

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES 1/15/2026, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

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

JJCC Members Present:

Dante Cercone, ACPO
Mia Buckner-Preston, SSA
Micheal Buckhout, ACSO
Brenda Gomez, BOS District 2

Al Mance, PD
Lucia Moritz, ACOE
Alexis Peciulis, Community Drug & Alcohol Program
DaSean Spencer, OPD
Celsa Snead, At-Large Community Member (virtual attendance)

Others Present:

Jason Allen, County Council (virtual attendance) Maya McChristy, ACPD (Recorder)
Jenifer Brown, ACPD
Carissa Pappas, ACPD (virtual attendance)
Shereen Khan, ACPD
Michelle Love, SSA (virtual attendance)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. <i>Opening Remarks & Roll Call</i>		
2. <i>Request for Virtual Attendance</i>	A motion was made by Al Mance to allow Celsa Snead to attend the meeting in a virtual format due to medical reasons. The motion was seconded by Alexis Peciulis. No public comment. Motion passed.	
3. <i>Approval of October 16, 2025, Minutes</i>	A motion for approval of October 16, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Alexis Peciulis and seconded by Mia Buckner-Preston. No public comment. Motion carries.	
4. <i>JJCC Workgroup Report-Out</i>	Reference document: <i>JJCPA_Priorities_2026.pdf</i> for <i>JJCPA Key Priority Consolidation Plan</i> . - The workgroup will present its recommendations to the larger body prior to the vote on the annual report. - The Council will determine whether the current, broadly distributed prevention strategy should shift toward more targeted investments, particularly in Oakland and for overrepresented youth populations.	
5. <i>JJCPA Financials</i>	Reference document: <i>JJCPA_Priorities_2026.pdf</i> for <i>fiscal projections for FYs 2026 - 2028</i> .	

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4. Public Comments Committee Questions/Comments	It was clarified that the “Current Contract Total” reflects only currently encumbered contracts, and while amounts appear lower in future years as contracts expire, new contracts will be executed with amounts that are not yet determined and therefore not reflected in the projections. This body will help determine how the funding will be prioritized. No public comment. Can Probation fund additional therapy sessions for youth needing additional services, after the limit is reached? While RCN providers provide a set number of sessions (typically eight), many providers will continue services at no or reduced cost. RCN providers mostly see at-promise youth. For justice-involved youth, probation funds services through an MOU with Alameda County Behavioral Health, through Seneca and Lincoln. High-fidelity wrap-around services will also be provided to those youth soon. How is the Transition Center (TC) assessing families’ needs and supporting continuity of care, including enrolling youth in Medi-Cal? Can the TC staff be invited to participate in the work group? Probation received CalAIM funding and plans to hire a client navigator to assist with transitioning youth from in-custody and assisting with Medi-Cal enrollment. A distinction was made between at-promise youth who receive more limited RCN services through JJCPA funding and the justice-involved youth who receive intensive services that are provided for as long as necessary. This body advises how the preventative funds will be spent. How does CalAIM funding work, and does it help CBOs get reimbursed for services? CalAIM allows CBOs to bill Medi-Cal for reimbursement for a variety of eligible services. Probation has contracted with Public Works Alliance to provide training to service providers in developing infrastructure to help them bill Medi-Cal when services exceed those contracted by Probation. Who assists youth with Medi-Cal enrollment?	

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	For justice-involved youth, Medi-Cal eligibility and enrollment are handled by the County while youth are in custody, in coordination with Behavioral Health and medical units. How long does it take to reinstate Medi-Cal, especially for youth with short stays? The 90-day timeframe refers to when Medi-Cal can be reinstated before release, not how long the process takes. Probation plans to hire a patient navigator to work with families before release when possible. What is the difference between the Beginning Balance and the Annual Allocation amount? The Beginning Balance is a fund that we are drawing down and the Annual Allocation is the amount that we receive. The Beginning Balance decreases because the County has existing contractual commitments and unpaid claims from prior years. Even if annual allocations remain steady, the County is spending more than it receives due to previously encumbered funds being paid out over time. When will the Council vote on the plan? The plan will be voted on at the next meeting. 5. Upcoming Meeting JCC Meeting: April 16th, 2026, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Dr. San Leandro, CA 94578, Room C1002 6. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm	