



CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL Youth Justice Committee

Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 06, 2023

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

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

1:30 p.m.: Committee Chair Katherine Lucero welcomed everyone.

1:32 p.m.: Chair Lucero called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members, Ex-Officio members, and members of the public. Committee Chair Lucero thanked the members who opened their spaces to the public. Committee Chair Lucero provided meeting instructions for participants and provided instructions to address IT issues.

1:34 p.m.: Continued after addressing audio issues.

1:35 p.m.: Chair Lucero reminded the committee and audience the importance of maintaining collaborative leadership and listening to one another, youth, and their families during this process of youth realignment. She further clarified that the committee was entrusted to identify the needs and solutions for youth as they transition back into their communities.

1:35 pm.: Chair Lucero welcomed OYCR Deputy Director Alani Jackson and asked her provide instructions for the meeting.

OYCR Deputy Director Jackson thanked Chair Lucero and welcomed the committee and public members. OYCR Deputy Director Jackson provided meeting instructions for both the committee and members of the public.

1:36 p.m.: OYCR Deputy Director Jackson continued by taking the roll of committee members. The following committee members had been present at the start of the meeting via Zoom or in-person:

- Chair Katherine Lucero
- Elizabeth Calvin
- Dr. Carly Dierkhising

- Frankie Guzman
- Brooke Harris
- Honorable Robert Leventer
- Danielle Lowe
- Chief Dan Prince
- Honorable Patrick Tondreau
- Virginia Corrigan
- Rosalinda Vint
- The following committee member joined later in the meeting:
 - Tyee Griffith
- The following committee members were absent:
 - Diane Becton
 - Sophia Cristo
 - Kasey Halcón
 - Laura Mendez
 - Chief Brian Richart
 - Chief Kelly Vernon

1:39 p.m.: OYCR Deputy Director Jackson conducted roll of committee members. Quorum was met at 1:39 pm.

2. Action Item: Approve Minutes from December 6, 2023 Meeting

1:39 p.m.: Chair Lucero moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting. Committee member Hon. Patrick Tondreau moved to approve with a second from committee member Chief Dan Prince. All members approved with no one opposing or abstaining.

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: UCLA/OYCR Issue Briefs

- [Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder](#)
- [Restorative Justice](#)
- [Positive Youth Development](#)
- [Less Restrictive Programs](#)

1:40 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Senior Consultant Will Lightbourne introduced the topic of the briefs with a history of the call to action to develop these briefs and how they follow the Stepping Home model presented in previous meetings. He explained that moving forward there will be future briefs that include topics such as: trauma-informed care; care for specific groups such as gender considerations, disabilities, and cultural practices; and a brief on reentry and after care.

Will Lightbourne put the next agenda item in context by introducing a model that the committee and OYCR could recommend for how to approach step-downs for youth in

SYTFs. OYCR engaged the school of social work at UCLA to do research and be a thought partner.

Last June, OYCR adopted both a Standards of Excellence guide and a design laying out the elements of the Stepping Home Model. Then the agency partnered with the UCLA team to begin developing a series of issue briefs elaborating on the various elements identified in the model. This was based on research identifying both evidence-based practices and practices validated by community experience, to suggest what has promise and what limitations OYCR should be sensitive to.

Will Lightbourne explained that the briefs were intended both to support practice and to offer a common language about what is meant by different elements.

In a previous meeting, OYCR shared the issue brief on Credible Messengers, which posted on the website. Last year OYCR introduced a brief on Mental Health and SUD services, and the committee asked that acceptance be delayed to allow for further input. That has been obtained – OYCR is particularly grateful to the youth who reviewed it – and was attached to the agenda as a final document. Will Lightbourne shared that OYCR anticipates it moving now for consideration by the full Child Welfare Council.

New briefs on Restorative Justice, Positive Youth Development in the Justice System, and on Less Restrictive Programs were then introduced. Will Lightbourne explained that in the coming months OYCR will be bringing briefs on trauma-informed care, care for particular groups of youth based on gender considerations, disabilities, and cultural practices, and a brief on reentry and aftercare.

