



**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Youth Justice Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 06, 2023
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

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

1:03pm.: Chair Katherine Lucero called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members, Ex-Officio members, and members of the public.

Chair Lucero thanked the members who opened their spaces to the public. Chair Lucero provided meeting instructions for participants and provided instructions to address IT issues.

1:04 p.m.: Chair Lucero reminded the committee and audience the importance of maintaining collaborative leadership and to listen to one another, youth, and their families during this process of youth realignment. She further clarified the committee was entrusted to identify the needs and solutions for youth as they transition back into their communities.

1:05 pm.: Chair Lucero welcomed Office of Youth & Community Restoration (OYCR) Deputy Director Alani Jackson and asked her provide instructions for the meeting. Office of Youth & Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson thanked Chair Lucero and welcomed the committee and public members. Office of Youth & Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson provided meeting instructions for both, the committee, and members of the public.

1:06 p.m.: OYCR Deputy Director continued by taking roll of committee members.

The following committee members were present at the meeting via Zoom or in-person:

- Chair Katherine Lucero
 - Sarah Belton
 - Elizabeth Calvin
 - Dr. Carly Dierkhising
 - Frankie Guzman (attended at 1:30pm)
 - Brooke Harris
 - Honorable Robert Leventer
 - Danielle Lowe
 - Chief Dan Prince
- The following committee members were present at the meeting, but not in a location accessible to the public:
 - Honorable Patrick Tondreau
 - The following committee members were absent:
 - Diane Becton
 - Virginia Corrigan
 - Sophia Cristo
 - Tyee Griffith
 - Kasey Halcón
 - Laura Mendez
 - Chief Brian Richart
 - Chief Kelly Vernon
 - Rosalinda Vint

1:08 p.m.: OYCR Deputy Director re conducted roll of committee members. Quorum not met at 1:08 pm. Short one member.

2. Action Item: Approve Minutes from September 13, 2023, Meeting

1:09 p.m.: Chair Lucero confirmed that 10 members need to be present for quorum and confirmed that quorum would be met when committee member Frankie Guzman arrives. Chair Lucero stated that the Child Welfare Council (CWC) will hold off on action items, such as the approval of minutes, until committee member Frankie Guzman arrives.

3. Proposal for a Co-Chair for the Youth Justice Committee (YJC)

1:09 p.m.: Chair Lucero proposed the notion of adding a Co-Chair to the committee. Chair Lucero informed that this is at the will of the committee and reminded members of the evolution of this structure including the shift of committee name from Office of Youth & Community Restoration to the Child Welfare Council as an effort to integrate juvenile justice youth into the child welfare and child serving agencies. Chair Lucero suggested that because Office of Youth & Community Restoration staff is coordinating

the logistics of the meeting that Office of Youth & Community Restoration remains in Chairperson Leadership, but this is flexible. Chair Lucero asked the committee what their thoughts were on adding a co-chair.

1:11 p.m.: Committee member Elizabeth Calvin asked for clarification of question regarding adding second chair and keeping Office of Youth & Community Restoration as the Chair. Chair Lucero confirmed that she is asking about adding a second and recommended the Committee consider a third chair option.

1:12 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris asked Chair Lucero to state the duties required of the chairperson roles. Chair Lucero informed that the duties involve attending pre-meetings to prep for main meeting, agenda preparation to address concerns and issues brought forward by members, making sure the committee stays on track with priorities including, education, community-based organization capacity building, less restrictive placement priorities and when appropriate designating new priorities. Chair Lucero stated that additional duties include supporting Chair with facilitating quarterly meetings and attending group meetings as needed.

1:14 p.m.: Chair Lucero confirmed that committee member Frank Guzman was now present, and that quorum was officially met. Chair Lucero called on committee member Sarah Belton who Commented that she agreed with the notion of having a co-chair because it would expand inclusivity of voices. Committee member B. Harris stated that she supports this notion. Committee member Carley Dierkhising stated that she supports this Notion as well and suggested that there be guidance and support provided, especially considering those with lived experience. Chair Lucero confirmed that committee member Carley Dierkhising suggestion should be considered and stated that this would be on the next meetings' action items that will also include information on time commitment and whether the position could be funded to have in person meetings. Committee member E. Calvin stated that she also agreed and that the notion of having a third chair might cause some confusion but overall, this might serve well. Chair Lucero confirmed that it has worked well in other venues. Chair Lucero stated that this would be put in as an action item for the next meeting and called on members to consider nominations from this committee including considering themselves.

