the availability of programming in the community as well.

Abraham then provided an update on the JSN initiative. He noted that thanks to reform efforts, there have been two important developments related to this work. One is the creation of enhanced care management and the creation of community supports, including provider classes by which to bill Medi-Cal. This is known collectively as CalAIM. Another development is the partnership with CalHHS on the initiative to build a workforce for a healthy California. He pointed out that the reforms to Medi-Cal are creating a continuum of supports from peer-to-peer specialists, community health workers, doulas, behavioral health, wellness coaches to licensed therapists.

He shared four key initiative goals for the JSN, in partnership with the Public Works Alliance:

- 1) to develop new and expanded partnerships with managed care plans and Medicare;
- 2) to embrace the critical need to reform healthcare financing and delivery models so that they are team based as well as healing and relationship centered;
- 3) to build a healthcare system beyond the carceral facility, beyond the hospital, beyond the clinic, through new provider types and community networks;
- 4) to adopt a paradigm shift that reimagines mental health and behavioral health as supports for the healthy development of all people, all youth, not a response to pathology.

Abraham noted the launch of the first cohort of funded organizations and partners in the JSNI which includes MILPA, 3rd Street, Sister warriors, Promesa, Eden Youth, 2 Feathers, Project Aware, Homeboy Industries, Young Visionaries and Underground Grit. A second cohort is also about to launch.

Abraham's final update was that the Center is partnering with OYCR's CBO Capacity Development Work group to create a deliverable for the committee. The partners have committed to create and post online resources, present webinars and offer trainings based on how to build the capacity of CBOs in 4 subject areas. The first subject area is looking at procurement processes for public funding through counties. The second subject area provides practical guidance for CBOs about Cal-AIM. He invited a colleague to drop the guidance document "To Cal-Aim or not to Cal-Aim" in the chat.

The third subject area is philanthropic dollars, specifically opportunities and initiatives for a health-oriented funding model, demonstrating Medi-caid as the tie that binds fragmented systems. The fourth subject area is TA webinars related to healing centered engagement and social justice and youth development.

Abraham closed by uplifting additional partners in the work, National Center for Youth Law, the Public Works Alliance and a new collaborative that the Center is building with Dr. Arguello on behavioral health and related TA. He underscored the desire to make

sure these initiatives are also leveraging TA opportunities that are afforded by OYCR and promised to share ongoing updates as the work evolved.

2:29 p.m.: Co-Chair Lucero thanked Abraham and the team for the informative document that the team provided. Co-Chair Lucero also expressed overall appreciation for the evolution of the work to build CBO capacity, which started in the YJC committee in 2022. Finally, Co-Chair Lucero commended the successful integration of additional funding targeted for the youth justice population into the work.

Youth Employment Initiative

2:32 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris introduced Tommy Winfrey, Workforce Development Liaison for the Office of Youth and Community Restoration to provide an update on OYCR's Youth Employment Initiative.

2:33 p.m.: Tommy Winfrey provided an update on OYCR's partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and Amity Foundation aimed at supporting youth in the juvenile justice system by addressing their unique needs through specialized educational and vocational services. Tommy shared that research indicates that up to 60% of youth in the juvenile justice system have physical, emotional, or learning disabilities, or other challenges that need to be addressed to help them achieve economic success in adulthood. To address these needs, OYCR, in partnership with DOR and the Amity Foundation, has launched a partnership with nine counties across California—Contra Costa, Imperial, Kern, Lake, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Mateo, and Solano. This initiative brings together probation departments and county offices of education to identify eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 25. The goal is to connect them to services that can remove barriers to their success. The Amity Foundation is at the forefront of designing these services, subcontracting to community providers in each participating county. The initiative began on May 1, 2024, and will continue through at least June 30, 2027. Throughout the project, data from initial outcomes will be used to refine our practices, with the ultimate goal of sharing proven methods statewide.

A key component of this initiative is the strong collaborative approach that has been adopted. Tommy explained that the project is not just about providing services—it's about creating a network of support that includes multiple stakeholders at the state, county, and community levels. DOR and OYCR are working hand-in-hand with probation departments, county offices of education, and local service providers.

