



## STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes**  
February 23, 2026  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Physical Location:**  
925 L Street, Suite 1275  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Virtual Public Participant Link:**  
[Via Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 161 623 7296 | Password: 605558

### **Welcome and Roll Call (1:00 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.)**

**Facilitators:** RJ Chair, Kent Mendoza (Anti-Recidivism Coalition)

- I. Chair Kent Mendoza called the meeting to order and welcome participants at 1:06 pm. We have quorum.
- II. The State Advisory Committee on Restorative Justice (RJ) (SACJJDP) members were in attendance
  - Victoria Birch, Youth Advisory Board member with OYCR
  - Don Carney, Executive Director of Youth Transforming Justice
  - Jessica Ellis, Executive Director of Centinela Youth Services and Co-Chair of the RJ subcommittee
  - Rodrigo Jimenez, Associate Director with Youth Alliance
  - Kent Mendoza, Associate Director of Local Advocacy of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and RJ subcommittee chair
  - Efrain Morales, Program Manager of 3Strands Global Foundation
  - Greg Srolestar, Director of Research and Tech Assistance with Prosecutors Alliance
  - Javier Stauring, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Healing Dialogue in Action
  - Sheri Wiedenhoefer, Executive Director of the Community Justice Center
- III. The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) RJ members not in attendance
  - Stephanie Autumn, Director with the Tribal Youth Resource Center
  - Jerdine Clarke, Clinical Director of the Restorative Justice for Oakland (RJOY)
  - George Galvis, Executive Director of the Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ)
  - Julie Hilt, Founder of the Alternative Restorative Communities (ARC)

- Kasey Halcon, Deputy County Executive of Santa Clara County
- Allannah Tomich, Executive Director with Yolo Conflict Resolution Center

#### IV. **The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)**

- Protima Pandey, Chief Legal Counsel
- Krystal Lewis, Federal Title II Program Manager
- Cecilia Arredondo Simmons, County Liaison with System Change and Equity

#### **Approve minutes (1:10 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.)**

**Facilitator:** Kent Mendoza

- I. Approve [minutes](#)
  - Javier Stauring filed a motion to approve minutes. Victoria Birch second the motion. All subcommittee members approved of the notes.
  - Minutes approved by subcommittee.

#### **Meeting Cadence (1:15 P.M.- 1:20 P.M.)**

**Facilitator:** Kent Mendoza

- I. Subcommittee will meet every month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1:00 pm - 2:30pm

#### **Current three-year SACJ review (1.20 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.)**

**Facilitator:** Jessica Ellia

- I. [CA-2024-Title-II-FFY24-26-RED-Plan.pdf](#)
- II. General presentation on the RED report. The subcommittee can advise statewide committee on federal Title II spending and on the California Racial and Ethnic Disparities Plan (2024–2026).
- III. California received the 2024 Title II award; no funds were released in 2025, producing a \$4 million shortfall; 2026 solicitation is expected in June 2026 and funding remains paused.
- IV. OYCR cannot release Title II RFPs or pay grantees without federal funds, causing some current grantees to pause work due to unpaid invoices.
- V. OYCR is connecting organizations to alternative funding and capacity-building via justice-serving networks and sources such as CalAIM.
- VI. Local partners (foundation, City of Gilroy) secured alternative funds enabling Youth Alliance to continue serving **10** youth and sustain a diversion program with reported positive outcomes; partners are considering local contributions.
- VII. The RED plan does not include restorative justice (RJ) requirements. Data can help support equitable use of RJ. Burns Institute (BI) might have data about RJ.
- VIII. Opportunities should be identified to operationalize restorative approaches and to align them with racial and ethnic disparities (RED) priorities that rely on data and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for transparency and equitable access.
- IX. A WestEd contract was authorized for \$300,000 to produce RED data but delivered only a dashboard without compiled underlying data. Only \$70,000 of the contract was drawn; remaining funds are unspent and held in limbo under Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and are not currently available to OICR due to federal administrative issues.
- X. Report used 2023 OJJDP RED data; 2024 data have been released and should be incorporated; some AB 102 data was also included.

