



STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON YOUTH JUSTICE: RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2026

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Physical Location:

925 L Street, Suite 1275
Sacramento, CA 95814

Virtual Public Participant Link:

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 161 763 3931

Welcome and Roll Call (10:30 A.M.-10:35 A.M.)

Facilitators: Chair Judge Back

- I. Chair Back called the meeting to order at 10:35 am and introduced new subcommittee members Vamsey Palagummi and Ronaldo Villeda.
- II. The State Advisory Committee on Youth Justice (SAG YJ) RE/D members were in attendance
 - Christina Peoples, Founder and Executive Director of the Amelia Ann Adams Whole Life Center (AAWLC) and co-chair **here**
 - Dr. B.J. Davis, SACJJDP member and Executive Director of the Sacramento Recovery House **not here**
 - The Honorable Brian Back, Retired Judge for Ventura County and chair **here**
 - Laura Ridolfi, Racial Justice Well-Being Strategist at the Burns Institute **here**
 - Mikaela Galvis-Venegas, Youth Advisory Board member **not here**
 - Sandra McBrayer, CEO of the Children's Initiative **here**
 - Sergio Coronel, Founder of the Youngsters for Change and Gang Consultant **here**
 - Victoria Birch, Youth Advisory Board member **here**
 - William Feather, Ukiah Unified School District Social Worker and a member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes **here**
 - Keven Flores, Youth Advisory Board members **not here**
 - Vamsi Palagummi (new member), Managing Director with Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ) **here**

- Ronaldo Villeda (new member), Founder of Hoops4Justice and serves the California Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board **here**
- III. The State Advisory Committee on Youth Justice (SAG YJ) RE/D members not in attendance
- IV. The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)
 - Krystal Lewis, Federal Grants Manager, Title II
 - Protima Pandey, Chief Counsel

Approve minutes (10:35 A.M.-10:40 A.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. [4-6-2026](#) Minutes
- II. Victoria Birch and Christina Peoples motioned to approve minutes. All were in favor of approving the notes. Minutes approved.

Title II RED Plan (10:40 A.M.-11:00 A.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. The draft charter was introduced for the RED subcommittee and explained why we have a charter.
- II. [34 USC 11133: State plans](#)
- III. OYCR as DSA for Title II now.
- IV. What can we do to ensure that the Title II State Advisory Committee includes RE/D as a part of the grant applicant reviews.
- V. Judge Back explained in this work has four levels, Federal, state, SAG, and RED subcommittee.
- VI. Draft charter was shared and the process clarified about the charter – which should be reviewed and approved and discuss the updates on the charter.
- VII. Laura Ridolfi – comments on the draft charter – some of what we are hoping we can do as a subcommittee is to say a few things in bold terms – this charter is the opportunity to do that.
- VIII. We should name structural racism that is driving inequities, not just inequities.
- IX. Also adding data and naming lack of data transparency – data invisibility and lack of data transparency as an element that adds to the structural racism.
- X. For Native American youth that are hidden – the data invisibility piece does not allow us to dig into how to highlight the problem with structural racism and absence of data is not helpful at all.
- XI. William Feather – Talked about the statewide Native American youth summit in Humboldt County on Tuesday, June 17. Talked about the funding from OYCR to CA Tribal Families Coalition and the work they do with the Indian county in CA that has 108 Federally recognized tribes – and there is data with the CFTC that can be used as part of the absence of data for Native American youth. We could co-opt that data to use for Native American youth and their involvement in youth justice.
- XII. August 4, 2026, is the next RED subcommittee.

Research & Data Presentation (11:00 A.M.-11:40 A.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back and Krystle Englehart from OYCR Research & Data Division (*see also talking points below*)

- I. There are four comments that Laura Ridolfi made about the presentation:
 - Federal level data collection – we are talking about data collected for state grants, JJCPA, YOBG, JJRBG, but there are federal data collected that states have to report to OJJDP – data on state level relative rate index data.
 - Statute requires the OYCR define what the categories to collect data look like – we do not want to limit collecting just Title 15 and non-Title 15 data.
 - RE/D committee collaborating with Policy and Legislative group on collecting data points that could be more granular on decision-making points regarding the DEJ analysis.
 - Dashboard question about why we can't collect the data.

Title II timeframe (11:40 A.M.-11:50 A.M.)

Facilitator: Protima Pandey

- I. OYCR applied for FY25 grant end of May '26, it was released for less than 4 weeks. They have not heard anything about the timeline for release of the grant dollars, that at the CJJ conference there were no OJJDP staff so there is no update on the Title II grant for FY-26. However, OYCR will continue to hope that the '26 solicitation will be released on the same timeline as past solicitations were released, which is between July and August.