1:16 p.m.: Chair Lucero moved to approve minutes from 9/16/23 meeting and asked members if any corrections were needed. No members responded. Chair Lucero called for a motion to approve from members. Committee member Honorable Patrick Tondreau made motion to approve and Committee member Chief Dan Prince second the motion. Chair Lucero called for a confirmation of no further discussion, corrections needed and if there were any abstentions. No one spoke.

1:17 p.m.: Chair Lucero moved to approve 9/16/23 minutes.

4. OYCR Updates

1:17 p.m.: Chair Lucero called on Deputy Director Alani Jackson to introduce new OYCR staff:

- Hilary Gayhart – Regional Specialist, Systems Change and Equity Division
- Ianya Young – County Liaison, Systems Change and Equity Division
- Cecilia Simmons – County Liaison, Systems Change and Equity Division
- Melissa Lemus – Research Data Specialist I in the Data and Research Division
- Dr. Krys Hunter – Sex Behavior Treatment Subject Matter Expert
- Alisa Hartz, Ombudsperson (Start Date: 1/15/2024)

1:20 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked Deputy Director Jackson and informed the committee that the 2022 Annual Report for OYCR has been published.

This is available for review at: [OYCR 2022 Annual Report](#) Chair Lucero stated that the 2023 Annual Report for OYCR is in process and the intention is to get this report published sooner than the 2022 report. Chair Lucero informed the committee that majority of juvenile justice data is not available until the end of the year and that OYCR is navigating this issue while trying to make the report available in a timely manner.

1:21 p.m.: Chair Lucero announced that OYCR has launched the Youth Justice Action Webinar series as of October 2023. Chair Lucero stated to the committee that OYCR has since hosted 3 webinars with nearly 400 attendees in total. Chair informed that OYCR will host this webinar series on youth justice related topics every first Monday of the month from 12pm-2pm. The next webinar series will be January 8th, 2024, on Juvenile Justice legal updates with LaRon Dennis from Office of Youth & Community Restoration, a former prosecutor and probation officer with co facilitator David Steinhart, Director of Commonwealth's Juvenile Justice Program. Chair Lucero announced that the February webinar will focus on the credible messenger mentor model with Clinton Lacey presenting and that the March webinar will be on the "Untold Story of Victim Rights, Mass Incarceration and the future of Public Safety" with author Leonora Anderson, founder of one of the most respected victim rights groups in California.

1:23 p.m.: Chair Lucero informed the committee that the updated Forward Change Report and request for comment was sent out after the 9/16/23 meeting, and that no comments were received. Chair Lucero stated that the Office of Youth & Community Restoration is considering the "Building Higher Education Policy for Youth in California; A Call to Action" authored by Forward Change to be done. Office of Youth & Community Restoration is now looking to get this approved through the Agency process with the hopes of presenting at the March 2024 Child Welfare Council meeting once permission is granted.

5. Ombuds Updates

1:24 p.m.: Chair Lucero introduced Chief of the Ombuds Division Ahmed Nemr to present on the requested Ombuds Division update. Chair Lucero acknowledged Chief Ahmed Nemr for his interim work as standing Ombudsperson while Office of Youth & Community Restoration searched for the new Ombudsperson.

