

[DRAFT] MINUTES: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Tuesday, July 15, 2025; 3:00-4:30; 575 Administration Dr. #117, Large Training Room
Santa Rosa, CA; Virtual participation for public only. Video and chat features may be disabled for virtual participants.

1. Welcome and introductory roll call-Brad Michnevich

- a. Opening remarks and welcome
 - i. This meeting is being recorded.
- b. Roll call – there is a quorum present, and the meeting can commence.
 - i. Present:
 - 1. Probation-Brad Michnevich, Chair
 - 2. Public Defender-Scott Fishman (proxy)
 - 3. District Attorney-Anne Masterson
 - 4. Restorative Resources-Veronica Cruz
 - 5. County Administrator's Office (BOS rep)-Andrew McLaughlin
 - 6. CAP Sonoma County-Analy Guido
 - 7. City of Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Program-Miles Burgin (proxy)
 - 8. Seneca Family of Agencies-Ariana Ibarra
 - 9. Department of Health Services BHD-Esin Zamora (proxy)
 - 10. Juvenile Court-Hon. Robert LaForge
 - 11. SC Sheriff's Dept-Lt. Anthony Diehm
 - 12. Local law enforcement agency-Chief Matt Jenkins
 - 13. Circuit Rider-Rob Izzo
 - 14. HSD-FYC-Rachel Carr (proxy)
 - 15. Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)-Angela Scardina
 - 16. Child-Parent Institute-Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea
 - ii. Absent:
 - 1. Sonoma Valley Family Youth and Family Services-Silvia Soto
 - 2. Drug Abuse Alternatives Center-Alofa Tiapepe
 - 3. At-Large Rep-Katherine Gallagher
 - iii. Members of the public:
 - 1. Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS)-Miranda March
 - 2. CARS-Kristi Silva
 - 3. CARS-Tracy Levins
 - 4. VOICES-Greyson Gunheim
 - 5. Probation-Kilee Willson
 - 6. Probation-Rob Halverson
 - 7. Probation-Haunani Pakaki

8. Probation-Theresa Brownlee
9. Probation-Marcella Chandler
10. Citizen-Dwayne DeWitt

- c. Opening remarks and welcome-the meeting is being recorded.
- d. Roll call – Haunani Pakaki
- e. Current vacancy on the Council
 - i. There is one vacancy for a CBO
 - ii. It was suggested that we review current CBOs and look for potential gaps
- f. Early public comment – Dwayne DeWitt representing local veterans his graffiti removal project primarily located in Roseland.
- g. General updates since the last meeting
 - i. Budget updates – Chief Fuchs
 1. A report out was given on how [Assembly Bill 118](#) (FY 25-26) has made changes to how the Office of Community and Youth Restoration calculates funding and receives reporting from the counties.

2. [Action: Approval of Minutes from April 24; 3:00-4:30 meeting-Brad Michnevich and Haunani Pakaki](#)

- a. Draft Minutes from the previous meeting were sent before this meeting for review, for there are changes please let us know.
 - i. An edit was discussed and approved, to be made in the draft for posting.
- b. Motion to approve amended Minutes from April 24, 2025, meeting: Anne Masterson; Second: Rob Izzo.
- c. Vote by a show of hands:
 - i. Yeas: 15
 - ii. Nays: 0
 - iii. Abstentions: 4
- d. Minutes from April 24, 2025, meeting are approved.

3. [Update: Juvenile Justice System Continuum Assessment-Rob Halverson and Haunani Pakaki](#)

- a. First Planning Subcommittee with JJCC Members and Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS) occurred on June 25, 2025.
- b. Kristi Silva from CARS presented a handout with discussion points from the June 25 meeting. Entitled “Informal Assessment of Youth and Family Engagement,” the handout that was posted online and emailed to presenters by Theresa Brownlee during the meeting.

4. [Update: Less Restrictive Programs \(LRP\) Evaluation-Rob Halverson and Haunani Pakaki](#)

- a. RDA Consultants held Youth Evaluation Committee interviews with a small group of Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTF) youths to review proposed Focus Group questions for the upcoming Site visit.
- b. The Evaluation Plan various Focus Group protocols are nearly ready for the PIE Team to review.
- c. Final planning for the trip in August is near completion.

5. Discussion: Partner Roundtable

- a. Please be prepared to speak for 3-5 minutes on your group's mission, programming offered, and current successes and challenges.
 - i. Circuit Riders (Rob Izzo) – Evening Reporting Center that engages youth in a # of ways
 - 1. Vista Academy-conducts afterschool pickup. Provides snacks, exercise, relaxation/breathing techniques, a healthy meal, and school support to youths in the program.
 - 2. Aggression Replacement Therapy – Circuit Rider hopes to do 8-10 per groups per year
 - 3. Outdoor mentorship with youth families – 10 youth with their families will go on an outdoor trip, facilitated by Circuit Rider management and staff.
 - 4. Mental Health – looking to incorporate mental health services in the programming.
 - ii. Behavioral Health Division (Esin Zamora)
 - 1. 14 clinicians in unit-includes 3 stationed at Juvenile Hall
 - 2. Provide therapeutic services, psychiatric help, discharge readiness, support for Court assessments
 - 3. 3 clinicians at Valley of the Moon
 - 4. Do all assessments for youth going through CPS, includes AB 12
 - iii. Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Program (Miles Burgin)
 - 1. For youths ages 12-24
 - 2. Guiding People Successfully – gets referrals from justice partners, assesses the youth's needs, and refers youth out to services they City partners with
 - 3. Funded by Measure O
 - 4. There are 8 partners funded through CHOICE Grant
 - 5. Credible messengers provide campus support
 - 6. New Hope for Youths-case management
 - 7. Prevention
 - a. Youth empowerment to get youth before gang involved
 - b. Clean Slate tattoo removal
 - c. Pilot for culinary arts
 - iv. Sheriff's Office (Anthony Diehm)
 - 1. Explorer's Program – youth can learn about careers in law enforcement

