



**State Advisory Group on Youth Justice (SAGYJ)
Community Investment & System Accountability (CISA) Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 21, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Attendees present:

Carly Dierkhising (Chair), Andrew Garcia (Co-Chair), Krystal Lewis (OYCR), Anthony Ortiz, Jr., Kristine Chan, Christian Lucchesi (OYCR), Maria León, Matt Cervantes, Jonathan Robertson (OYCR), Lazandra Dial, Carol Biondi, Valerie Salazar (OYCR), Michael Duncan, Lucero Noyola, Protima Pandey (OYCR)

Approval of Minutes

The July 17, 2026 meeting minutes were not approved because they had not been distributed in advance. Approval was postponed until the next meeting.

Welcome New Members

Kristine Chan was introduced as a new member. The following Child Trends resource was shared as part of the introduction:

[Transforming Juvenile Justice Through Strategic Financing](#) (direct PDF)

Maria León also formally joined the Subcommittee.

Needs Assessment Report and Recommendations

The Subcommittee reviewed the [CISA Needs Assessment Report](#) and its recommendations.

Carol recommended strengthening the report's language regarding expectations for grantee cooperation with the needs assessment process through the RFP or NOFO. No other major revisions were requested.

The Subcommittee voted to approve sending the report and recommendations to the SAGYJ with the requested edits incorporated.

Title II Funding Update

Members were informed that there were no new Title II grantees at that time because of an ongoing legal dispute involving federal Title II funding. Krystal was unable to discuss the details, and the issue was expected to be discussed further at the SAGYJ meeting. Members expressed disappointment that there were no incoming grantees with whom to implement the

recommendations after the work invested in the needs assessment.

Member Contact Information

Members reviewed and updated their contact information. The updated member list would be added to the needs assessment report before it was sent to the SAGYJ.

Meeting Schedule

The Subcommittee agreed to the following schedule:

Regular meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The October meeting will be held on October 14 because of a conflicting [OYCR event](#).

The September meeting will be skipped because the first Wednesday falls too soon after the August meeting.

The Subcommittee will meet in December, although a December meeting had not previously been planned.

The schedule would allow Carly to report on the Subcommittee's progress and present the needs assessment report to the SAGYJ in September.

Continued System Accountability Discussion

The Subcommittee discussed the Ending Girls' Incarceration initiative and considered potential opportunities to support related efforts. Chair Dierkhising described what has been happening in Los Angeles related to the EGI work and to girls more generally. The group was interested in finding ways to support the efforts but was unsure of how to do that. Matt Cervantes provided some background on the initiative as well. The group was interested in asking the CBO contracted with the EGI work in LA to present at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Topics

Members proposed inviting the Young Women's Freedom Center to a future meeting to discuss its Ending Girls' Incarceration work in Los Angeles.

Action Items and Next Steps

Responsible party	Action item
Carly Dierkhising	Revise the needs assessment report to strengthen the language regarding grantee cooperation in the RFP or NOFO before submitting it to the SAGYJ.
To be determined	Contact the Young Women's Freedom Center about a possible presentation or discussion at a future meeting.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.