



**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL  
Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)  
Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call to Order: Welcome; Roll Call; Announcements; Introduction of New Staff**

Chair Lucero convened the Committee meeting. The Chair thanked and welcomed everyone, introduced new committee members. Staff provided instructions to Committee members and for public comment.

**10:04 a.m.:** Chair Lucero welcomed meeting participants and reminded all present about the Bagley Keene Act. She also welcomed New Committee Members and OYCR staff.

**New Committee Members:**

- Brooke Harris, Executive Director of the Pacifica Juvenile Defender Center as a Juvenile Law Expert
- Sophia Cristo, direct youth justice experience and youth advocate with Anti- Recidivism Coalition
- Virginia Corrigan, Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Children’s Justice, Civil Rights Engagement Section, CA DOJ
- Breon Hatcher, Program Associate, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice
- Lauren Mendez, Child and Family Policy Institute of California, Youth Engagement Project
- Tye Griffith, Manager, Justice Education Initiative, The Claremont Colleges, Adjunct Faculty, Pitzer College
- Farewell shared for Sue Burrell, her valuable expertise, hard work and commitment to field of child welfare

- OYCR Chief Data and Research Officer, Dr. Holly Child, will be working on OYCR's 2025 report
- OYCR County Coordination Division Regional Specialist Angel Garcia, emphasizing the Specialist's vast education and workforce expertise.

**10:08 a.m.:** Chair Lucero turned the podium over to OYCR Deputy Director Alani Jackson. Deputy Director Jackson reminded all Members and participants to be mindful of the following when making remarks:

- speak clearly
- eliminate any background noises
- using the raise hand feature in person or by Zoom for Government
- stating name prior to speaking
- appearing on camera
- lowering hand feature if using Zoom for Government once names are received and called
- completing a comment card and / or sending unanswered questions to OYCR website.

Deputy Director Jackson took roll call. The following committee members were absent:

- Sarah Belton
- The Hon. Daniel Calabretta
- Breon Hatcher
- Chris Sanders
- Marcus Strother

Deputy Director Jackson confirmed quorum.

**10:12 a.m.:** Chair Lucero thanked Deputy Director Jackson and informed the Committee that at end of today's presentation there will be facilitated discussion. Chair Lucero is hopeful the members can determine a deliverable.

## **2. Action Item: Approve Minutes from May 4, 2022 & June 1, 2022 Meetings**

Chair Lucero asks if there is a motion to move the minutes for approval. The Hon. Judge Patrick Tondreau made a motion to approve the May 4, 2022, and June 1, 2022, California Child Welfare Council's Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chief Brian Richart. Chair Lucero asked if anyone had a point of discussion. Carly Dierkhising chooses to abstain.

Minutes approved at **10:14 a.m.**

## **3. Information Item: Updates from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration; Introduction of new staff.**

### **OYCR Staffing and Administrative Updates**

- OYCR currently has a team of 11 full-time staff and 4 consultants.
- Ombudsperson Office launched 09/02/2022 and is answered by OYCR Staff during business hours. Posters were sent to all Probation Chiefs in English and Spanish.

- Ombudsperson CEA applications have been received and October is the hopeful start date for the successful candidate.
- OYCR is currently accepting applications for Chief Health Policy Officer through 10/03/2022. OYCR asked that participants share this recruitment with their networks.
- Chief Technical Assistance Officer applications have been received and October is the hopeful start date for the successful candidate.

### **Key Project and Activity Updates**

- OYCR has contracted with:
  - RALLY for website and communication assistance
  - UCLA for their expertise with clinical health care needs for youth involved in juvenile justice
  - Forward Change for their expertise with power-building perspectives and educational equity for justice involved youth
- OYCR is seeking public input in writing and through conversation during listening sessions. The office has scheduled 4 sessions:
  - September 9, 2022, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
  - September 20, 2022, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
  - September 22, 2022, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
  - September 28, 2022, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Informational site visits have begun. The Office is prioritizing SYTFs. The Office has visited 15 county facilities:
  - San Bernardino
  - Riverside
  - Orange
  - Fresno
  - Kern
  - Monterrey
  - Placer
  - Yuba
  - Shasta
  - Tehama
  - LA
  - Ventura
  - San Francisco
  - Santa Barbara
  - Sonoma

OYCR hopes to visit all 33 SYTFs in the state and their CBOs / government partners through the fall.