- XI. Focus on intersection of restorative justice (RJ) and racial/ethnic disparities at decision points: arrest, diversion, detention, and adult-transfer.
- XII. Proposed key metric: compare recidivism by race for youth in standard processing versus community-based RJ diversion to assess equitable outcomes and whether earlier RJ reduces adult transfers.
- XIII. Identified data gaps: insufficient community/geographic breakdown; racial/ethnic disparities not integrated into quarterly reporting; and need routine feedback. What communities are most impacted? Data disaggregated by county or zip code? Direct funding toward regions with highest needs/disparities?
- XIV. Policy/operations notes: AB 60 requires notification to harm parties of RJ opportunities.
- XV. OYCR and Title II staff (contact Krystal or Cecilia) can provide technical assistance and can plan to integrate disparity metrics into quarterly tracking.
- XVI. [https://oycr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/346/2025/06/OYCR-Report\\_Part\\_1-3\\_Accessible\\_6\\_16\\_25.pdf](https://oycr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/346/2025/06/OYCR-Report_Part_1-3_Accessible_6_16_25.pdf)
- XVII. Future questions that can be asked in the RED report: What data point do you collect in your program that tells you if your RJ work is being implemented with equity and getting equitable outcomes?
- XVIII. Data points regarding equity
  - Rodrigo Tomich: Track successful program completion rates with Youth Alliance. Measure 1-year recidivism after program completion. Conduct youth check-ins at 12 months. Track reoffending outcomes.
  - Sheri: Strong interest in tracking 1 year recidivisms.
  - Jessica: Track quarterly reoffending rates. Monitor successful program placement and employment retention. Long-term school-based relationships increase diversion completion. Early mentoring targeted youth with emotional regulation challenges. Monetary/job incentives tied to programming participation and completion. Entry self-assessment at intake. Reassess every 90 days.
    - i. Track: Employment placement, Employment retention, Program retention and Reoffending
  - Greg: When working with prosecutors, compare Restorative Justice (RJ) offers vs. uptake. Disaggregate data by race and ethnicity. Examine equity gaps in who is offered and who accepts diversion.
  - Don: Measure strength/consistency of student relationships at school. Diversion “hook”: Eligibility to work with partner organizations. Track referrals to Diversion to Direction programs. Small group emotional regulation programming (trauma-informed).
  - Efrain: Measure across 72 domains. 90-day matrix tracking: Income, Retention, Stability indicators. Quarterly reporting cycles. They track: Employment placement, program engagement, retention and reoffending rates.
  - Systems and tools
    - i. Assessments and placements as tools for identifying service gaps.
    - ii. Electronic Health Record (EHR) system integration:
      1. Centralized tracking
      2. Cross-agency data coordination
      3. Longitudinal case monitoring

- Additional Tools to Consider
  - i. Risk/Needs Assessment tools
  - ii. Protective Factors Index
  - iii. Youth Strengths Assessment
  - iv. Trauma symptom screening tools
  - v. School engagement metrics
  - vi. Attendance tracking
  - vii. Incentive impact tracking
  - viii. Equity dashboards with disaggregated data views

**Federal Title II Solicitation for new three-year plan (1:50 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.)**

**Facilitator:** Jessica Ellis

- I. [2024-2026-CA-Title-II-State-Plan.pdf](#)
- II. RJ should be elevated in the plan. What organizations should be recommended doing RJ work.
- III. Will discuss this in the next meeting

**Public Comment (2:15 P.M. – 2:25 P.M.)**

**Facilitator:** Kent Mendoza

- I. No public comment
- II. Committee members asked the following questions:
  - a. What else can we look at that bring resources and support to the victims?
  - b. Bringing issues to the agenda-needs of victims and survivors.
  - c. Victim and people who harm come from the same community.
  - d. Victim offender dialogue needs-organizations are worried to work with the victims/survivors

**Closing (2:25 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.)**

**Facilitator:** Kent Mendoza

- I. No comment

Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. **Upcoming Subcommittee Meeting Dates:**

- 4/27/26 1-2:30pm
- 5/25/26 1-2:30pm
- 6/22/26 1-2:30pm

The order in which agenda items are considered may be subject to change. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the Committee, the Chair may establish specific time limits on comments.

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