1:26 p.m.: Chief of the Ombuds Division Ahmed Nemr presented on the

Ombudsperson Division Updates including the following information:

- Ombuds Division structure and confirming the new OYCR Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz to start 1/15/24.
- Staffing updates indicating that the division consists of 4 county Ombuds Liaisons with the Northern California position being filled as of August 2023, two tentative offers have gone out for Central and Southern Regions, leaving the Bay Area position still vacant. Informed on role of the Office of Youth & Community Restoration Ombudsperson as a representative of a government agency, as well as what they can and cannot do.
- Educated on the four key characteristics of the Ombudsperson role, which is to be impartial, honor rights of confidentiality, be independent and credible.
- Shared an overview of the complaint process.
- Presented on Ombuds Division complaints and casework data indicating that between September 2022 through November 2023 that 177 cases have been closed with 45 active cases pending. The most frequent complaint issues include conditions of confinement, staffing and programming.
- Updated on Ombuds division recent site visits and presentations including the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp site visit, presentation for the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), the presentation at the California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA) conference and site visits at other juvenile facilities.
- Informed that the Youth Bill of Rights (YBOR) has been reviewed and approved for the age-appropriate Youth Bill of Rights publications (including poster, accordion brochure, and contact card). The next step is printing them at the Office of State Publishing. The Ombudsperson Division has disseminated the temporary Youth Bill of Rights in English and Spanish to juvenile facilities. The Directors of the juvenile facilities were directed by the Ombudsperson to add this temporary Youth Bill of Rights to the youth orientation/intake packet and to make it available to others as needed.

1:39 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked Chief of the Ombuds Division Ahmed Nemr for his informative presentation and invited committee members to bring forward questions and comments.

1:40 p.m.: Committee member Hon. Patrick Tondreau asked two questions:

1. What has the attitudes of probation departments been so far? regarding resistance to the ombudsperson division or if they have been open and accommodating?
2. Does the Office of Youth and Community Restoration Ombuds Division have any data on how often the ombuds process has been successful?

1:41 p.m.: Chief of the Ombuds Division Ahmed Nemr stated that so far, his experience with going to facilities has been good and has encountered welcoming and collaborative attitudes from Chiefs and that they have been accommodating regarding access to information materials and sources. Future Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz responded to the second question regarding data and stated that Office of Youth and Community Restoration is working to document, collect and present complaint outcomes in reference to complaints resolved, defining what resolution looks like, identifying the level of investigation while not breaching confidentiality. This is a goal the Ombuds division is working towards and has made progress regarding achieving positive outcomes with collaboration in facilities as well as with external partners. Future Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz provided a specific example such as programming complaints with respect to lack of educational specific programming available, the collaborative effort to support willing facilities gain access to and establish these programs has been successful.

1:42 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked the Ombuds Division presenters and informed the committee that slides to this presentation would be sent out. Chair Lucero asked if there were any other questions or comments from the committee. There were none.

6. Neurodivergent Disorders: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) Project

1:42 p.m.: Chair Lucero introduced Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne and Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello, the Chief Health Policy Officer.

1:44 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne presented and reminded the committee of the “Stepping Home” model that was adopted last summer which was set to define essential elements needed to transition youth safely to their homes and communities. Will Lightbourne reminded the committee about the brief and update on the “Stepping Home” model that was conducted in September and how it expanded into the Behavioral Health aspect of this work. Since then, it was decided to circulate this revised model to provide committee members the opportunity to review and is still in process. Will Lightbourne stated that a significant component and extension of this process is to address the neuro psychosocial needs of youth in Secure Youth Treatment Facility facilities that would be

transitioning home. Then Will Lightbourne introduced Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello and Dr. Lyons-Jones to present on a strategy for assessing, responding to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Syndrome disorders that can apply to youth not only in the juvenile justice system but to youth in the child welfare system as well.

1:45 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello thanked Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne and presented the Office of Youth and Community Restoration Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Project by OYCR and University of California San Diego (UCSD). OYCR Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello introduced Dr. Kenneth Lyons Jones from the UC San Diego Department of Pediatrics as co presenter.

