



**State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Community Investment & System Accountability for Youth Justice (CISA) Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 18 2025
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Chair Dierkhising called the meeting to order.

Present:

Carly Dierkhising, Andrew Garcia, LaRon Dennis, Michelle Guymon, Anthony Ortiz Jr., Jackie Skapik, Jorja Leap, Lucero Noyola, Matt Cervantes, Michael Duncan, Carol Biondi

Not Present:

Johny Diaz, Christian Lucchesi

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting
- Outcome: Motion passed unanimously; minutes were approved by all members

Introductions

- New members introduced: Michael Duncan, Jorja Leap
- Chair Dierkhising noted that Johny Diaz and Christian were unable to attend.

Discussion: Committee Activities and End-of-Year Goals

Chair Dierkhising opened the discussion regarding next steps and goals previously raised.

Topics Discussed:

- Maintaining presentations from grantees
- Considering two monthly meetings (one for grantees, one for committee business)
- Possibility of extending meeting length (e.g., +15 minutes or full 90-minute meeting)
- Shortening presentations to better manage time
- Options for: 1.5-hour meetings monthly, Additional member-only meetings, Keeping consistency with scheduling needs

Member Input:

- Andrew Garcia asked whether additional meetings require formally posted agendas, which increases workload.
- Jorja Leap raised concerns about busy schedules and potential Zoom fatigue
- Michelle Guymon shared an effective model: first 50 minutes for business, last 30 minutes for presentations.

- Chair Dierkhising expressed concern members may drop off early and grantees may feel unheard.
- Matt Cervantes supported 90-minute monthly meetings to simplify scheduling.

Outcome: General agreement to shift to 90-minute monthly meetings.

Needs Assessment Presentation (Andrew Garcia)

Purpose:

- Establish shared expectations
- Identify strengths, innovations, and promising practices
- Improve evaluation and data collection processes

Proposed Components:

- Site visits
- Listening sessions
- Identifying grantees and program structures
- Understanding funding sources
- Data collection efforts

Next Steps:

- Confirm scope, methods, and timeline
- Communicate assessment purpose and structure to grantees

Member Feedback on Needs Assessment

- Lucero Noyola expressed strong support for the needs assessment, especially for funding transparency.
- Carol Biondi questioned whether the committee has capacity; expressed concern about lack of statewide accountability for how counties use funding.
- Matt Cervantes recommended collaboration with OYCR to strengthen data connections. Chair Dierkhising requested a future meeting with Matt regarding OYCR coordination.
- Jorja Leap noted organizations prioritize youth needs over evaluation; highlighted lack of sustainable data practices.
- Protima Pandey (OYCR) noted that the OYCR meeting with Matt would be added to the agenda and ensure it is public and shared information on AB-18 Human Services.

General Concerns Raised:

- Millions of dollars are distributed with insufficient outcome data.
- Community partners struggle to input data when dealing with trauma and crises.
- Nonprofits may receive funding without fulfilling evaluation requirements.
- Need to identify how the subcommittee can support and improve data tracking.

Additional Questions:

- Lucero Noyola asked about the frequency of grantee changes. Protima Pandey (OYCR) noted that this depends on OYCR budgeting; federal grantee updates have not yet been released
- Matt Cervantes recommended updating the current reference document, noting outdated information. Suggested adding: CalAIM, Medi-Cal updates, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, and the Youthful Offender Block Grant. He also noted that some programs receive significant funding but provide no data back.

Meeting Schedule Updates

Committee agreed to:

- Move to 90-minute meetings
- Meet on the third Wednesday of each month
- No December meeting
- Next meeting scheduled for January

Adjournment

Chair Dierkhising thanked all members for their participation. The meeting was adjourned.

Resources shared:

https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_juvenileprobationcampfunding_fy2526.html

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Justice-Involved-Initiative/Pages/home.aspx>

https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_fsoservices/