



**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting
DJJ Realignment Subcommittee Meeting
April 14, 2026, 3:00pm-3:30pm**

**Hosted by the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
375 Woodside Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127
Multi-Purpose Room**

MEETING MINUTES (Approved at 9/29/26 Meeting)

1. Welcome – Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm.
- b. Members Present:
 - i. Chief Katherine Miller, Juvenile Probation Department
 - ii. Monika Loya, Bar Association of SF (BASF)
 - iii. Chaniel Williams, Community Member Appointee
 - iv. Will Roy, Community Member Appointee
 - v. Mona Tahsini, Department of Public Health
 - vi. Jean Roland, District Attorney's Office
 - vii. Kisai Henriquez, Huckleberry Youth Programs
 - viii. Ron Stueckle, Juvenile Justice Providers Association
 - ix. Emily Goldman, Public Defender's Office
 - x. Rachel Noto, SFUSD & County Office of Education
 - xi. Judge Roger Chan, Unified Family Court, Managing Superior Court
- c. Member(s) Not Present:
 - i. Liz Jackson-Simpson, Community Member Appointee
 - ii. Jessica Mateu-Newsome, Human Services Agency

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

- a. No public comment.

3. Coastal Valley Academy MOU (Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. This item was removed from the agenda as we are still missing some information from Coastal Valley Academy. Additionally, there was planned live public comment as well as the acknowledgment of three public comment letters on this item, all of which would have required more time than today's meeting permitted. This agenda item might be continued in the future, with the public comment letters reincluded in the meeting materials.

4. Review and Approval of the 3/10/26 DJJ Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve the 3/10/26 minutes made by Mona Tahsini; Second by Will Roy

- b. Votes:
 - i. Yes: Chief Miller, Chaniel Williams, Will Roy, Mona Tahsini, Jean Roland, Kisai Henriquez, Ron Stueckle, Rachel Noto, Judge Roger Chan.
(Monika Loya and Emily Goldman were not present during this motion.)
- c. Motion passed.

5. Review of Proposed 2026 San Francisco DJJ Realignment Annual Plan Submission to Office of Youth & Community Restoration (Discussion & Action). [See Attached Final Submission of the Annual Plan on the meeting webpage](#)

Presented by Maria McKee

- a. A high-level overview of this year's updates to the Annual Plan was provided. The plan reflects new partnerships with 3 less restrictive programs (LRPs) in San Francisco and Los Angeles county; the full implementation of the partnership with the County Office of Education for our career technical education programming, as well as our second phase of working with the Roca Impact Institute on ReWire train-the-trainer training, which is now also resulting in the ReWire curriculum being launched with the young people in the secure track units; the plan also reflects our new reentry services model which is a very critical and robust component of the DJJ Realignment Plan to help serve young people once they are released from Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF). Additionally, this year for the first time, we were required to provide a breakdown of the prior year's Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant expenditures outlining the various categories of services and programming with corresponding costs, in addition to other data points.
- b. An update reflecting the name of Armstrong Forensic Psychology, our sex offenders' services provider, was also made. The plan is due to the state on May 1.
- c. Q&A
 - i. Kisai Henriquez would like to see more specific language to reflect efforts we made to add alternative programs to SYTF, as well as outline our efforts to avoid transferring young people to adult court and ensure that every program service is considered through a gender-specific lens.
 - 1. Chief Miller responds that we can work to add this language in the future.
 - ii. Referring to pages 16-17, Judge Chan remarks on the importance of family engagement, on April 30 the KinFirst Culture training will kick off an initiative that centers on the role and voice of young people and their families and people who are important to them. This highlights the importance of including kin in decision making. He hopes that we can find a way to integrate more of the KinFirst Culture in the decision making and how we do probation – we do a good job of bringing in kin and family voice, but we want to see that we can continue to build on the family engagement piece - for many of our young people family therapy becomes very central to rehabilitation.
 - iii. Referring to pages 24-25, Judge Chan comments on the criteria that help determine whether a young person can remain within the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system as opposed to being transferred to adult court, one criterion is whether that young person can be rehabilitated, and another is the availability of services for that young person. The earlier the services are provided to young people in SYTF, the more likely it is we can keep that young person on track to rehabilitation.

- iv. Additionally, Judge Chan comments on the importance of flexibility in individualized plans for kids, including targeted services to make resources available and viable in juvenile court.
 - 1. Chief Miller offers modifications to the language in the plan to help better reflect these points, particularly with respect to individualized rehabilitation plans available to young people in SYTF to help avoid transfer to adult court.
- v. Lastly, regarding data collection on page 27, Judge Chan adds that it would be useful to have data that is more specific and nuanced to better inform decision-making with respect to time needed for young people's successful treatment and rehabilitation into community.
 - 1. Maria McKee indicates that we do track a lot of data such as baseline and could add eligible range, but we only included the required data elements in the Plan. We could include additional data in future presentations we make to this Subcommittee.
- vi. Ron Stueckle comments on the Case Statistics section on page 26 regarding how to protect realigned youth from transfer into adult court and would like clarification on JPD's position on this matter, and on the possibility to petition for redress if needed.
 - 1. Maria McKee responds that it is the intention of the DJJ realignment legislation that transfers are avoided and all interventions are made to keep young people in the juvenile justice system.
 - 2. Chief Miller adds that the DJJ meetings as well as public comment will help shape future language revisions and what we write into the Plan.
 - 3. Maria McKee adds that we might want to keep this item separate and have a future agenda item focusing on transfers to adult court, while today we are here to approve the current plan.
- vii. Jean Roland comments that what we are talking about is what happens at court level with the transfers, and that it would be helpful to know of any individual specialized plans that were implemented to impact the outcomes for that youth that may avoid the transfer request all together, this would be a helpful piece to add into this plan.
 - 1. Chief Miller adds that this will be a future discussion item.
 - 2. Chief Miller remarks that we edit and submit this plan once a year as part of the submission requirement to the State, and we continue to update it each year based on any new programming or changes we may have implemented.
- d. Public Comment
 - i. No public comment.
- d. Motion to approve the 2026 San Francisco DJJ Realignment Annual Plan Submission to Office of Youth & Community Restoration made by Mona Tahsini; Second by Will Roy
- e. Votes:
 - ii. Yes: Chief Miller, Monika Loya, Chaniel Williams, Will Roy, Mona Tahsini, Jean Roland, Kisai Henriquez, Ron Stueckle, Emily Goldman, Rachel Noto, Judge Roger Chan.
- f. Motion passed.

6. Future Scheduling & Agenda Items

- a. Please send any items that you would like to discuss in the future to Emily Fox.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.