1:46 p.m.: OYCR Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello and Dr. Jones reported on the following components:

- OYCR Vision and Mission Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder
- Define Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)
- Effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
- Project Background
- Why Focus on Alcohol?
- National Data on births with substance exposure before birth 300,000 births annually with prebirth early exposure
- Why focus on the Youth Justice System? Commonly misdiagnosed.
- More common than Autism.
- Alcohol has worse effects than marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl.
- Prevalence of 1.1 to 5% of school aged children.
- Only place that has been studied in the state of California is San Diego with prevalence findings in 1st and 2nd grade student of 2.3% in public schools.
- Study conducted in Juvenile Hall and 24% of youth screened positive for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
- Due to lack of proper identification, the court system had responded without kindness and compassion.
- Development of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Algorithm
 - Statewide Data from Green Myers published an estimate of 17-35% of youth in the juvenile justice system and 33-50% in the Child Welfare System have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
 - Nationwide data estimates that 86% of youth adopted and in foster care have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
 - American Academy of Pediatrics reports that most children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are misdiagnosed despite severe disabilities.
- Neurobehavioral Disorder Associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

- Diagnostics include more than minimal exposure to alcohol during gestation and one or more impairment of the neurocognitive functions, impairment in self-regulation and impairment in adaptive functioning.
- Settings for Screening for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
 - Youth who are considered complex cases due to their behavior and lack of progress with rehabilitative services, schoolwork, and foster services.
 - Juvenile Halls, camps, ranches and foster care residential facilities.
 - Adults in probation and foster care settings that can identify challenges faced by youth are correctional officers, child welfare workers, staff teachers, mental health providers and child and family team members, mentors and parents or guardians.
- Screening Algorithm
 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders is likely if youth have 2 or more factors present that include family history of substance abuse including methamphetamines and alcohol, inappropriate sexual behavior multiple mental health diagnosis, Attention-Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) with medication failure, failure of cognitive behavior therapy, behavioral medical and reward and punishment models, repeated failures of interventions and low adaptive functioning based on their cognitive abilities.
 - Assessment beyond Neuropsychologist and physicians
 - Comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation is expensive.
 - Limited number of neuro psychologists available.
 - Limited number of pediatricians that are comfortable in diagnosing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
 - Long waits to see child and adolescent psychiatrists.
 - Consulting with Neuropsychologists and other experts in the field of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders concluded that Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders can be diagnosed by social workers and psychologists due to their scope of work, proximity and availability in the probation and foster care settings.
- Three Essential Crucial Elements in the process of diagnosing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
 - Noticeable physical features associated with fetal alcohol syndrome.
 - Identifying Evidence of In-Utero Alcohol exposure.
 - Performance of a clinical evaluation, Vineland-3 and CBCL
- Office of Youth and Community Restoration and University of California San Diego Two-armed Pilot Protocol for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Assessment for professionals in probation and foster care settings.
 - Partnership with county probation department to expand on Dr. Jones previous findings in San Diego Juvenile Hall. Partnerships with county child welfare departments to assess youth in residential settings.
- Helpful approaches and Interventions for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders:

- Incorporating adaptive skills into curriculum such as how to handle money, time management skills and safety awareness.
- Individualized accommodations based on youth's type of learning or profile.
- Emphasizing the shifting of environments that are to meet the needs of the student and not the other way around.
- Structured, predictable, consistent, repetitive curriculum that enables trusting relationships.
- Strength based teaching approaches.
- Development level appropriate approaches to changes of routine.
- Have presented these questions with Dr. Bruce Perry, developer of the neuro sequential model of therapeutics.
 - This model argues that therapeutic interventions informed by neural development are more likely to be effective to target brain dysfunction from trauma and other adverse childhood experiences.

2:07 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello introduced Sid Garner, President of Children and Family Futures to discuss Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders further.

2:08 p.m.: Sid Gardner thanked Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello for the presentation and commended Office of Youth and Community Restoration, as a California state entity for raising the issue of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder. Sid Gardner uplifted the 2022 findings of an article the Children and Family Futures organization published in the Child Welfare League of America Journal on the response of California State agencies to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and how the state failed in comparison to other states.

2:08 p.m.: Sid Gardner emphasized the importance of Office of Youth and Community Restoration role as findings also concluded that addressing the issue of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders calls for a multi-agency approach.

2:10 p.m.: Sid Gardner reported that the public health department conducts and provides valuable maternal and infant health assessments of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, yet an equity issue exists because assessments are limited to low-income minority groups. Sid Garner highlighted the cost that California is spending to treat individuals currently is roughly around \$23,000 a year. Mr. Gardener stated that with the pending behavioral health initiatives and budget allocations with the CalAIM reforms and the Children and Youth Behavioral Health initiatives in schools the question is if enough attention is going to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders as the single largest impact of prenatal exposure of children, youth, and adults.