### **Presenters:**

- Santa Clara County Superior Court's Hon. Patrick Tondreau- **The Power of Nonprofits**
- California State Association of Counties Support Hub for Criminal Justice Programming's Ryan Souza- **Promoting a Successful Evidence Based and**

### **Data-Driven Integration of CBO Services**

- National Center for Youth Law's Frankie Guzman- **Centering Community, Equity, And Lived Experience: Building the Capacity of CBOs to Improve Outcomes for System Involved Youths**
- RYSE Center's Kanwarpal Dhaliwal- **Rooted and Rising**
- Victor Community Support Services' Manuel Lua and Megan Murphy- **Wraparound Capacity Building**

**10:19 a.m.-11:13 a.m.**

#### **Presentations:**

**Hon. Patrick Tondreau-** The Power of Nonprofits

Begins with introduction. Provides a brief overview of non-profit organizations to include:

- University assistance with volunteering and research efforts
- judicial sponsorships for equality
- educating society regarding fair equity systems
- solitary confinement MH harm
- high turnover of MH clinical supervisors
- funding based on outcomes
- importance of long-term staff to build relationships

Chair Lucero thanked Hon. Patrick Tondreau for his informative presentation.

**Ryan Souza-** Promoting a Successful, Evidence Based (EB) and Data-Driven Integration (DDI) of CBO Services

Begins with introduction. Provides a brief overview of EB and DDI to include:

- probation's success evidence-based practices
- taking advantage of array of grant funding
- identifying how to get the talking points of program recorded
- reinforcing collateral partnership
- assessing program fidelity so we may account for recidivism

Chair Lucero thanked Ryan Souza for his comprehensive presentation.

**Frankie Guzman-** Centering Community, Equity, and Lived Experience: Building the Capacity of CBOs to Improve Outcomes for System Involved Youths

Begins with introduction. Provides a brief overview of CBO capacity, lived experience, and how to improve outcomes regarding equity:

- promoting successes of the youth
- centering community voices
- evaluating suburban, rural, and urban counties and cities
- valuing lived experiences
- providing equitable funding to CBOs.

Chair Lucero thanked Frankie Guzman for his outstanding presentation.

**Kanwarpal Dhaliwal-** Rooted and Rising

**10:54 a.m.:** Begins with introduction. Provides a brief overview of RYSE to include:

- promoting success accountability for youth
- realizing the resources belong to the youth
- realizing CBOs serve youth and not the system
- providing an ecosystem that feels just and loving
- admiration of the innate resilience of black and brown youth

- stabilizing the youth and the thank youth for trusting CBOs
- remaining in the program is more important than compliance measures
- youth needing multiple points of entry and engagement
- youth being granted some righteous anger outlets should be channeled not quieted not going to diagnose our way out of diplomacy

Chair Lucero thanked Kanwarpal Dhaliwal for her refreshing presentation.

**Manuel Lua and Megan Murphy- Wrap Around Capacity Building**

Begins with introduction. Provides a brief overview of Victor WRAP services to include:

- using child welfare dollars wisely
- using Medi-Cal and Probation dollars to fund supplementary services
- genuine partnerships with other agencies
- working with parents and families to choose CBOs
- valuing staff and providing a place where staff want to work

Chair Lucero thanked Manuel Lua and Megan Murphy for their wonderful presentation.

Deputy Director Jackson thanked all presenters for their expertise and asked that Dr. Child, Chief Data and Research Officer assist her with the Committee’s facilitated discussion.

**11:14 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. Facilitated Discussion:**

**11:14 a.m.:** OYCR Chief Data and Research Officer Child informed the Committee they will be expected to vote on a deliverable.

Deputy Director Jackson asked the Committee which of the 8 deliverables they find most beneficial for youth and community to produce for CBO capacity building.

Member Guzman asked if best practices guide philanthropy. He suggested an independent group be formed to develop additional and trustworthy assistance to youth. He stated nonprofit leaders are the experts in developing best practice guides and TA briefs.

Chair Lucero states the Committee can accommodate the guide to be comprehensive after a deliverable is voted upon.

**11:19 a.m.:** Member Dierkhising indicated she agrees with Member Guzman and asked for further context on the deliverables. She stated that government agencies do not often know what CBOs are available to them and that capacity building is necessary to link with CBOs.

Chair Lucero encouraged the facilitated discussion / brainstorming.

Officer Child asked that members to not feel as though they are bound by language of the deliverable options. She suggested each member vote on what can be most meaningful and consider what other partners do when establishing capacity building and gatekeeping. She stated the Committee can help system partners reimagine the language of the deliverable voted upon, if necessary.

**11:26 a.m.:** Member Tondreau stated that evidence-based practices within CBOs that might be a factor to consider. He asked if options 5 and 7 are different.