The collaboration is crucial for a few reasons. First, it ensures that the services provided are comprehensive and tailored to the unique needs of each youth. By leveraging the expertise and resources of each partner, OYCR and DOR can create a more holistic approach to support. Second, it fosters a sense of shared responsibility and commitment among all parties involved, which is essential for the long-term success and sustainability of the project. This collaborative model is designed to increase the availability and utilization of local resources, improve engagement and connection to services, and ultimately enhance the functional independence and long-term success of the youth we serve.

Tommy shared that the project is currently in its early phases. The Amity Foundation and the Department of Rehabilitation have been leading meetings to build capacity, foster teamwork, and plan local strategies in the selected counties. To date, two of the nine counties have executed contracts with OYCR for Workforce Development Navigators, who will be responsible for referring youth to the services provided under this initiative. As the work moves forward, OYCR and its partners will continue to expand these contracts to the remaining counties, while simultaneously building the infrastructure necessary for successful implementation. Each milestone achieved brings us closer to realizing the full potential of this initiative.

Tommy shared that one of the most exciting aspects of this initiative is its potential to innovate and reshape supports for youth in the juvenile justice system. By using data from initial outcomes to refine practices, OYCR and DOR are not only ensuring that the services provided in the participating counties are effective, but also contributing to the development of a model that can be replicated in other regions.

The findings from this project will be shared across the county-based juvenile justice system, with the aim of enhancing support for youth statewide. This could lead to significant changes in how services are delivered, with a focus on creating more individualized, unduplicated services that address the specific needs of each youth. The long-term implications of this initiative are vast, with the potential to influence policy and practice on a broader scale.

This initiative represents a significant advancement in OYCR's efforts to support youth in the juvenile justice system. By addressing their unique needs and fostering a collaborative approach, this initiative will help pave the way for a brighter future for these individuals and their communities. As the work moves forward, OYCR and its partners will continue to refine the approach, expand their partnerships, and work towards achieving their shared goals.

2:37 p.m.: Member Chief Prince commented that Imperial County is excited to be partnering with Sierra Health and OYCR in this endeavor. He noted that they have had some productive interactions already and have identified some of the most pressing needs. Chief Prince shared that they are really looking forward to moving ahead with the initiative and believe it will be a tremendous benefit to the young people in their secure track program.

2:38 p.m.: Co-Chair Lucero asked Tommy to explain the breadth of the services available through the Youth Employment Initiative.

2:39 p.m.: Tommy Winfrey explained that once a youth is identified by the workforce navigator within the county's justice system, they are referred to Amity Foundation and the Department of Rehabilitation. Once they are under the purview of the Department of Rehabilitation, they can receive services for the rest of their lives if they qualify. He shared that the Department of Rehabilitation has individuals coming in and out of their service network. For example, a youth can receive services when they're young to get on their feet and start developing their career. As that young person moves through their career trajectory, they are still qualified for Department of Rehabilitation services and can come back and continue to receive services later in their life.

Public Comment

2:40 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris turned the meeting over the Co-Chair Reyes to facilitate public comment, noting that first Tara Layne from Harley Consulting Group would provide brief instructions for participation.

2:41 p.m.: Tara Layne shared the following instructions for public comment:

- If joining via Zoom:
 - Please raise your hand and we will call upon you to make your comment.
- If joining via Phone (dial in):
 - Dial STAR 9 to raise your hand.
 - When asked to unmute, you can do so by dialing (STAR 6).

2:41 p.m.: Co-Chair Reyes opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments offered via Zoom or phone or in the public meeting space. Co-Chair Reyes handed the meeting back to Co-Chair Harris to close.

2:42 p.m.: Co-Chair Harris announced since the agenda items were covered, the meeting would adjourn early. She first invited all Committee members to suggest any agenda items for future meetings. She reiterated the desire to ensure that the meetings cover topics and items of interest that are relevant to the work. She invited members to share topics by emailing Deputy Director Jackson, Director Lucero, Co-Chair Reyes or Co-Chair Harris with suggestions.

Co-Chair Harris reminded participants that the next YJC meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. She invited participants to post announcements in the chat. Co-Chair Harris concluded by thanking all of the members of the committee, ex -- officio members, presenters and members of the public for participating and members of the OYCR team for their support.

2:43 p.m.: The meeting was adjourned.