



**OYCR/SACJJDP: Community Investment and System Accountability
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Friday, February 20, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Zoom (virtual)

Chair Dierkhising called the meeting to order.

Present:

Carly Dierkhising (Chair), Andrew Garcia (Co-Chair), Krystal Lewis (OYCR), Carol Biondi, Michelle Guymon, Lucero Noyola, Anthony Ortiz Jr., Christian Lucchesi, Protima Pandey (OYCR), Darius Parakh (OYCR), Tara Layne Beaner, Galen Quenzer, Jorja Leap, Lazandra Dial, Matt Cervantes, Manny

**Presentation: OYCR's Focus on Juvenile Justice Commissions and Councils
Statewide (Darius Parakh)**

Purpose:

To clarify the statutory roles, structures, and oversight responsibilities of Juvenile Justice Commissions (JJC), Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions (JJDCs), and Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils (JJCCs), and to explore opportunities for collaboration with the CISA Subcommittee.

Topics Discussed:

- Distinction between JJC (court-appointed inspection and oversight bodies) and JJDCs (Board-appointed prevention coordination bodies).
- Role of JJCCs as multi-agency councils responsible for developing and approving plans for Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) and Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) funding.
- Statutory inspection authority of JJC pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code § 229.
- Variability across counties in structure, funding, staffing, and operational clarity.
- Differences between large counties (e.g., Los Angeles, San Francisco) and smaller/rural counties.

Member Input:

- Members noted ongoing confusion statewide regarding overlapping authority and reporting structures.
- Concerns were raised about evaluation, transparency, and fiscal accountability mechanisms.
- Rural counties may lack consistent access to technical assistance and structural support.

Funding & Compliance Discussion

Purpose:

To examine funding streams, compliance requirements, and accountability mechanisms related to youth justice funding.

Funding Streams Discussed:

- Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)
- Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG)
- Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG)

Key Discussion Points:

- Questions regarding the use of funds in facilities found non-compliant.
- Implementation timelines for corrective action plans (approximately 60–90 days).
- Confusion regarding fiscal reporting responsibilities between JJCCs and probation departments.
- Concerns about limited evaluation data and inconsistent expenditure reporting.
- Emphasis on the need for improved transparency and accountability across counties.

Needs Assessment for Title II Grantees (Andrew Garcia)

Purpose:

To refine the CISA Subcommittee's proposed needs assessment for current Title II grantees.

Proposed Sections:

1. Collaboration & Networking

- Existing relationships between grantees
- Awareness of other Title II grantees
- Willingness to collaborate
- Barriers or reservations to collaboration

- Preferred forms of networking or engagement

2. Data Use and Capacity

- How data informs day-to-day operations, reporting, and planning
- Integration of youth and family voice
- Measures of success and data infrastructure
- Variability in data capacity across organizations

Members acknowledged a wide spectrum of data capacity among grantees, with some organizations maintaining robust systems and others operating with minimal staff or infrastructure.

3. Engagement with Commissions

- Familiarity with JJC and JJRPCs
- Experience engaging with local commissions
- Desire for technical assistance
- Awareness of available state and local supports

Members discussed whether expectations regarding JJC relationships with community-based organizations should be reframed to align more closely with statutory roles.

Technical Assistance & Coordination

Update:

OYCR is finalizing a statewide needs assessment for Juvenile Justice Commissions and anticipates opportunities for collaboration with the CISA Subcommittee once findings are available.

Next Steps:

- Refine needs assessment language for clarity.
- Ensure clear differentiation of commission roles prior to distribution.
- Continue internal coordination regarding survey rollout and potential reporting timeline.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting:

Friday, March 20, 2026

Additional Links:

[Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and the Youthful Offender Block Grant Program - OYCR](#)

[County Plans - OYCR](#)

[Los Angeles - 2025 JJCPA-YOBG Expenditure and Data Report](#)

[H-2-Juvenile-Items-of-Noncompliance.pdf](#)

[Notice of Public Hearing – Corrective Action Plan – BSCC](#)

[Needs Assessment Outline](#)

[California Youth Justice Funding Summary](#)

[Center for Juvenile Law & Policy](#)

[Attachment-E-4-Proposal-Summaries.pdf](#)