Chair Lucero stated that option 7 highlights what is already working well. Member Tondreau stated he will change his vote to option 5.

Member Dierkhising stated that reports there are thriving programs in smaller counties, these CBOs do not always have access to the latest reporting options larger organizations do. She stated she will vote for option 5.

Member Leventer indicated CBOs in their infancy may require assistance with bookkeeping and payroll. He stated that these factors can sometimes divert the CBOs concentration on more substantial issues. He suggested that the CBOs get assistance with grant writing so they can engage in important work. He stated he will vote for option 9.

Member Harris suggested having convenings so that a deliverable with a 2-part approach may be produced. She suggested this be done through listening sessions or focus groups.

Member Prince indicated his vote for option 5 and reported that programs in Imperial County are robust because of their established CBO connections.

**11:29 a.m.:** Deputy Director Jackson thanked all for their observations and suggested the Committee begin to vote.

Member Calvin stated that she agrees that option 5 is a list of programs and CBOs that should be produced in conjunction with another option. She encouraged the Committee to define which diverse practices are working well, by looking at models in other states.

Member Vint indicated that options 3 and 5 overlap. She asked that the Committee ensure that system impacted youth are a part of every conversation and report.

Member Corrigan stated that she believes a list of CBOs and government-based agencies would be helpful for CBOs especially. She indicated that such a list would require the commitment of keeping it current. She asked if it was possible to staying up to process this before creating a written deliverable.

**11:35 a.m.:** Member Richart asks that the Committee to assist OYCR with the charge of SB 823 and utilize what is working well for justice involved youth currently. He stated that El Dorado County has developed solid relationships with their youth and part of that process was highlighting the providers that helped the youth meet their best outcome. He asked that members not consider what benefits CBOs, but what benefits the youth. He expressed his concern for the current conversation's emphasis.

Member Guzman suggested focus groups with youth engaged with CBOs. Then, TA brief or guide could be developed to help the members learn how to build the business aspect of a CBO, as well as provide some creative ideas for youth interventions that most are not sure how to implement. He stated that focus groups would convey what must be done for effective gatekeeping. He indicated that the Committee could then begin to refer youth to specialized CBOs.

**11:41 a.m.:** Officer Child asked that the Committee aim to vote on a deliverable. She

stated it is not suggested that the Members focus on fixing everything at once. She stated that accomplishments can be made this way.

Member Belton asked that the Committee to develop a learning community that organizes experts in many areas. She stated that she believes a list of CBOs and government-based agencies would be helpful for CBOs, as previously stated by Member Corrigan.

Member Guzman stated that building capacity for CBO to help young people is vital.

**11:45 a.m.:** Chair Lucero stated that capacity building for SYTF youth should include specific stakeholders, including Probation and the Courts.

Deputy Director Jackson asked that the Committee select an action item based on the facilitated discussion.

**11:48 a.m.:** Committee votes select option 11 as the deliverable. A combination of 5,6 and 2 or 9 depending on outcome of 5 and 6.

## California Child Welfare Council Committee Vote on Deliverable

- 1) Guiding **principles** for the implementation of programs and/or capacity building.
- 2) A **technical assistance** brief.
- 3) A **best practice guide** for implementing a program(s) related to the topic.
- 4) A **policy paper** with current research and recommendations surrounding the topic.
- 5) A **report** on programs related to the topic that are currently being implemented.
- 6) One or more **focus groups** on the topic with publication of the results.
- 7) A **compendium** of resources related to the topic from either evidence-based practices or current, effective practices in the counties that should be expanded, or both.
- 8) A **panel-style convening** of experts and stakeholders followed by a report on their presentations and remarks



### **11:49 a.m.** **Public Comment**

Wesley Liu stated he has been encouraged by the presentations and the facilitated discussion as they indicated the voice of the youth, which is imperative to this process. Wesley shared his contact information as [wesley.liu.2024@gmail.com](mailto:wesley.liu.2024@gmail.com) or (650) 309-2670.

Wesley Acker stated that wanted to “echo the other Wesley's” comments and would be happy to collaborate with the Committee. Wesley shared his contact information as [wesley@kidsmanagingconflict.org](mailto:wesley@kidsmanagingconflict.org)

- 11:58 a.m.:** Chair Lucero closed the discussion by reminding the Committee of:
- the significance of their input on items for future meetings
  - the importance of reaching out to community youth advocates and Judges
  - the weight of higher ed deliverables
  - her appreciation for their hard work and commitment.

**11:59 a.m.: Meeting Adjourned**