

# **Office of Youth & Community Restoration Committee**

**4 May 2022**

California Health & Human Services Agency

# OYCR's Aspirations

1. Each person is valued for what they bring to this committee.

2. Focus on how all roles can uplift and support our young people and their families.

3. It is okay to not know everything at this moment in time.

4. Actively listen and reflect on the opinions and suggestions of all participants.

5. Be strength based; encourage creativity.

6. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."  
Helen Keller

# INTRODUCTIONS

- **Alani Jackson, OYCR Deputy Director**
- **Austin Dickman, OYCR Analyst and Special Assistant**
- **Ramon Leija, OYCR County Liaison**

# **Agenda Item 6**

**Committee Member selection of OYCR  
Committee priority preferences**

# OYCR Background

“It is the intent of the Legislature and the administration for counties to use evidence-based and promising practices and programs that improve the outcomes of youth and public safety, reduce the transfer of youth into the adult criminal justice system, ensure that dispositions are in the least restrictive appropriate environment, reduce and then eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, and reduce the use of confinement in the juvenile justice system by utilizing community-based responses and interventions.” (SB 823, Section 1)

# OYCR Committee Mandate

“Until July 1, 2023, the committee ... shall be responsible for advising and providing recommendations related to policies, programs, and approaches that improve youth outcomes, reduce youth detention, and reduce recidivism for the population in subdivision (b) of Section 1990.” WIC 2201(a)

# March 29, 2022, Brainstorm

Facilities

Step Downs/Alternatives to incarceration

Sources of Local Support

Community Based Organizations

Conflict Resolutions in Facilities

Eliminating Racial & Ethnic Disparities

Higher Education/Job Training

Reentry

Mentoring and Credible Messenger

# Brainstorm topics and the Committee mandate

Improve Youth Outcomes	Decrease Secure Detention	Decrease Recidivism
Step Downs/Alternatives to incarceration	Step Downs/Alternatives to incarceration	Step Downs/Alternatives to incarceration
Sources of local support-\$\$\$\$		
Community-based organizations	Community-based organizations	Community-based organizations
Conflict resolution in facilities		Conflict resolution in facilities
Eliminating racial and ethnic disparities	Eliminating racial and ethnic disparities	Eliminating racial and ethnic disparities
Higher Education/Job training		Higher Education/Job training
Reentry		Reentry
Mentoring /credible messengers	Mentoring /credible messengers	Mentoring /credible messengers
Facilities	Facilities	Facilities



# Approach to topics

- One topic per meeting
- Speakers/presenters/learning opportunities
- Possible forms of Committee output
  - Policy paper
  - Focus groups and report
  - Template protocol for agency use
  - “10 principles” document
  - Other?

# Other Committee Meeting Content

- OYCR Updates
- OYCR Presentations on each unit, with discussions and input
  - County Coordination Unit
  - Ombudsperson Unit
  - Health Policy Unit
  - Research/Data Unit

**DISCUSSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

# VOTE

- Please indicate preferences by the number

- 1. Facilities**
- 2. Step Downs/Alternatives to incarceration**
- 3. Sources of local support**
- 4. Community-based organizations**
- 5. Conflict resolution in facilities**
- 6. Eliminating racial and ethnic disparities**
- 7. Higher Education/Job training**
- 8. Reentry**
- 9. Mentoring /credible messengers**