2:12 p.m.: Sid Gardner thanked Office of Youth and Community Restoration again for their leadership role in addressing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and stated that he hoped he could bring in more agencies to address this.

2:13 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello, Dr. Jones and Sid Gardener for their presentations and stated that Office of Youth and Community Restoration is mandated to look at these issues through a health-based lenses to isolate root causes of issues impacting incarceration. Chair Lucero reported that Office of youth and Community Restoration has other initiatives like Ending the Incarceration of Girl that align with this upstream ideology. Chair Lucero opened for comments and questions from the committee.

2:13 p.m.: Committee member Chief Prince thanked the project leaders for this presentation and called to caution the inferences this study may make and how placing responsibility on the mother may affect low socioeconomic status women of color. Committee member Prince called to consider the broader context such as the socio factors that the mothers may be experiencing that contribute to substance use of mother such as the impacts of poverty, experiencing abuse, exploitation etc. Committee member Prince emphasized the importance of addressing the intergenerational root causes such as through the work of Ending Girls Incarceration.

2:14 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked committee member Chief Dan Prince for his statement and responded that Office of Youth and Community Restoration does not want to contribute pointing fingers but to work towards solutions.

2:15 p.m.: Chair Lucero called on committee member Brooke Harris. Committee member Brooke Harris thanked the presenters and asked if there is documentation of impact, specifically in knowing that a Probation and Behavioral Health Department will be selected for this pilot, how will they be screening impacts for young people with positive diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in these institutions?

2:07 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello responded and informed that in this pilot they will be working with the staff to train and inform on how to approach and respond to these assessments. OYCR Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello stated that they are going to be working with Kelly Ring from FSA Now and utilizing their training specifically developed for staff working with youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Office and Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello also stated that they will also bring in school staff into the trainings to support wit training for integrating interventions into Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in a school setting.

2:16 p.m.: Chair Lucero stated that updated on this will continue to be provided as this pilot moves forward. Chair Lucero called on Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo to introduce the next presenter on the CBO Capacity Building initiative updates.

7. CBO Capacity Building Presentation

2:20 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo thanked Chair Lucero and announced that the CBO Capacity Work Group has selected a vendor for the CBO Capacity Development Grant. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo reported that the vendor consists of 3 entities including Sierra Health Foundation in partnership with the National Center for Youth Law and Public Works. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo introduced Matt Cervantes from Sierra Health Foundation to present on the partnership and thanked him as well as all those involved in this initiative. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo added an additional report on the CBO Development work group stating that the work group has met consistently monthly and is planning to meet with the vendors in person in January to discuss shifts in governance, new roles, introduce new meeting schedules and identify strategies to ensure moving this work forward. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo shifted to presenter Matt Cervantes and asked that any questions for her be reserved until the end of the presentation.

2:20 p.m.: Matt Cervantes thanked the Office of Youth and Community Restoration for the invitation to speak and for the established partnership. Matt Cervantes presented on the alliance and partnership of the three entities involved and how they collaborated to construct an intentional proposal to lead the work of this urgent initiative emphasizing the unique expertise of Sierra Health, National Center for Youth Law, and the Public Works Alliance. Matt Cervantes presented an overview of the initiative that highlighted what the alliance will accomplish:

- Project Deliverables
 - Release Request for Applications to CBOs to participate to received funding and Technical Assistance.
 - Provide Technical Assistance for selected CBO's.
 - Conduct a needs assessment that will inform the Technical Assistance provided.
 - Summarize lessons learned from this initiative and publish a tool kit.
- Partner Profiles:
 - The Center at Sierra Health Foundation with Matt Cervantes as project lead.

- National Center for Youth Law with Frankie Guzman as project lead.
- The Public Works Alliance with Alex Brisco as project lead

2:30 p.m.: Matt Cervantes concluded the presentation and called on Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo thanked the presenter and opened for questions. No questions were presented. Chair Lucero thanked the presenters and emphasized looking forward to the outcomes reported through this initiative.

