

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES 10/16/2025, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

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

JJCC Members Present:

Brian Ford, CPO
Malliga Battar, ACBH
Brenda Gomez, BOS District 2
Eric Guthertz, ACOE

Al Mance, PD
Aaron Ortiz, Community Drug & Alcohol Program
DaSean Spencer, OPD
Celsa Snead, At-Large Community Member

Others Present:

Jenifer Brown, ACPD
Dante Cercone, ACPD
Shauna Conner, ACPD
Marguerite De Loney, FLY
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. <i>Opening Remarks & Roll Call</i>		
2. <i>Approval of July 17, 2025, Minutes</i>	A motion for approval of the July 17, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Al Mance and seconded by Celsa Snead. No public comment. Motion carries.	
3. <i>JJCC Workgroup Report-Out</i>	ACPD reported out on workgroup discussions. Refer to document <i>JJCPA Key Priority Consolidation Plan for 2026</i>. - Other workgroup discussion topics included the previously adopted JJCC initiatives including: - Establishing a Community Court - Support for YVRC (Youth Violence Reduction Committee) - Expanding the Transition Center into a “Success Center.” <i>Work group discussed services desired at the expanded Success Center. The input will shape the RFP process.</i> - There were additional discussions around exploring JJCPA funding to extend the number of therapy sessions for high-needs youth beyond standard funding limits to maintain therapeutic relationships. - Chief announced the County Administrator’s Office awarded probation \$100,000 grant for the Community Court initiative.	

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	prevention efforts to earlier interventions with younger age groups and higher risk populations to better prevent system involvement. How will the department address concern about potential funding reductions for community-based organizations? The department is taking steps to mitigate the impact by contracting with an organization that will help up to 30 CBOs build capacity to bill CalAIM and access additional state funding. How can the county strengthen service continuity and coordination for youth across systems of care, including during transitions between custody and community programs, and ensure community-based organizations (CBOs) are equipped to provide more holistic and integrated support? The department recognizes the need for earlier intervention, better coordination, and stronger CBO capacity. Many youth currently receive overlapping services from multiple county-funded organizations. Efforts such as monthly provider meetings and the Youth Violence Reduction Coordination (YVRC) Team aim to improve collaboration, but further work is needed to streamline services, build CBO infrastructure, and ensure continuous, end-to-end support for youth and their families. How can the county improve continuity of care so that youth don't have to repeatedly retell their traumatic experiences when transitioning between programs or systems? The idea of a "Life Coach" is being explored in which a single case manager or trusted staff member follows a youth throughout their involvement across systems. How can the county ensure continuity of care and educational support for youth transitioning between systems, while addressing staffing and resource challenges that affect long-term engagement? Consistent support from custody through school reentry is essential for positive youth outcomes. While a life coach could provide continuity by following youth across stages of involvement, challenges such as limited resources, weak coordination with schools, and high staff turnover undermine this consistency. The group needs to explore whether it is possible to implement contractual incentives to agencies that are able to retain staff. Additionally, there is no way to compel high-risk youth that are not justice-involved to participate in programs. These challenges must be considered as we plan for the provision of future services.	

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	How can the county strengthen the workforce pipeline and improve staff retention to ensure long-term, effective support for youth and community programs? Investing in leadership development, leveraging state funding sources such as BHCSA or HKAI, and creating scholarship or service-based incentive programs may be possible strategies to strengthen workforce training, retention, and longevity. How can the county and community-based organizations build a unified training and workforce development network to strengthen coordination, diversity, and long-term retention across systems serving youth and families? Coordinated countywide training and career pipeline connecting nonprofits, educational institutions, and county agencies were suggested. Expanding programs such as the Multicultural Psychotherapy Training Institute (MPTI) to recruit and train diverse local talent, and develop partnerships with UCSF, the African American Wellness Center, and the Black Psychologists Association to strengthen Black clinical leadership and attract external funding was discussed. How can probation improve communication and strategic planning around JJCPA funding to ensure resources are effectively allocated and aligned with future priorities? Can Probation post the plan on their website? This information is periodically provided to this body. It was noted that JJCPA funding, currently approximately \$7.5 million which goes to the Resource Connection Network (RCN)—is projected to decrease significantly by 2027, underscoring the need for targeted investments rather than broad funding.	<i>Chief to share the contact info of the Black Psychologist Association with Dante.</i> <i>Probation to provide JJCPA/YOBG financial information at the next meeting.</i>
5. Upcoming Meeting	JCC Meeting: January 15th, 2026, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Dr. San Leandro, CA 94578, Room C1002	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 2:24pm	