Dr. Laura Abrams, Dr. Elizabeth Barnert, and Kassandra Angel from the Luskin School of Social Work were introduced to answer questions about the new briefs and identified as contacts for research-specific questions.

Will Lightbourne explained that OYCR anticipates using the briefs to serve both as the framework and background for future state policy development and transformation reform in California's juvenile legal system. The briefs also create a baseline for practice and training materials for practitioners and help establish a common language when working in restorative justice or referencing less restrictive programs.

1:45 p.m.: Starting with the Restorative Justice brief, Will Lightbourne opened the floor for questions. Followed by no questions.

1:45 p.m.: Committee Chair Lucero also offered commentary about the topics and whether there are topics OYCR is not looking into that they should consider.

1:47 p.m.: No questions were raised for the Positive Youth Justice brief or the Less Restrictive Programs brief. Will Lightbourne mentioned that this brief is different and will cover what is known about transitions to less restrictive programs and the dialogue OYCR has been having with partners in the field about less restrictive grants and how it's done with partners across the nation.

1:49 p.m.: After no comments, Will Lightbourne offered April 15th as a day to reach out with questions or comments to directly engage on these documents and future briefs.

1:50 p.m.: Will Lightbourne gave the floor back to Committee Chair Lucero, who reminded the committee that briefs are posted and may be discussed further in future meetings.

4. ACTION ITEM: Select a Co-Chair for the YJC

1:50 p.m.: Chair Lucero proposed the notion of adding a co-chair, reminding the group that the committee was formed out of SB 823 as the OYCR Subcommittee of CWC. The subcommittee was renamed the Youth Justice Committee, and it was originally going to sunset on July 1. She noted that ideally, there should be a three-person chair that includes Committee Chair Lucero.

1:52 p.m.: Chair Lucero opened the floor for discussion and nominations.

1:52 p.m.: Committee member Chief Dan Prince supported the idea of a three-person chair, with one person from probation or corrections and someone from the advocate community.

1:53 p.m.: Committee member Frankie Guzman nominated committee member Brooke Harris, who then accepted the nomination to be a co-chair.

1:54 p.m.: Committee member Elizabeth Calvin agreed with a three-person chair and supported how committee member Chief Dan Prince described the make-up.

1:54 p.m.: After being asked by Chair Lucero about adding a co-chair with a law enforcement perspective, committee member Chief Dan Prince suggested committee member Chief Brian Richart who was not in attendance.

1:56 p.m.: In order to ensure more discussion about the potential selection of committee members Brooke Harris and Chief Brian Richart co-chairs, Chair Lucero tabled the topic for the next meeting.

1:57 p.m.: Chair Lucero brought up the attendance policy.

In order to ensure that the Youth Justice Committee has a quorum for each meeting, it formally adopted the attendance policy of the Child Welfare Council. According to this policy, members shall not accrue more than three unexcused absences from YJC meetings within one year. If such member is absent from three meetings, he or she shall be deemed to have resigned from the YJC and the chair shall appoint a new member, except in cases where the member's absence has been formally excused by the chair.

1:59 p.m.: Committee member Dr. Carly Dierkhising asked whether the committee is looking for more active members, noting some limited attendance. She also asked what areas of expertise the committee is looking to expand in its membership. Chair Lucero noted that the rules of attendance and membership are outlined in the creation documents. Deputy Director Jackson brought up the need for youth representation. Committee member Elizabeth Calvin also noted the lack of involvement of youth and individuals with direct system experience.

2:01 p.m.: Committee member Elizabeth Calvin asked about the accuracy of the member list. It was confirmed that the membership list on the committee meeting was accurate, although role call for the meeting was not because committee member Sara Belton had stepped away.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Ombuds Updates

2:03 p.m.: Chair Lucero introduced Chief of the Ombuds Division Ahmed Nemr to present on the requested Ombuds division update.

