



**State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 12 2025  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order: Welcome; Roll Call**

Chair Mendoza called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. OYCR staff provided instructions for members and participants to provide comments and ask questions.

Vice Chair Franco took roll. The following members were in attendance:

Supervisor Joe Baca Jr, Hon. Brian Back, Carol Biondi, Chair Kent Mendoza, Dr. BJ Davis, Dr. Carly Dierkhising, Vice Chair Cristian Franco, Michael Duncan, Susan Sands, Tyrique Shipp, Isaiah Barber, Dr. Tecoy Porter, Michelle Guymon

The following members were not present: Dante Williams, Dr Mimi Silbert

Chair Mendoza called for a motion to approve the December 12th meeting minutes. Carol Biondi moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Carly Dierkhising seconded. There were no comments or questions and the minutes were approved.

**Chair Updates**

Chair Mendoza shared that several SACJJDP members participated in a State Advisory Group Orientation session on February 5, 2025. Members who did not attend on February 5 were encouraged to review the materials and consider participating in a future session. Chair Mendoza then shared a few updates on federal funding status and the state's ongoing coordination with federal partners to continue serving Californians in providing services to youth, families, and stakeholders working on youth justice throughout California.

**Presentation: OYCR Updates**

OYCR Legislative Analyst Stephanie Heying provided a legislative update in which she shared a summary of bills introduced in the most recent legislative session and shared a high-level analysis of potential impact.

OYCR Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz shared an overview of the role of the Ombuds Office at OYCR in receiving, reviewing and investigating complaints relating to youth in local facilities; making mandatory reports to the legislature about complaint investigations; educating youth and families on their rights; and visiting all local facilities. She then shared an overview of the findings of complaints investigated by the office in 2024.

OYCR Chief Health Policy Officer Dr. Juan Arguello provided an overview of the work of OYCR's Health Policy Division, highlighting their work to assist partners in implementing policy

strategies to improve physical and behavioral health services to reduce or eliminate symptoms and support overall wellness and healthy living for youth in the juvenile justice system. Dr Arguello provided an overview of some key Behavioral Health reform efforts impacting youth justice and shared several recent tools OYCR has produced to support the field: the CA Juvenile Justice Toolkit and the Stepping Home Model.

Youth Advisory Board members Victoria Birch and Marco Osorio and OYCR's Susie Rivera shared an overview of the work of OYCR's Youth Advisory Board and their efforts to empower young people and create spaces that allow them to engage and collaborate on important policies and projects. They also shared protocols for engagement and recommendations for centering youth voice, as well as a preview of upcoming work of the YAB, encouraging SACJJDP members to attend an upcoming public Youth Advisory Board meeting, which occur monthly, every third Monday.

OYCR Special Consultant Dr. Michael Massa shared an update on ongoing efforts to promote Educational Health, including updates from efforts to collect data on chronic absenteeism at juvenile court schools; OYCR's support for the Literacy Intervention pilot and ongoing technical assistance efforts to support Educational Health across the state.

Vice Chair Franco then highlighted a video spotlighting the Rise Up House in Solano County, one of the 11 counties participating in OYCR's Less Restrictive Programs Grant and highlighted the interest expressed by SACJJDP members in being able to visit facilities and LRPs as a group to help inform their critical work.

### **Presentation: Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board's 2025 Recommendations and Best Practices Report**

Shelley Jackson, Law Enforcement Policies Consultant from Strategies for Youth, shared an overview of recommendations from the 2025 Annual Report of the CA Racial and Identity Profiling Act Advisory Board. Key findings from the report highlighted evidence of racial and identity disparities in police stops and recommendations for actions the CA legislature can take as a result of the findings.

**1:05 p.m.: Break**

**1:45 p.m.: Returned from Break**

### **Presentation: SACJJDP Subcommittees**

Krystal Lewis-Britton, OYCR Title II Grants Manager, provided a brief presentation that gave context for the members' forthcoming discussion about forming subcommittees, reminding members of key focus areas of the state's Three-Year plan as well as sharing examples of common SAG subcommittees.

