Washington State Department of CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WA State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)

Full Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2025
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Chair Gordon McHenry Jr. 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. Council members took turns introducing themselves following the welcome and introduction of new Council Members.

Council Attendees:

Jimmy Hung, Jennifer Redman, Clinton Taylor, Morning Star Large, Dre Thornock, Sean Goode, Gordon McHenry Jr., Mary Spute Garlant, Doug Jeske, Kendra Moore, Alex Navarez, Lorraine Stone, Carolina Mejia

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

Minutes Approval:
Motion to approve meeting minutes for July 10th, 2025, Special Convening by Alex Navarez. Motion Seconded by Clinton Taylor. Council members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes

Supplemental Materials:
- Bylaws of the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Legislative
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Beh. Health & Re-entry
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Committee Quarterly Reports: Grants & TA
- Beh. Health & Re-Entry Comm. Sept. Mtg. PPT
- Sub-Recipient Outcomes & Recs
- Executive Order
- Washington State Three-Year Plan
- OJJDP FY 2023 Title II Program and Budget Areas

Special Announcements:

Introductions of New Council Member: Morning Star Large & Jennifer Redman

PCJJ Leadership Updates:

Per the PCJJ Bylaws, the Vice Chair is appointed by the Chair of the Council and Dre Thornock is appointed as Vice Chair of the PCJJ.

OJJ Staff Updates: Jenny Young

OJJ Staff update: Whitney Queral is the newly appointed Racial and Ethnic Disparities Manager

Raise the Age: The report has been submitted to the Office of Financial Management and is expected to be published within the next one to two weeks.

Compliance Monitoring: Will begin in November, with final submissions due by February 2026.

OJJDP Update: There was no solicitation released this summer, and no opportunity was provided to apply for funding. There has been no impact from the federal shutdown on Title II funding or employee salaries.

Diversion Summit Update: Council members Morning Star Large and Jimmy Hung actively supported the planning committee for the event, which was attended by approximately 50 participants. The team is now focused on planning future events and working to implement the ideas and strategies discussed during the summit.

Question: What are the immediate identified next steps and is this ongoing summit series?

There was a desire to meet continuously, we did hold workshops as well. Discussed at executive committee for 2026 planning.

State Advisory Group Member Training: OJJ Staff

- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)
- System of Monitoring (3 Year cycle)
  - Compliance Monitoring Survey
  - Verify Data
  - Site Visits

Authorizing Documents

  - Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act

- Executive Order 20-02
- WA-PCJJ Bylaws
- Applicable Policies

DSA Responsibilities

- Washington Department of Children, Youth & Families is designated by EO 20-02 as the DSA to convene the Council and provide staff support through the DCYF Office of Juvenile Justice.
- Brief overview of SAG membership, duties, responsibilities, and officer roles.
- Youth committee reactivated goal in 2026.
- Brief overview of the Three-Year Plan purpose, review, and priorities.
- Brief overview of sub-awards & contract management, RFP process, and contract monitoring.

Discussion:

-Is there a time you prioritize a location based on the data?
Yes, I'll review the data and assess the important/ higher needs first.
-What are the different types of entities?
Everything but federal and tribal, there are over 200 sites.
-Can a council member join on-site visits.
Yes, connect with Christina Valera.
-Do you survey the facilities? My concern in the equity gap, where some spaces are better equipped than others.
I survey using the core protections.
-We will share the perspective of youth membership and eligibility to the Governor's office.
-How is data being shared with the federal government?
The data we provide is not aggregated to any specific person; it doesn't provide individual level data.
-Can youth committees receive lived expertise?
Yes, the rate is set by Office of Equity and is currently $57.
-Total grant award is $900,000 to a million.

-What is collaboration across other regions?
Very little, and not a lot of connections among other boards. We are members of Coalition of Justice.
*See PowerPoint Slide

Data Dashboard Project Presentation: Dr. Andrew Peterson & Rachel Sandford

- Brief overview of the Data Dashboard Project reviewed WA Juvenile Incident Victims dashboard and features.
- Green Hill statistics will be counted separately in the Lewis County.
- Timeline for rollout is December end of year.

PCJJ Committee Reports:

Legislative- Alexi Castilla

Seeking a co-chair to fill Drew Hill's position. The role is flexible and agenda and goals are collaboratively developed alongside Drew, and OJJ staff provides support as needed.

July: Discussed outreach for the second *Advancing Priorities* webinar on juvenile sentencing. DCYF Government Affairs presented on 2026 agency request legislation and budget priorities.

August: OJJ staff shared insights from a visit to Oak Creek (Oregon Youth Authority's girls' facility). Attended a presentation from WSCCR on diversion data legislation and research plans.