2:03 p.m.: Chief of the Ombuds Division Ahmed Nemr presented on the Ombudsperson Division Updates including the following information:

- Youth Bill of Rights
 - OYCR developed standardized, age-appropriate information explaining these rights.
 - OYCR had undertaken an intensive engagement process with stakeholders to develop youth-friendly materials. They received public comments and stakeholders' feedback and conducted focus groups with youth in facilities.
 - Materials included a poster and an accordion brochure in English and in Spanish.
 - These new materials were to be mailed out to county probation free of charge. They were also available free of charge to other stakeholders and community members upon request. Posters were expected to be available shortly and brochures were expected to be available in March. Interested parties were advised to call the helpline or email the Ombuds email address to request materials. In the meantime, printable materials were available on OYCR's website.
- Site Visits and County Contact
 - Per AB 505, the Ombudsperson Division is required to visit each juvenile facility in the state at least once per year. To date, the Ombudsperson Division has conducted site visits of all the facilities in three counties and has several more counties scheduled in March.
 - Additionally, the Ombudsperson Division continues to go to facilities around the state to conduct investigative interviews.
- Staffing
 - The OYCR Ombudsperson Division has four County Ombuds Liaison positions. Three of these positions are now filled. In addition to Ombudsperson Liaison Leslie Brown, the team has welcomed Miguel Garcia and Ramon Leija. They have been longstanding team members in the County Coordination unit and the Ombudsperson Division is pleased and proud to benefit from their expertise and knowledge.
 - The fourth liaison position has not been filled and will soon be reposted. The position will be statewide, but we will be focusing on recruitment in the Bay Area.
- Complaints and Casework

- The total number of cases the Ombudsperson has opened from September 2022 to February 23, 2024, is 256. The Ombuds Team was able to work on and close 211 cases. As of February 23, there were 42 open cases.
 - The most frequent complaint issues were:
 - Conditions of Confinement
 - This topic includes topics such as access to appropriate clothing, extended room confinement, clean bedding, access to exercise, outdoor time, food quality and quantity, and room and physical searches.
 - Staffing
 - Programming

2:07 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris asked if the open from across complaints were from across the state or from a specific area. Ahmed Nemr responded that current open complaints are statewide and about a variety of issues.

2:08 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris asked how frequently staff are able to conduct in-person investigations and how quickly they are able to respond in response to AB 505, or about any change in staff being able to respond quickly. Ahmed Nemr responded that although they are almost at full staff, they are not operating at full capacity as their staff just came on. There have been challenges to doing in-person investigations, although the investigation does start with the immediate reception of the complaint and calls with the complainant. Ahmed Nemr added that communication with complainant has stayed consistent even with the AB 505 changes and that site visits and in-person investigations will be improved when the team is fully staffed and all staff complete onboarding.

2:10 p.m.: Chair Lucero added that the Ombudsperson process standards are being followed and those are being updated after the AB 505 changes.

2:11 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris asked about the position of the phone and whether they are in a space that allows for confidential and safe spaces for youth to utilize it. Ahmed Nemr responded that this is a known question and the team is working with counties to address the phone location and that they actively ensure youth know how they can communicate with the Ombudsperson in the most confidential way.

2:12 p.m.: Committee member Hon. Patrick Tondreau asked if the Ombudsperson office is collecting data on what kind of outcomes are resulting from addressing complaints. Ahmed Nemr responded that the case management system is almost finalized which will ensure data is collected and housed effectively to report more detailed findings from their work. Chair Lucero added that the Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz has confirmed that after the case management system is finalized, an Ombudsperson report will be shared with these details.

2:14 p.m.: Committee member Chief Dan Price mentioned that their facility offers a private office for youth to call and that is the standard practice in facilities he is aware of. He then added that he supports the hiring of Miguel and Ramon based on their experience with working with the counties thus far.