OYCR Systems Change and Equity Division Chief Marcia Rincon-Gallardo provided background on the previous iteration of the SACJJDP's Racial and Ethnic Disparities subcommittee, including previous membership and most recent convening dates. She also provided national context on how this subcommittee has operated in other states, noting a range of practices (some have membership criteria, others do not) and a range in size (From 10-40). She also provided some recommendations for members to consider during the discussion about re-establishing the R/ED subcommittee.

OYCR CCU County Liaison Cecilia Simmons and Jessica Ellis, Executive Director of Centinela Youth Services, shared information about Restorative Justice broadly, including best practices, key findings and a proposed definition. They also shared an overview of the current recurring meetings of OYCR's Restorative Justice Advisory Board, which currently advises OYCR on Restorative Justice Policy and meets monthly.

**Discussion: SACJJDP Subcommittees**

Chair Mendoza then opened the floor for discussion on the formation of subcommittees.

**Action Items: SACJJDP Subcommittees**

Chair Mendoza called for a vote to approve creation of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities subcommittee. Dr. Tecoy Porter moved to approve the committee and Vice Chair Franco seconded the motion.

Chair Mendoza opened the floor for additional member discussion (there was none). Then he opened the floor for public comment. Israel Villa from the California Alliance for Youth and Community Justice provided a comment expressing appreciation for the evolution of the work since OYCR was created, highlighting key aspects of the meeting that demonstrated this progress, including the leadership of young people from the Youth Advisory Board and the work of the Ombuds office and the discussion of the RIPA report. He also expressed his support for the creation of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities subcommittee.

The motion to approve the creation of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities subcommittee passed.

Chair Mendoza then called for a motion to approve the Restorative Justice subcommittee. Carol Biondi moved to approve and Dr. Carly Dierkhising seconded.

The motion to approve the creation of the Restorative Justice subcommittee passed.

Chair Mendoza then called for a motion to approve the concept of a subcommittee focused on Grants/Funding and Youth Programs. Dr. Tecoy Porter moved to approve the subcommittee. Michelle Guymon seconded. There was discussion about the need to further define the focus of this subcommittee in subsequent meetings, including the interest in a focus on qualitative data that brings insight into the results of programs that are funded vs. general oversight/accountability for how the funds are spent and distributed.

The motion to approve the creation of the Grants/Funding and Youth Programs subcommittee passed.

Chair Mendoza then called for a motion to approve a subcommittee focused on Youth and Emerging Leaders. Tyrique Shipp moved to approve the subcommittee. Chair Mendoza seconded.

The motion to approve the creation of the Youth and Emerging Leaders subcommittee passed.

Chair Mendoza then called for a motion to approve a subcommittee focused on Policy and Legislative Advocacy. Dr. Tecoy Porter moved to approve the subcommittee. Vice Chair Franco seconded.

The motion to approve the creation of the Policy and Legislative Advocacy subcommittee passed.

Chair Mendoza called for volunteers to chair the subcommittees. The following members were identified:

Grants/Funding and Youth Programs

- Carly Dierkhising (chair)
- Carol Biondi (member)

Racial and Ethnic Disparities

- Hon. Brian Back (chair)

Restorative Justice

- Kent Mendoza (chair)

Policy and Legislative Advocacy

- Dr. Tecoy Porter (chair)

Youth and Emerging Leaders

- Tyrique Shipp (chair)

**Public Comment**

Vice Chair Franco opened the floor for general public comment. Israel Villa from the California Alliance for Youth and Community Justice provided a comment expressing appreciation for the Board member, acknowledging that it has been a challenging year so far but was appreciative of seeing the ideas discussed and the leadership of the young people on the committee. He indicated interest in providing recommendations for stakeholders to participate in the subcommittees.

**Announcements, Call for Agenda Items & Adjourn**

Chair Mendoza called for any final announcements, thanked members and adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.