



**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting
DJJ Realignment Subcommittee Meeting
March 4, 2025, 3:30pm-5:00pm**

**Hosted by the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
375 Woodside Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127
Main Conference Room**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome – Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:36 pm.
- b. Members Present:
 - i. Chief Katherine Miller, Juvenile Probation Department
 - ii. Monika Loya, Bar Association of SF (BASF)
 - iii. Will Roy, Community Member Appointee
 - iv. Liz Jackson-Simpson, Community Member Appointee
 - v. Mona Tahsini, Department of Public Health
 - vi. Julia Cervantes, District Attorney's Office
 - vii. Jessica Mateu-Newsome, Human Services Agency
 - viii. La'Dajah Mark, Juvenile Advisory Council
 - ix. Ron Stueckle, Juvenile Justice Providers Association
 - x. Patricia Lee, Public Defender's Office
 - xi. Rachel Noto, SFUSD & County Office of Education
 - xii. Judge Richard C. Darwin (for Judge Roger C. Chan), Unified Family Court, Managing Superior Court
- c. Chief Miller acknowledges the attendance of Darius Parakh, OYCR Bay Area Liaison.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

- a. No public comment.

3. Review and Approval of the 10/8/24 & 12/10/24 DJJ Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Julia Cervantes; Second by Will Roy

Vote- YES: Chief Miller, Will Roy, Mona Tahsini, Julia Cervantes, Jessica Mateu-Newsome, La'Dajah Mark, Ron Stueckle, Patricia Lee, Rachel Noto, Judge Richard C. Darwin.

Motion passed.

(Ms. Liz Jackson-Simpson and Ms. Monika Loya were present at the meeting but not present during this motion.)

4. DJJ Realignment Subcommittee Updates – See attached Presentation.

Presented by Emily Fox:

- a. **Timeline of Accomplishments** - The DJJ Realignment Subcommittee's work started four years ago with an in-depth gap analysis to determine areas of strength and challenge. The first Plan was then submitted to OCYR and subsequently updated and submitted annually. Areas of importance identified were Critical Messengers/Life Coaches, and whole family support as well as additional in-custody support programming for young people. We have now funded a lot of our programs in

our Security Youth Treatment Facility on a five-year cycle responding to the need of young people in our facility.

More details were provided on the many areas of ongoing work of the Subcommittee, including work on re-entry housing solicitations to support young people as they leave our facility, as well as information on the re-entry grant awardees.

- b. **DJJ Realignment Population & Programmatic Updates-** A summary of the current probation caseload and other programmatic updates were provided. The goal is to serve young people where they are, and support the creation of a support system with strong relationships with JJC staff and Probation Officers.
 - c. Q&A
 - i. Patricia Lee asks:
 - 1. If a young person is committed to JJC, would they also have the opportunity for the re-entry services?
 - a. Chief Miller responds that this is only for stepped down youth from a secure track commitment, so the answer is no, but there are many other services available.
 - d. Public Comment
 - i. Emily Goldman asks:
 - 1. Can we be more specific on what the re-entry services are?
 - a. Chief Miller responds that we are reviewing proposals and finalizing the workplans and once that is completed, we will be looking at those and will be able to share out more. There will be info sessions for the RISE pilot.
 - 2. Emily Fox adds that we have been working with ROCA to do cognitive behavior theory training for staff, Community providers and other partners, crafting a behavioral development program to be rolled out and piloted soon.
 - 3. Chief Miller adds that we wanted to address young people's behavior to make sure that our approach is consistent and transparent and is grounded in restorative opportunity.
- e. Q&A
 - i. Mona Tahsini asks:
 - 1. With RISE will there be training with our systems partners?
 - a. Chief Miller responds that yes, there will be info sessions set up for staff in the building, for the bench, and for all our justice systems partners and anyone working in the building as a public agency or community partners.
 - ii. Patricia Lee asks:
 - 1. Will this include education with family and community?
 - a. Chief Miller responds that we may wait to evaluate how the pilot is working before bringing it to the community. But we will talk to families.