2. Youth Academy – summer program for youths interested in a law enforcement career path
3. Internships – typically for youths in the later teen years, usually post high-school and they get paid to do internship
4. Youth Sports League-still in the planning phases
- v. Seneca Family of Services (Ariana Ibarra)
 1. Diversion/prevention – Keeping Kids in School
 2. Wraparound services/Intensive Diversion Services
 3. Trauma counseling
 4. Outpatient services
 5. Newly awarded grant-Dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) – getting certified
 6. Peer and partner training
 7. High Fidelity Wraparound provider
- vi. District Attorney (Anne Masterson)
 1. Focus on victims' rights
 2. KKIS support – address truancy issues youths are having is a major way to keep youth out of crime; healthy attendance is correlated with positive outcomes for youths
- vii. VOICES (Greyson Gunheim)
 1. Parent company is On the Move
 2. Provide housing and services/support for youth with homelessness, drug, foster youth, LGBTQI+ KIDS
 3. MyLife meetings support youth in their goals, include their networks of support
- viii. Public Defender (Scott Fishman)
 1. Assigned youth cases to advocate on behalf of youths with charges against them
 2. Juvenile is different from Adult in that it is seen as more collaborative
 3. By right of helping youths, they are seen as mentors
- ix. Judge R. LaForge
 1. As the Presiding Juvenile Judge his whole focus is youth service.
- x. Restorative Resources (Veronica Cruz)
 1. Diversion services
 - a. Conferences when there is a low impact crime where a restorative action plan is made
 - i. Action planning for youth to help them understand the result of their harm
 - b. Accountability Circles-discussing crimes in a group format
 2. Restorative training – for communities, employers
- xi. Child Parent Institute (Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea)
 1. Services to help end child abuse, drug abuse, and provide support to prenatal support
 2. For school age youth, there is the New Direction school
 3. Absorbed SOS Services programming

4. Onsite classes for families
5. Online classes for families-year round
6. Community resilience center-includes a cooling center, infrastructure for youth
7. Diaper Project-no requirements for entry to services
8. CPI has a food pantry
9. Parent-Mentor program
- xii. County Administrator's Office (Andrew McLaughlin)
 1. Works with Board of Supervisors to review and approve the County's budget
- xiii. Chief Fuchs added that she is very proud there are so many services available in the County and that the relationship is so solid
- xiv. Healdsburg Police (Matt Jenkins)
 1. Interact with the public
- xv. SonomaCAN-formerly CAPSonoma (Analy Guido)
 1. Via Esperanza provides year-round programs that prepare young children to succeed in school.
 2. Fuerza Parent-Youth support-Padres Unidos
 - a. Teach the parent how to set rules, discipline
 - b. Youth group for kids ages 12-17
 3. El Puente (LifeWorks)-mental health services and education to support healthy, positive outcomes
 4. Individual parental counseling
 5. Saturday school-education support
- xvi. Family Youth Children's Division of Human Services (Rachel Carr)
 1. Intake center for calls that can lead into the CPS process
 2. Will file petitions against parents
 3. Removals can occur
 4. Family reunification services /Foster Care adoption
 5. Redwood Youth Center
- xvii. Sonoma County Office of Education (Angela Scardina)
 1. SCOE runs the alternative education in the County
 - a. Includes: Amoroso, Headwaters, Juvenile Hall school
 2. Created the book of poetry developed by SCOE showing youth poetry
 3. Opportunity Fair in Rec Yard of the Juvenile Hall
 4. Reading teacher to help support English comprehension, etc.
 5. Youth educational transition support staff added
 6. Truancy court-new role for Scardina
 7. KKIS expanding from 1 to 4 days per week
- xviii. Juvenile Hall (Kilee Willson)
 1. Youth come in from a law enforcement referral, an intake is performed with an assessment, then the youth is put into programming/schooling
 2. Juvenile Hall provides school in partnership with SCOE, programming, greenhouse, music, ART, B & G Club

- 3. De-escalation, art space
- xix. Juvenile Services (Brad Michnevich)
 - 1. Supervision of youth in the community, whether diversion or reentry
 - 2. Continuum of Care Reform taught us that Child-Team meetings are vital to help youth remain on their Plan; the Child-Family Team looks at the whole family and are designed for use with the Individual Rehabilitation Plans (IRPs) that are done every six months

6. Question: Are there any amendments to the Bylaws?-Brad Michnevich

- a. Access the JJCC Bylaws [here](#)

7. Public Comment: Three minutes per speaker-Brad Michnevich

8. Questions, wrap-up, and Next Steps-Brad Michnevich

- a. Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at the 370 Administration Drive from 3:00-4:30.

Public Comment Procedures:

Public comment is a time when any member of the public may address the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). You may email public comment to SCPD-JJCC@sonoma-county.org no later than five days prior to the JJCC meetings. All emailed public comments will be forwarded to all Council Members.

If joining as a member of the public in person, virtually, or via telephone, there will be specific points throughout the meeting assigned to public comment. Please state your name and limit your comments to the agenda or matters not listed on the agenda, but which are subject matter of the jurisdiction. Available time for comments is determined by the Chair based on agenda scheduling demands and total number of speakers. Generally, speakers will be limited to three minutes. The Chair will announce when it is your turn to speak.

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