2:15 p.m.: Chair Lucero added details about phone access and the expectation of the Ombudsperson report.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: AB 102 Presentation

2:16 p.m.: Chair Lucero introduced OYCR Research Team's Krystle Englehart.

2:17 p.m.: Krystle Englehart presented data based on the findings of the AB 102 data required to be shared by the counties to OYCR.

Commitments to SYTFs increased 80% between FY 21/22 and FY 22/23. As of January 2023, of the 410 youth under the jurisdiction of DJJ, 140 youth were committed to a SYTF. 136 in their own county and 4 in another county. This data was reported by the County Probation Consortium Partnering for Youth Realignment.

Most youths committed to SYTFs are males. The female and non-binary counts for FY21/22 were fewer than 12. This gender breakdown is consistent with what we see across populations in the juvenile justice system.

The racial or ethnic category with the highest count of youth committed to SYTFs is Hispanic/Latino/a/x for both FY 21/22 and FY22/23. There is an overrepresentation of Black and Brown individuals within our juvenile justice system, in FY 21/22, Latinos made up about 60% of the population and African American made up about 30% of the population. Similarly in FY 22/23, Latinos made up a little over 60% and Africans American represented over 25% of the population.

In FY 21/22 - the average age of youth committed to SYTF was 17.4 years old. In FY22/23 the average age was 18.1 years old.

The vast majority of youth offenses committed were assault, attempted homicide, completed homicide and robbery. This shows a willingness to keep youth who have committed the most serious offenses (such as homicide) in the juvenile system, which is consistent with youth development. Krystle Englehart highlighted the number of youth with sex offenses and noted that there are specific treatment needs for these young people which OYCR is providing through technical assistance.

The data regarding less restrictive placement transfers show that when we started this process in 21/22, there was not a lot of movement in getting those kids out. After July 2021, judges were not allowed to send kids to DJJ unless there was a pending transfer motion. Now what we see here is that a lot of these kids were moved out into the community. OYCR is offering funding opportunities to increase visibility and ease by which we can move youth into LRPs. In FY 21/22 the count of youths transferred to an LRP was fewer than 12, which is why OYCR doesn't have a count listed.

From FY 21/22 to FY 22/23, the number of youths for whom a transfer hearing was ordered increased by 10% (just 22 more youth than the prior year).

From FY 21/22 to FY 22/23 the number of youths who were transferred to adult criminal court decreased by 27%.

2:22 p.m.: Chair Lucero opened the floor for questions and explained that a full report will be made available. Krystle Englehart from the Data Team confirmed the report should be ready by the end of April.

2:23 p.m.: Erreil Hawkins from California's Black Women's Health Project asked if there was tracking of the demographics around the transfer hearing orders. Krystle Englehart confirmed that data will be in the final report which includes all AB 102 data points separated by age, gender, race and ethnicity, and offense type.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on Youth Advisory Board

2:24 p.m.: Chair Lucero introduced Susie Rivera, an OYCR consultant working on developing the Youth Advisory Board.

2:24 p.m.: Susie Rivera reviewed her last presentation to this group which was in the discovery phase of her work meeting young people, stakeholders, and community-based organizations, lifting up areas of need, gaps in services, and what young people are saying. Since then, she has moved into the focus group phase, doing in-person focus groups within facilities and within communities, working with community-based organizations, along with people who are in councils and committees. There will be a report generated, but some themes have come out of the focus groups regarding what youth want out of a youth advisory board such as how youth are connected, access to resources, and accountability. Regarding connection, Susie Rivera explained that this is about connection between youth; between youth and communities; and connections with those who are in authority. That authority includes those with power in decision making authority, those running programs, those who are in power as system stakeholders and how they are being connected with them, building trust, and sharing their experiences. Another theme was resources and support, which includes therapy and support such as holistic and culturally responsive healing that addresses the individual needs of each youth. While it is understood that a lot of these resources are available to youth, the details and delivery of these resources needs to be tightened and made more clear. Susie Rivera also shared that for youth leaving the facility, youth have to "start over" with programs and resources they received previously. For example, a youth who gets a referral for services has to start over when they leave the facility, sharing their information again and building trust with a new provider. This underscores the need for making linkages to services as youth reenter the community. This also includes access to proper nutrition, housing, community centered events and developmental programs around leadership and public speaking that will increase their skills upon release. The last themed bucket Susie Rivera spoke to was based on accountability and taking real action. A lot of young people in community or in facilities have a lot of people talking to them, but there is no follow up or delivery after they express a need. This isn't just youth voice being heard on a council or committee but centering their voice in their own healing process and having accessible platforms. A workgroup has also been created which is conducting its own focus groups for this work; developing a workshop on how to capture youth feedback; and building out the main youth advisory board that should be launching in the summer. A date has not been set yet. This work has also not only found things that can be addressed, it also has been identifying champions for youth voice across the state. A lot of communities want