5. DJJ Realignment Plan Review – See attached draft of the Annual Plan
Presented by Emily Fox:

- a. A high-level overview of the Plan draft was provided. The data section was updated to reflect what is current and what is in development for the future (the original plan document is available both on the JPD website as well as OYCR's.)
- b. Members of the Subcommittee are asked to provide feedback and any edits they would like to make to the Plan. These will be reviewed and approved at the April 15 DJJ Realignment Subcommittee meeting. The deadline to submit the Plan to the State is May 1.
- c. Subcommittee Members' Comments/Questions Regarding the Plan draft:
 - i. Emily Fox states that we can add the family visiting room as a place young people have access to.
 - ii. Will Roy indicates that he would like to see a clearer acknowledgement of the disparity and disproportionality of the statistics outlining target population demographics highlighted in the Plan draft on page 5 and page 10.
 1. Maria McKee clarifies that we are not able to provide demographic information when the sample size is too small, less than 11, in order to protect confidentiality.
 - iii. Patricia Lee asks, referring to top of page 27 of the draft Plan, part 7, regarding regional statistics, how do we compare to other jurisdictions on the secure track; and of the 11 youth currently in our secure track, how many were out of county youth who elected to remain in San Francisco, or do we transfer out? Were any out of the county?
 1. Chief Miller provides feedback on the transfer process: We had both a young person who came here from another county after adjudication, and youth who were adjudicated here in SF and were then transferred out and committed to secure treatment in another county. The young people who are at our facility are San Francisco residents.
 - iv. Patricia Lee adds that it is good for us to know when we transfer youth out, what services other counties are able to offer them in their secure track to support their wellbeing and rehabilitation.
 - v. Chief Miller responds that we stay in touch with other counties and some of our staff have visited them. All counties have their Plans on the OYCR site, so that can be a source of information on what their programming is and what their demographics are. We want to be mindful of placing young people in the location where it is easiest for their families to visit them. There is also a dashboard on the OYCR site that is a helpful tool for comparison of other counties' services.
 - vi. Maria McKee explains that data included in the Plan is required by statute.
 - vii. Liz Jackson-Simpson asks if recidivism is one of the indicators that the Plan requests.
 1. Chief Miller responds that it is not.
 - viii. Chief Miller states that the State is working on evaluation reports of the realignment experience (pertaining to AB 169 and AB 505).
- d. Public Comment
 - i. Darius Parakh, OYCR Bay Area Liaison, offers that OYCR staff would be available to facilitate communications with other counties as to what services they provide young people.
 - ii. Emily Goldman asks if there will be real-life opportunities to have young people demonstrate to the bench what they have been learning from our programs. This issue has come up in the secure track review furloughs – she understands that JPD was asking for an additional 3 months to develop furlough planning. It should be a high priority to include in the furloughs some pragmatic outings for activities such as driving tests, visits to colleges, and job interviews, it's an area that needs a lot of attention.
 1. Chief Miller thanks everyone for their questions and comments.

6. Future Scheduling and Agenda Items

- a. On April 15 we will review and share any final feedback and then hopefully vote to approve the Plan.
- b. Discuss girls' and young women's programming options
- c. Discuss the process to fill the vacancy for a Community Member Appointee (previously filled by Tiffany Sutton). This will happen in the coming months. When the application process opens, Subcommittee Members are encouraged to share it broadly with their networks.
- d. Report on the reentry grants
- e. Discuss addressing recidivism
- f. Additional comments from Subcommittee Members:
 - i. Ron Stueckle – Encourages Subcommittee Members to attend the Juvenile Probation Commission Meeting on March 12.
 - ii. Patricia Lee would like to have more information on the step downs and what young people stepping down to
 - iii. Will Roy would like to have more information on the economic benefit of keeping young people at the Juvenile Justice Center as well as on the investment in community programs that support our young people.
 - iv. Discussed the possibility of having Subcommittee Members visit our facility in small groups that do not constitute a quorum.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.