

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES 07/17/2025, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

2500 Fairmont Dr., San Leandro, Room C1002
Microsoft Teams Option Available

JJCC Members Present:

Brian Ford, CPO
Elisa Márquez, Chair of Public Protection, BOS
Sabrina Farrell, DA
Al Mance, PD
Malliga Battar, ACBH

Eric Guthertz, ACOE
DaSean Spencer, OPD
Celsa Snead, At-Large Community Member

Others Present:

Hillary Bass, NICJR
Jenifer Brown, ACPD
Dante Cercone, ACPD
Shauna Conner, ACPD
Marguerite De Loney, FLY
Brenda Gomez, BOS District 2
John Lam, Cre8Innovations
Mark Lipkin, CAO
Michelle Love, SSA

Lucia Moritz, ACOE
Carissa Pappas, ACPD
Alexis Peciulis, Community Drug & Alcohol Program
(remote attendance)
Angela Pollard, UCSF
Emily Young, DPN (remote attendance)
Maya McChristy, ACPD (Recorder)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Opening Remarks & Roll Call		
2. Approval of April 17, 2025, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A motion for approval of the April 17, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Al Mance and seconded by Supervisor Elisa Márquez. No public comment. Motion carries.	
3. Journey to Justice – Lessons from New Zealand – Alameda Cohort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Alameda County delegation visited New Zealand to study the country’s juvenile justice system.A presentation, “Journey to Justice: Alameda County to New Zealand,” highlighted the delegation’s experience, lessons learned, and key takeaways.Three proposed initiatives inspired by the trip were outlined:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Expansion of the Transition Center into a Success CenterExecution of the Youth Violence Reduction Coordination Team (YVRC). Pilot to begin in Oakland (where most of JJC youth reside) before possible expansion to other Alameda CountiesDevelop Ubuntu Justice InitiativeFunding and sustainability of these initiatives were discussed.	

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<p><i>Committee Questions/Comments</i></p>	<p>Will the initiative serve only youth on probation, or both those on and off probation?</p> <p><i>This is still being determined.</i></p> <p>Can we review the Oranga Tamariki Act (1989, New Zealand) referenced as comparable to California’s Welfare and Institution Code?</p> <p><i>Yes, it's available online at Legislation.govt.nz</i></p> <p>Under Welfare and Institutions Code, what autonomy does the county have to do something that’s really innovative, that is within the boundaries of the law?</p> <p><i>Innovative approaches can be piloted locally and potentially inspire broader adoption.</i></p> <p>Does this body have the authority to support and sustain these ideas, especially in light of legislative constraints?</p> <p><i>Yes, within defined scope, JJCC can recommend initiatives through its annual plan; funding may come from existing grants, but final approval rests with the Board of Supervisors.</i></p> <p>Will there be barriers or opportunities to think differently about the populations being served?</p> <p><i>Yes, diversion opportunities exist for most youth, except for certain serious offenses such as (707(b)).</i></p> <p>In what way will YVRC address the issue of overrepresentation among groups receiving services?</p> <p><i>YVRC will strengthen community-based organizations’ ability to deliver contracted services.</i></p> <p>How are the kids already in custody going to benefit from this?</p> <p><i>The youth in custody will indirectly benefit through YVRC’s coordination of safety planning for high-risk youth in community.</i></p> <p>Motion made by Brian Ford for the body to adopt the ideas presented and move them forward to the subcommittee for continued review and discussion. Motion seconded by Elisa Márquez. Motion carries.</p>	

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4. JJCC Workgroup Report-Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the JJCPA/YOBG plan has been adopted, the workgroup has convened once to review the nine goals from the 2025 JJCC annual report. Council members were invited to join the workgroup meeting scheduled for July 18, 2025. 	
5. Public Comments	Public comment	
6. Upcoming Meeting	JJCC Meeting: October 16th, 2025, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Dr. San Leandro, CA 94578, Room C1002	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 2:24pm	