to develop their own councils, committees and boards. They also want support developing these youth centered groups, and Susie Rivera has been conducting technical assistance to help implement those groups and services.

2:32 p.m.: Chair Lucero asked how many young people are on the workgroup and Susie Rivera responded that there are eight young people on the group. The workgroup is open to allow youth to join as they are available. The eight youth currently involved are across different counties including Santa Clara, Alameda, LA, Sacramento, and adding San Benito county. More youth meetings are scheduled with Kern county as well. When a meeting is held, it works more as a meet and greet, and youth can choose to continue to show up in whatever capacity they are able to.

2:33 p.m.: Committee member Rosalinda Vint asked if there is a list of all the sites Susie Rivera has visited and youth that have signed up to be a part of this workgroup, and if the committee can see that list when it is updated. Susie Rivera responded that the list includes what counties she has met with and when and it is updated about monthly.

2:35 p.m.: Chair Lucero confirmed that a list can be put together to address county level visits for the discovery phase, focus group phase, and those interested in the work group phase (without directly identifying specific participating youth). Committee member Rosalinda Vint confirmed that she was more interested in the specific facilities and not the specific youth. Susie Rivera confirmed the need to share the listing of the facilities and to share the phase each county meeting is addressing whether that is the discovery phase, focus group phase, or workgroup phase.

2:37 p.m.: Committee member Chief Dan Prince invited Susie Rivera to come to Imperial County on March 19th where a SYTF youth is going to be sworn in as a member of Imperial County's JJC by their presiding judge.

2:37 p.m.: Chair Lucero confirmed that Marcia Rincon-Gallardo has a document tracking the documents requested by committee member Rosalinda Vint.

2:38 p.m.: Committee member Dr. Carly Dierkhising shared appreciation for Susie Rivera's work and was happy to hear the themes. She noted that it is reflective of their work with youth who have been sexually exploited, trying to lift up their voices within agencies and to gather systematic youth feedback instead of at isolated points of time. They are focused on ensuring that youth feedback is actually used and/or that youth know that their feedback is heard and that they are attempting to use it. Committee member Dr. Carly Dierkhising explained that she was trying to build systematic pathways and also observed that the youth within her work saw that there could be pathways to connect with youth advisory boards directly. She also covered the importance of the warm hand-off, getting service providers to meet with each other and the youth prior to entering the community.

2:40 p.m.: Susie Rivera followed committee member Dr. Carly Dierkhising's comments by emphasizing the power of partnerships and lifting up what the youth are directly saying and reviewing some of the information presented earlier.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on JJRBG Funding Formula Revision

2:42 p.m.: Chair Lucero announced that the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funding formula revision is due on January 10th, 2025, and OYCR will take the lead on gathering input from justice system partners. OYCR will be engaging key partners in the coming weeks and is planning to get started no later than April. OYCR plans to keep everyone updated at these meetings and some committee members have already been contacted to provide feedback.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on Sierra Health CBO Work

2:43 p.m.: Chair Lucero introduced Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo who is leading the work with Sierra Health.

