

Juvenile Justice Workgroup

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Agenda

Time	Topic:
1:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions
1:10 PM	Update on Juvenile Justice Compendium and Toolkit
1:20 PM	Q&A with Councilmember Advisors Public Discussion
1:30 PM	Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)
2:30 PM	Q&A with Councilmember Advisors Public Discussion
2:50 PM	Announcements/Next Steps
3:00 PM	Adjourn



Compendium and Toolkit Update

- **CCJBH's Juvenile Justice Compendium and Toolkit RFP was initially posted on October 14, 2021, and closed on November 18, 2021. No bids were received during the first procurement due to insufficient time to complete the application.**
- **The RFP was reposted on December 9, 2021, for a second round of bidding and closed on February 4, 2022.**
- **CCJBH will now work to review and score the submitted bids.**
- **CCJBH and OYCR will work closely with the selected contractor throughout the duration of the contract.**



Office of Youth & Community Restoration (OYCR) Updates

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Katherine Lucero, OYCR Director
- Alisa Hartz, OYCR Counsel

OYCR Background

- Created by SB 823
- “It is the intent of the Legislature and the administration for counties to use evidence-based and promising practices and programs that improve the outcomes of youth and public safety, reduce the transfer of youth into the adult criminal justice system, ensure that dispositions are in the least restrictive appropriate environment, reduce and then eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, and reduce the use of confinement in the juvenile justice system by utilizing community-based responses and interventions.” (SB 823, Section 1)

OYCR MISSION AND MANDATES

OYCR Mission

“[T]o promote trauma responsive, culturally informed services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths’ successful transition into adulthood and help them become responsible, thriving, and engaged members of their communities.” (WIC 2200(b))

OYCR Mandates: Best Practices

- “Identify policy recommendations for improved outcomes and integrated programs and services to best support delinquent youth.” (WIC 2200(c)(2))
- Identify and disseminate best practices to help inform rehabilitative and restorative youth practices, including education, diversion, re-entry, religious and victims’ services. (WIC 2200(c)(2))

OYCR Mandates: County Support

- Technical Assistance
 - “Provide technical assistance as requested to develop and expand local youth diversion opportunities to meet the varied needs of the delinquent youth population, including but not limited to sex offender, substance abuse, and mental health treatment.” (WIC 2200(c)(4))

OYCR Mandates: Data, Research, Reporting

- “[D]evelop a report on youth outcomes in the juvenile justice system” based on updated JCPSS System (WIC 2200(c)(1))
- “[E]valuate the efficacy of local programs being utilized for realigned youth” and provide a report to the Governor and Legislature by July 1, 2025.” (WIC 2200(e))

OYCR Mandates: Ombudsman Unit

- The ombudsman shall:
- “(1) Investigate complaints from youth, families, staff, and others about harmful conditions or practices, violations of laws and regulations governing facilities, and circumstances presenting an emergency situation.
- (2) Decide, in its discretion, whether to investigate a complaint, or refer complaints to another body for investigation.
- (3) Resolve complaints when possible, collaborating with facility administrators and staff to develop resolutions that may include training.
- (4) Publish and provide regular reports to the Legislature about complaints received and subsequent findings and actions taken.” (WIC 2200(c)(5))

OYCR Mandates: Concurrence with BSCC on grants

- “Juvenile grants shall not be awarded by the Board of State and Community Corrections without the concurrence of the office.”
- “All juvenile justice grant administration functions in the Board of State and Community Corrections shall be moved to the office no later than January 1, 2025.” (WIC 2200(f))

OYCR Mandates: Concurrence with BSCC on Facility Standard Regulations

- “The Board of State and Community Corrections shall by July 1, 2023, review existing juvenile facility standards and modify or add standards for the establishment, design, security, programming and education, and staffing of any facility that is utilized or accessed by the court as a secure youth treatment facility under the provisions of this section.”
- “The standards shall be developed by the board with the **coordination and concurrence** of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration established by Section 2200.” (WIC 875(g)(3))

OYCR Mandates: County Realignment Plans

- To be eligible for the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant, a county must develop a plan that includes, among other elements:
 - Demographics
 - Programs relating to mental health, sex offender treatment, trauma needs, family engagement, healthy adolescent development, reentry, culturally responsive programs, etc. (WIC 1995(c))
 - Description of how the plan will keep youth in the juvenile system. (WIC 1995(c)(5))
 - Description of data collection and outcome measures

OYCR Mandates: Review of County Plans

- “The Office of Youth and Community Restoration shall review the plan to ensure that the plan contains the all elements described in this section and may return the plan to the county for revision as necessary prior to final acceptance of the plan.” (WIC 1995(f))

Plan review process

All county plans were timely submitted.

Review process to:

- Ensure faithful compliance with statutory requirements
- Identify priority areas for technical assistance and support with best practices, training, grant programs, and/or other state support to counties
- Build relationships to facilitate the exchange of information & reliance on the OYCR as an expert in the field

OYCR STAFFING

OYCR Staffing

- Vision of team
- Approach to staffing
- Current staff
 - Director
 - Counsel
 - Agency support

OYCR Staffing: Posted Positions

- Prioritizing office operations and county liaisons
 - Deputy Director
 - Assistant to Director
 - County Coordination Unit positions

OYCR COLLABORATIONS

PARTICIPATION IN CROSS-AGENCY INITIATIVES

- Judicial Council Secure Youth Track Facility (SYTF) Offense-Based Classification Working Group (SB 92; WIC § 875)
- Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS) Replacement System Working Group (SB 823; Penal Code §13013)
- Child Welfare Council – OYCR Subcommittee
- Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII)
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)

ENGAGEMENT WITH STATE PARTNERS

- Juvenile Court Judges of California (JCJC)
- Board of State & Community Corrections (BSCC)
- Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Council on Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health (CCJBH)

ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

- Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC)
- District Attorneys
- Public Defenders
- Victim Services
- Advocates, e.g.,
 - Human Rights Watch
 - Children's Defense Fund
 - California Alliance – Youth & Community Justice
 - Youth Law Center

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Thank you!

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****Q&A with Councilmember Advisors****

****Public Comment****



Upcoming Events

[Diversion/Reentry Workgroup](#)

Friday, March 4, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

[Housing Recommendations Implementation Webinar 3: Common Practices for Connecting to and Using Housing as a Strategy for Diversion & Reentry](#)

Thursday, February 24, 2022, 12:00 - 1:30 PM

[CCJBH Full Council Meeting](#)

Friday, April 29, 2022, 2:00 - 4:30 PM

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