Public Comment (11:50 A.M.-11:55 A.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. Moana Kofutua – from CAYCJ staff and attending the meeting as a member of the public – part of the alternatives to incarceration workgroup member

Closing (11:55 A.M.-12:00 P.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. Meeting adjourned at 11:57am

SACJJDP R/E/D Committee

Talking Points on Research and Data 06/09/26 presentation

DOJ DATA

- To recap from the data already presented in April Average RRI values over the 2015–2024 period highlight persistent disparities in Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) access by race. Black youth receive DEJ at approximately one-quarter the rate of White youth, on average, indicating substantial disparity. Hispanic youth receive DEJ at roughly three-fifths the rate of White youth. Asian/Pacific Islander youth are closest to achieving parity, while youth categorized as “Other” approach parity but do not consistently exceed it. Overall, no group exceeds parity on average, indicating that disparities are driven by reduced access for certain groups rather than overrepresentation among others.
- OYCR is working on submitting the request for the county level data from DOJ to further investigate disparities at the county level, each researcher who will work with the data has a packet of documents we are required to fill out, sign, and submit. The data access packets have been submitted to OYCR leadership, once signed, I will submit the packets to DOJ.

OYCR Data

- **AB 102 (FY 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24) AB 169 FY 24/25 (through 20230)**
 - Most of the same data points:
 - Number of youth committed to SYTF, Number of youth adjudicated of a 707(b) offense, 290.008 offense, Number of youth stepped down from SYTF to LRP, Number of youth who have had a transfer hearing held, number of youth transferred to adult court.
 - Thanks to AB 169 OYCR now collects LRP type, defined in two ways, being regulated by title 15 and not being regulated by title 15.
 - Report to be published later this summer
- **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG):** The division produced its first summary of county efforts around programming to address youth needs, diversion and reentry, including snapshot profiles from seven counties. A full statewide analysis of youth justice trends was published earlier this year and will continue to be reported annually.
- **Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG):** Is in its fourth year, counties continue to strengthen infrastructure, expand services, and deepen partnerships, while preparing to meet new planning and evaluation expectations introduced under AB 118. Revised templates submitted by counties for the first time this year, report outcomes regarding planned expenditures that were reported in the prior year as well as on types of LRPs (both Title 15 regulated and non-Title15). D&R will compile the findings into an annual report slated for publication by the end of this year.
- **Juvenile Reentry Grant:** Data collected and submitted to the Department of Finance enabled targeted fund allocations supporting county probation departments in assisting

youth through reentry, ensuring that resources go where they are needed most. We continue to collect that data yearly.

- Beyond formal projects, D&R continues to participate in inter-agency collaboration to align data collection and promote responsible data sharing. The Division maintains ongoing partnerships with the California Department of Justice, Department of Education, and Health and Human Services Agency to improve cross-system data integration for justice-involved youth.

NEXT STEPS

OYCR Data main goals for 2026 are as follows:

1. Expanding the Juvenile Justice Realignment Data Dashboard – The target Release is **June/July** **The dashboard is complete, we are working through some IT issues:**
 - a. The current JJ Data Dashboard on the OYCR website, provides interactive visualizations that allow users to explore key decision points (such as 707(b) adjudications and Secure Youth Treatment Facility commitments) by county, race/ethnicity, and gender. This Dashboard currently contains the FY 2021-22 AB 102 data but will be expanded to include data from FY 2022-23 through FY 2024-25.
2. Developing a Juvenile Justice Landscape – Target Release **July/August 2026:**
 - a. This dashboard will bring together over 40 datasets across California, national JJ systems, and social-environmental data sources. This data will:
 - i. Support statewide transparency efforts for AB 102, AB 169, JJCPA/YOBG, JJRBG, and other datasets.
 - ii. Align California JJ data systems with national data sources for benchmarking and reporting. The data will be organized into three major domains:
 1. OYCR/California JJ datasets
 2. National juvenile justice datasets
 3. Social, economic, environmental determinants datasets
3. OYCR will also publish a statewide analysis of JJCPA-YOBG implementation that examines how counties spent their allocated funds alongside other supporting investments, and how those spending decisions align with the strategies outlined in their May 1 plans. The report will analyze youth justice trends at both the state and county levels, comparing them to local spending patterns and programmatic approaches. It will also categorize common practices, assess consistency between planned and actual investments, and highlight strategies that reflect equity, collaboration, and community-centered values. A public directory of funded programs by county will accompany the report.

Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

4/6/2026 at 9:00am-10:30am

6/9/2026 at 10:30 am-12:00pm

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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