2:43 p.m.: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo presented the purpose of the project, regions involved in the work, and how funding will be disbursed.

Marcia Rincon-Gallardo shared that the workgroup recently met and received a full report from their partners at The Center/Sierra Health Foundation about the work being done. She shared the purpose statement which reads as follows:

To improve the health, social, and intergenerational life course outcomes of youth and families impacted by the youth justice system through community-based organizational capacity building by increasing community-based youth development services in the Northern CA, Sierra Nevada, Inland Empire/ Imperial Valley, and the San Joaquin Valley regions, through fund development, technical assistance, peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and at least three learning community convenings.

Marcia Rincon-Gallardo shared that the partners reported on information about the grant criteria and RFA process which will be shared next. She noted that the information being presented was shared with the workgroup members and OYCR staff with various feedback sessions and loops to obtain guidance. The grant criteria and RFA process for the four million to be awarded has been finalized to proceed in the following way:

- Across 8 total Grants
 - 2 Established Organizations
 - 6 Emerging Organizations
- Funding per org: \$500,000
- Focused on 4 Regions:
 - Northern California
 - Sierra Nevada Region
 - Inland Empire AND Imperial Valley
 - San Joaquin Valley
- Term of Grants: 30 months

There will be a focus on 2 Types of CBO's

1. Organizations not yet serving youth.
2. Organizations serving youth but struggling to secure grant funding, having access, building trust and relationships with juvenile justice system stakeholders.

In addition, the criteria include CBO's that have:

1. Organizational budget: Up to \$3M with a focus on small CBO's.
2. Organizational staff: At least two full time staff or the equivalent of staff hours - formerly incarcerated and/or systems impacted staff is a plus.
3. Organizations with programming, services and care provided to youth and their families.
4. Commitment and track record of working with youth, operationalized as serving at least 50 youth per year.

Both during and post the RFA process the CBO's will be assessed for their needs using a tool called the Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT). This assessment provides information in four capacity areas: Leadership, Adaptive, Management and Technical.

A Community of Practice will be developed and nurtured with the purpose of fostering cross-site learning, building collaboration among the partners and establishing a network to adopt best practices.

Finally, the next steps and timelines are:

1. By March 4, 2024, they will finalize CBO Funding Plan, Selection Plan and TA Needs Assessment Plan.
2. By April they will complete the development of RFA.
3. From April to June – they will launch and go live with the three-month grant making process.
4. In July they will announce the selected CBO's.
5. In July, they will begin delivering TA.
6. In August, they will conduct the first in-person cohort kickoff Convening.

2:47 p.m.: Committee member Dr. Carly Dierkhising wanted to confirm that the announcement to apply has not gone out yet to the CBOs, that is it going out in April. Marcia Rincon-Gallardo confirmed.

2:48 p.m.: Committee member Dr. Carly Dierkhising asked who is going to be reviewing the applications. Marcia Rincon-Gallardo confirmed that it would be members of the Sierra Health Foundation and the partners including National Center for Youth Law and Public Works Alliance.

2:49 p.m.: Chair Lucero explained that this effort is directly related to three priorities set two years ago. The first one was higher education, looking at quality education for youth that are incarcerated. OYCR published a report with Arnold Chandler and Forward Change that can be found on the OYCR website. The next was the Stepping Home Model and having alternatives to custody. That was introduced earlier with the UCLA topic. This work focuses on capacity building. OYCR has a capacity building workgroup with committee member Hon. Patrick Tondreau, a Chief from San Francisco and a Deputy Chief from San Bernardino who are collaborating with the stakeholders that

Marcia Rincon-Gallardo identified. Chair Lucero noted that this work is groundbreaking as it involves working with organizations in communities that do not often receive outreach or apply for funds.

2:50 p.m.: Chair Lucero added that this work also involves the Public Works Alliance that is helping to look at the CalAIM partnerships, the ECM partnerships, and the MediCal reform with wellness coaches, peer coaches, and community coaches. The details are not available about this at this time, but it is overlapping work that came from the three distinct topics agreed upon several years ago by this committee.

