Washington State Department of CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WA State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)

Full Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Dre Thornock. Welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the agenda for the special convening of the Council. Provided a land acknowledgement recognizing the unceded lands of the ancestral and indigenous people on which we live- made a call for reaffirming commitments to and improving relationships with the local indigenous people. Attendees were asked to provide introductions through the Microsoft Teams chat function.

Council Member Attendees: Aiyana Taylor, Kendra Moore, Jennifer Redman. Eric Trupin, Drew Hill, Mary Sprute Garlant, Morning Star Large, Jimmy Hung, Ada Daniels, Diana D. Cockrell, Carolina Mejia-Barahona, Alex Narvaez, Tashawn Deville, Andrew Toynbee, and Chanel Rhymes

OJJ Staff: Jenny Young, Alexi Castilla, Whitney Queral, Christina Valera & Soraya Ayoubi

Guests: Michael Tuncap & Sioeli Laupati

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve meeting minutes for October 09, 2025, Special Convening by Tashawn Deville. Motion Seconded by Alex Narvaez. Council members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes

Supplemental Materials:
- Full Council Meeting PowerPoint
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Legislative
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Beh. Health & Re-entry
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Grants & TA

Special Announcements:

Introductions of New Council Member: Judge Andrew Toynbee and Chanel Rhymes

Council Check In: Council members shared their appreciation and noted the importance of in-person engagement during the meeting held in October.

OJJ Staff Updates

OJJ Council- Jenny Young

Review of council position vacancies and request to share with council members' communities.

Compliance Monitoring- Christina Valera

WA was found to be in compliance with all core requirements of the JJDPA. Collecting data from 235 secure facilities, overall, an 83% response rate.

Complex Trauma Training Consortium (CTTC)- Whitney Queral

Provided a brief overview of CTTC which is a national trainer- training and workforce development initiative designed to establish sustainable local expertise in complex trauma understanding, assessment, and treatment.

Executive Committee Updates

Land Acknowledgement Review- Aiyana Taylor

Invite the full Council to participate in the review process by sharing the literature compiled by OJJ staff and incorporating their feedback into the discussion at the February 12 Executive Committee meeting. Council members, Kendra Moore and Ada Daniels provided learning & reflections.

Youth Engagement Plan Update- Aiyana Taylor

OJJ identified challenges in supporting Youth Committee members and managing projects and proposed contracting a third party to provide staff support, capacity building, and project management. Details of next steps and RFP were shared.

Discussion:

- Suggestion for a court administrator to be present to help with the work group in formulating the Youth Advisory Committee.
- Would this be taking place for current incarcerate youth and virtually?
    - This is for the youth committee of the partnership council. The goal of identifying a contractor to support this work would be so that the youth committee of the council can have representation not only from the junior facilities but from across the state. The hope is for diverse representation on this youth committee, and this committee

would be an active committee. They would fulfill the role to the council on what the priorities are for young people when it comes to the council making decisions regarding the reports to the governor.

- Were JR youth invited to today's meeting?
    - We've taken a step back from inviting JR youth moving forward because of lack of authority to make changes on our end and to not further damage our relationship. We are focused on inviting those members to the Youth Committee for productive changes, design of committee, and receiving support from Jennifer Redman.
- We should update the youth regarding the updates that Jennifer Redman shared and ensure our own accountability and continue to improve their lives.
- Black Student Union at Green Hill would be a great voice to have in these spaces. Public speaking Green Hill School students CMU 220 Centralia College with Professor Rashad Norris would also provide great insight and could be part of their capstone.

2026 Biennial Report to the Governor- Jenny Young

Provided brief overview of report timeline and group reflection on proposed art contest prompt.

Feedback: Suggestion to broaden the prompt, prompt can put a lot of responsibility to the youth, consideration for what helps young people to thrive.

Recommendations Review:

Recommendation 1: Eliminate the use of large institutional facilities

Discussion: Connection and accessibility piece is very critical to community and family when they're going through healing.

Recommendation 2: Increase the use of Sentencing Alternatives & eliminate justice by geography in sentencing.

Discussion: Having more options available. And give voices to other perspectives due to nuances of these conversations.

Recommendation 3: Establish diversion as the primary response for the majority of juvenile referrals across the state.

Recommendation 4: Dismantle the school to prison pipeline while strengthening the cradle to career pathway.

Discussion: Evidence based upstream interventions that reduce later system involvement. Supporting good behavior games, providing substance use disorder prevention funding to schools and communities. Expanding the federally funded Student assistance program with state dollars and the nurse family partnership program to intervene earlier in the life course.

PCJJ Committee Reports- Committee Chairs

Legislative Committee- Alexi Castilla

- Convene & educate
- Be a resource for lawmakers
- Publish

Behavioral Health & Re-Entry- Kendra Moore & Dr. Trupin

Three Work Groups meeting monthly

- Youth Mobile Crisis Response
- Funding and Service Landscape Analysis
- Gun Violence Prevention

Racial and Ethnic Disparities- Jimmy Hung

- Seeking two council members to transition into Co-Chair positions
- FY2024 disparity data and share input on the drafting of the 2nd year evaluation of the 3-Year Disparity Reduction Plan

Grants & Technical Assistance- Ada Daniels

Review of current Title II awards summary

- 6 Contractors serving 5 Counties
- Total Funding Expended for Year 2 = $521,233
- Total Number of Youth Served in Year 2 = 1,263

MOCA (Men of Culture Academy) & Relevant Engagement Presentation- Michael Tuncap and Sioeli Laupati

Provided a brief overview of services and upcoming events.

Action Items:

Follow up on art contest prompt based on input

Recommendations Review

Public Comment: None

Adjourn

12:45

Next Meeting: April 16, 2026, 9:00AM-1:00PM via Microsoft Teams