8. Less Restrictive Placements Updates

2:31 p.m.: Chair Lucero called on Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne to provide an update about Less Restrictive Programs. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne thanked Chair Lucero and presented on the letters of interest that have come in from county's interested in supporting Less Restrictive Placements that align with the Stepping Home Model. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne reported that Office of Youth and Community Restoration opened two rounds for letter of interest submissions and are now currently working with nine counties to finalize agreements for demonstrations. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne informed the committee that the nine counties are throughout the state and range from larger to smaller in size. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne stated that once the agreements are final, Office of Youth and Community Restoration will post the selections. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne informed that the nine counties will utilize all current fiscal year funding for the LRP initiative. Funding for proceeding years will be discussed by Office of Youth and Community Restoration later. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne reported that each selected county will be working with Community Based Programs and that he will be working with the selected counties to throughout the initiative to provide support and monitor progress.

2:34 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne for the update and opened to questions from the committee.

2:35 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris asked about funding allocation and what entities the money will go to. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne responded that the counties will be moving to step down youth into Less Restrictive Placement quickly and that that funding would go to the probation departments, who in turn, will be funding the providers with capacity to support. No more comments or questions on the Less Restrictive Placement brought forward.

2:36 p.m.: Chair Lucero called on Deputy Director Jackson to facilitate public comment.

9. Public Comment

2:36 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson gave public comment instructions. Chair Lucero read a comment from the chat feature that asked who were the nine counties that the Less Restrictive Placement initiative was working with and asked Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne to respond.

2:37 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne reported that due to contract negotiations still pending the nine counties could not be formally announced at this time although, he could confirm that El Dorado County's Board of Supervisors has approved and the contract with Office of Youth and Community Restoration and El Dorado has been executed. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne confirmed that as others are executed Office of Youth and Community Restoration will inform.

2:37 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration future Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz read and responded to another question from the chat feature asking if there are themes that emerge from the Ombuds complaints, specifically repeating complaints for training for facility staff emerging from the same facilities and if Office of Youth and Community Restoration highlights regions with emerging themes to plan to train these facilities. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Future Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz responded that Office of Youth and Community Restoration has a responsibility to track themes of complaints and report to legislature and that regarding individual and facility complaints Office of Youth and Community Restoration Ombuds can note complaints that need additional training or support in facilities and refer to the County Coordination Unit for technical assistance.

2:40 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson called on attendee Amy Price to share her public comment. Amy price introduced herself with the Zellerbach Family Foundation in San Francisco and thanked Sid Garner as well as other presenters for their presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Amy Price stated that she appreciated that Office of Youth and Community Restoration is lifting this up and iterating that is takes a multiagency approach. With that, Amy price asked if there is going to be a center on a targeted universal approach to assessing so that one diagnosis is not singled out without acknowledging all the other diagnosis that are happening concurrently to address those underlying conditions as well.

2:40 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Carlos Arguello Responded that the list of interventions is a helpful tool for diagnostic for youth with significant trauma and helps youth of other populations. The

interventions presented help many neurodivergent youth with significant trauma not just those in the Juvenile Justice system.

2:43 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson called for any other public comment. None presented. Office of Youth and Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson closed public comment and called on Chair Lucero.

10. Announcements & Adjourn

2:44 p.m.: Chair Lucero thanked Office of Youth and Community Restoration Deputy Director Jackson and asked committee members and attendees to add any announcements to the chat if they had any. Chair Lucero thanked all the members of the committee, ex officio members, presenters, and members of the public for their participation. Chair Lucero thanked the Office of Youth and Community Restoration team for support. Chair Lucero reported that this meeting is held consistently on a quarterly basis but will check in with committee members about overlap with probation meetings as their attendance is important to this work. Committee member Prince confirmed that today's meeting overlapped with a Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) meeting that some of his colleagues and peer committee members had to attend which called for them to miss today's meetings. Chair Lucero confirmed that Office of Youth and Community Restoration will investigate scheduling options.

2:44 p.m.: Chair Lucero adjourned the meeting and reminded attendees that the next meeting is in March 2024.