



**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Youth Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 4, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Call to Order, Roll Call, Announcements

Co-Chair Harris convened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She then shared that Hon. Robert Leventer stepped down from the committee. OYCR is currently recruiting for additional committee members representing the Judicial Branch.

Staff provided instructions to committee members for participation and for public comment, then took roll. The following members were present: Co-Chair Brooke Harris, Co-Chair Katherine Lucero, Co-Chair Chief Robert Reyes, Diana Becton, Virginia Corrigan, Juan Gamez, Frankie Guzman, Danielle Lowe, Chief Dan Prince, Rosalinda Vint.

The following members were not present: Chief Jennifer Branning, Elizabeth Calvin, Dr. Carly Dierkhising, Tyee Griffith, Kasey Halcón, Hon. Tilisha Martin, Lauren Mendez

Action Item: Approve September 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Member Virginia Corrigan moved to approve the minutes and Co-Chair Reyes seconded the motion. All other members approved.

OYCR Updates

Co-Chair Lucero shared the following updates:

- OYCR hosted its first Youth Justice Summit on November 5th and 6th with over 400 in attendance, including youth justice leaders, people with lived experience and practitioners.
- As of July 1, OYCR is the designated state agency responsible for the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), which represents a transition of its responsibility from the Board of State and Community Corrections.
- OYCR onboarded several new staff.
- OYCR completed its gathering of input from stakeholders on the JJRBG funding formula and handed off the information to the Department of Finance.
- OYCR's 2023 Annual Report has been approved for distribution and will be made public soon.

Presentation on the Progress of Deliverables Created in YJC Priority Areas: Step Downs and Alternatives to Incarceration

OYCR Health Policy Chief Dr. Juan Arguello shared that OYCR and UCLA were entering into the implementation phase of the Stepping Home Model Project. OYCR and UCLA's goal is to create implementation guidance for the Stepping Home Model and its applicable briefs. The team will also be working with the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) to co-design implementation efforts and other subject matter experts to receive input on the Model.

Dr. Elizabeth Barnert, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UCLA presented on the Stepping Home Model, highlighting the goals of healthy development and healing, accountability, and a decrease in intersectional disparities. She also shared updates on the Gender and Sexuality and Disabilities briefs which were presented to the committee during the September 4, 2024 YJC meeting.

Action Item: Approval of Gender and Sexuality and Disabilities Briefs

Co-Chair Harris called for any additional questions or comments on the briefs. With no further questions or comments, the briefs were considered final.

Action Item: Approval of memo to Child Welfare Committee requesting formal adoption of the Stepping Home Model and UCLA Briefs as best practices for care and services

Co-Chair Harris called for discussion on a draft version of the Stepping Home Model memo that was shared with members prior to the meeting. The committee agreed by consensus to move the Stepping Home Model to the Child Welfare Committee.

Presentation on the Progress of Deliverables Created in YJC Priority Areas: Higher Education and Vocational Training

Dr. Michael Massa, OYCR Special Consultant, shared updates on several key efforts to support and improve educational opportunities for young people involved with the justice system. He highlighted a literacy intervention designed for Juvenile Court Schools by a nonprofit partner, Collaborative Classroom, with encouraging early data from a pilot in San Diego County. He also noted the importance of the passage of Assembly Bill 2176 which focuses on absentee rates and represents a significant opportunity to work on meaningful strategies for improving participation in Juvenile Court Schools; OYCR will need to create an annual report on chronic absenteeism.

Presentation on the Progress of Deliverables Created in YJC Priority Areas: Community-Based Capacity Building

Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, OYCR Systems Change and Equity Chief, shared updates on efforts to build capacity for Community-Based Organizations' sustainability; to identify and secure funding sources for CBOs around the state; and to work toward a conceptual framework of reflective practice and healing-centered youth development. She shared an update on the 8 CBOs awarded through the current grant cycle associated with the CBO-capacity building work. She also updated the committee on the new members who were added to the CBO Capacity Building Workgroup.

Abraham Medina, from the Sierra Health Foundation, shared additional detail about the partnership between OYCR and the Department of Health Care Services to invest \$24 million to Transform Youth Justice in California. This program is powered through three

intersecting initiatives: CBO Capacity Building, the Ending Girls Incarceration Initiative, and the Justice Serving Network Development initiative. OYCR has provided \$4 million to four regions to build the capacity of CBOs for approximately 26 months. The \$4 million would be split between 8 CBOs in the 4 selected regions.

Dr. Macheo Payne from the Public Works Alliance shared an update about recent information sessions with CBOs to support them in navigating the Medi-Cal procurement process and leveraging new resources.

Facilitated Discussion: Deliverables in Priority Areas

Co-Chair Harris facilitated member discussion about priority areas for the committee moving forward and indicated that there would be further discussion and formalization of the ideas during the March 5, 2025 YJC meeting.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Harris opened the floor for public comment and staff provided instructions.

Amy Price from the Zellerbach Family Foundation provided a comment encouraging the committee to focus on coordination and partnership between the youth justice system and child welfare and behavioral health in solutions. She also highlighted several examples of education programs in facilities.

Adjourn

Co-Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 3:08 pm.