September: Held the second *Advancing Priorities* webinar, "Understanding Juvenile Sentencing in Washington State," with over 230 participants engaging through registration, attendance, or recording requests. In the regular meeting, the Committee debriefed and discussed 2026 legislative planning.

**See report for additional information

Behavioral Health & Re-Entry- Jenny Young

July–August: Members participated in workgroups focused on topics including gun violence prevention, youth crisis response, service access mapping, transition-aged youth, and collaboration with OSPI on education advocacy and funding.

September: OJJ staff presented a summary and next-step recommendations from all workgroups. The Committee voted to shift from monthly to quarterly meetings to allow workgroups to continue meeting monthly.

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Grants & TA- Jenny Young

August, committee members received Year 3 funding requests and recommendations for review.
August 20th, the committee unanimously recommended funding all six sub-recipients.
The Full Council approved the funding via email vote (17 approve, 3 abstain, 3 no response).
Four Technical Assistance applications were reviewed:

- Justice for Girls was not recommended (fundraiser-related).

- Two Center for Youth Justice applications were approved by the committee (under $5,000).
- Explore Your Wild was approved by the committee and Full Council (21 approve, 0 abstain, 2 no response).

On September 17th, the committee planned PCJJ Member training content for the October retreat and proposed a new funding category to support small organizations like Explore Your Wild.
To be recommended for funding, applications must:

- Align with PCJJ Priorities from the Three-Year Plan
- Request no more than $30,000
- Demonstrate strong community collaboration
- Address a funding gap expected to be covered by other sources soon

Up to $90,000 of the Title II award may be used for these gap funding requests, available to community-based organizations if funds allow.
OJJ Staff will update the PCJJ website with this new category and application materials.
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Racial and Ethnics Disparities- Clinton Taylor & Jimmy Hung

- Submitted Year One evaluation of the R/ED Action Plan to OJJDP with updated juvenile justice data.
- Hosted *Juvenile: Five Stories* screening in Yakima with 17 attendees.
- Post-film discussion lasted 30 minutes longer than planned.

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Planning for 2026:

- Please find the current committee roster and a sign-up form to confirm your committee choices or join new ones. Council members are expected to actively serve on at least one committee. Review the documents and submit your form to OJJ staff by the end of the meeting.
- 2026 Full Council calendar invites will be emailed to members.
- As shared earlier, sub-recipients are now in Year 3 of funding. This spring, we'll post a new request for proposals. The OJJ Team will help the Grants and TA Committee align the solicitation with Council priorities.

Diversion Summit Brief:

Core principles are advanced through diversion efforts, including collaboration with prosecutors and partnership with the Salish Tribe. We're also strengthening connections with other boards and commissions, actively engaging youth through breakout rooms and half-day check-ins and fostering more intentional involvement with Indigenous committees.

Youth Voice: Tulalip Youth Advisory Board

The Tulalip Youth Advisory Board was not able to join the Council during the meeting, Gordon used this time on the agenda to invite members to brainstorm potential activities for the Council to pursue in 2026. The ideas shared are listed below.

- Present to the Pierce Co. Black Collective—Kendra M.
    - OJJ can provide support through drafting a PPT for the presentation
- Annual Diversion Summit—Jimmy H.
    - How do we engage juvenile prosecutors in the next phase of the conversation?
- Diversion & Deflection Summit, May 2026 @ Great Wolf Lodge—Carolina Mejia
- Connecting with other Boards and Commissions
    - Sentencing Guidelines Commission
    - DCYF Oversight Board-JR Committee
- Peace Point of out Pierce Co.—Lorraine S.
    - Prosecutors not sharing their data with other partners
    - Need more support for juveniles being considered for transfer to Adult jurisdiction in the court room during the hearings
- Identify ways to support JR youth in engaging with the Council on a regular basis
- Intentionality with indigenous communities, connect with the ATNI—Dre T.
- Consider implementation of something like the Youth Aid Panel from Montgomery Co. PA—Kendra M.

Tulalip Board of Directors Mtg. Prep:

Gordon invited Jenny to share the plan for Friday. Jenny shared that we would start the meeting at 9 AM and that we would hear from the Tribe's staff first around their programming for youth and families and then the Council would take a turn presenting their recent activities and goals. The overarching goal for the meeting was to begin to build a collaborative relationship with the Tribe and to see about identifying areas in which the Council and the Tribe could collaborate.

A member asked if it was customary to provide a gift to the Tribe's leaders and Dre confirmed that it was customary but not required. Gordon volunteered to purchase a gift and bring it to the meeting tomorrow.

Public Comment:

No members of the public present.

Announcements & Closing:

No announcements.

Adjourn

4:00pm

Next meeting: January 15, 2026, 9:00AM-1:00PM via Microsoft Teams