2:51 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris asked for clarification about the Northern California regional alignment of the Sierra Health CBO work. Marcia Rincon-Gallardo explained that it would be starting with Sacramento and including counties north and to the east and west. She further clarified that it involves communities that are small that don't have a CBO that has developed a less restrictive program. She noted the focus on tribal communities being involved in this work as well.

9. Public Comment

2:53 p.m.: Chair Lucero asked Deputy Director Jackson to read out the guidelines for public comment below:

Issue comment reminder:

- 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).

2:54 p.m.: David Hanson commented, agreeing with the directives of OYCR, and focused on how the state has the authority constrain youth and give them drugs within confinement, but the government then allows organizations like CPS and CFS the authority to take children from their families for less aggressive means based on signs of abuse. The laws from CPS are misinterpreting the definitions of abuse, used to manipulate statistics and fund their for-profit business. It is understood that these are to keep children safe from abuse, however the lack of accountability for those in the system has created more abuse than it has stopped. David Hanson stated that there is credible research that four out of five child abuse cases are children who are not abuse victims which is why children who are abused don't see justice. CPS spends too much time kidnapping the innocent, tying up court cases, defaming parents, and traumatizing the elders, making billions of dollars for their county. The call to action is to bring this to action and ask for changes to legislation to no longer incentivize what is happening.

2:58 p.m.: Quijai Johnson with California Youth Connection commented, including background about working with OYCR; what California Youth Connection does; being behind AB 505; and wanting to connect with Susie Rivera regarding their work with a juvenile justice taskforce. With their taskforce, they make sure the spaces they have are youth led with youth-led trainings including but not limited to strategic story telling workshops, facilitation 101, leadership opportunities that will uplift the youth that are led

by the youth. They also have a pool of folks that would be interested in working on the youth advisory board.

3:00 p.m.: Erriel Hawkins shared more information about the California's Black Women's Health Project. They are here for the SAC engagement project feedback; have organization and program coordinators and managers over the mental health initiative; and are hosting a Gen Z speaks wellness program that focuses on mental health for Gen Z for youth and students. Erriel Hawkins expressed interest in connecting with Susie Rivera as well as seeing more of what OYCR is working on and how they can contribute in the future.

10. Announcements, Call for Agenda Items & Adjourn

CHAIR LUCERO

PLEASE POST ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE CHAT AT THIS TIME IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, EX OFFICIO MEMBERS, PRESENTERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING. THANK YOU TO MY TEAM FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS COMMITTEE AND IN THIS MEETING TODAY. THIS MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED.

3:01 p.m.: Chair Lucero called for agenda items for the next meeting after mentioning the call to select co-chairs.

3:00 p.m.: Committee member Brooke Harris mentioned the call from a previous meeting about the reporting of changes made to juvenile halls. Chair Lucero responded that OYCR's County Coordination Unit can share their findings. Committee member Chief Dan Prince mentioned sharing examples of changes across the state.

3:00 p.m.: Committee member Elizabeth Calvin asked for updates on the status of obtaining data, specifically the number of youth that are in SYTFs, number of transfers, and continued updates on how it is going. Chair Lucero asked for clarification on whether the question is related to where the data is coming from or what kind of data is being provided. Committee member Elizabeth Calvin specified that the ask was related to where the data is coming from, progress on getting the data, and how things are going.

3:04 p.m.: Chair Lucero opened the floor for announcements. Committee member Frankie Guzman was recognized for winning the 2024 James Irvine Foundation Leadership award. Committee member Frankie Guzman spoke on the reflection of this award and what work needs to be done to continue the essence of the award.

3:06 p.m.: Chair Lucero closed the meeting.

2024 CWC YJC Quarterly Meeting Dates:

- June 5, 2024
- September 4, 2024
- December 4, 2024