Washington State Department of CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WA State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)

Full Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2026
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Aiyana Clark. 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 Attendees: Ada Daniels, Aiyana Clark, Alex Narvaez, Andrew Toynbee, Carolina Mejia-Barahona, Chanel Rhymes, Diana D. Cockrell, Dr. Eric Trupin, Jennifer Redman, Kendra Moore, Rep. Mari Leavitt, Mike Johnson, Morning Star, Tashawn Deville

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

Guests: Andrew Peterson, Ann Chae, Cory Redman, Jenny Menke, Kelsey- Anne Fung, Lucas Fowler, Rachel Sandford, Stephanie Budrus, Will Trondsen,

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve meeting minutes for January 22, 2026, Special Convening by Alex Narvaez. Motion Seconded by Tashawn Deville. Council members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes

Supplemental Materials:
-Full Council Meeting PowerPoint

-Land acknowledgement draft

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- 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:

Council member introductions

Land Acknowledgment Draft Review- Aiyana Clark

Executive committee drafted new land acknowledgment to Local Indigenous Community Representatives for feedback and reviewed feedback with full council at PCJJ meeting.

Public comment:

- "precede European American settlement by millennia"- unclear, could be revised.

- replace "millennia" with "colonization".

- "land acknowledgement is the first step"- unsure if that should be stated as the first step.

OJJ Staff Updates- Jenny Young

- Shared update on OJJ new division and division director, Cory Redman
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Convention invite
- Save the Date: Town Hall Meetings: JR Capacity Planning invite

  Question: Can you elaborate on what direction you're aiming to go?

  Answer: Moving towards smaller capacity facilities and changing medium security. We will develop a plan with community output, and the legislature may approve the plan for funding. Updating our masterplan earlier, as our population changes. We're serving JR population who are serving sentences past age 25 and want to avoid overcrowding.

  Question: What is the format, how will we provide feedback?

  Answer: We are meeting with consultants next week, and we will follow up and share with you so you can be prepared.

  Question: Is this the only meeting planned?

  Answer: Yes, the report must be completed by next year to be incorporated into the next legislative session budget.

- Review of council position vacancies and request to share with council members' communities
- Biennial Report cover art contest update

Compliance Monitoring Updates- Christina Valera

Reviewed calendar dates of upcoming site visits, manual review, monitoring universe and compliance survey.

Reporting portal is not available due to federal restrictions.

Council members' participation in site visits often depends on facilities relationships.

Complex Trauma Training Consortium (CTTC)- Whitney Queral

Certified in 20 CTTC training courses and will be providing training to community.

Executive Committee Updates

Biennial Report Recommendations Review- Dr. Andrew Peterson

Provided a detailed overview of Biennial Washington State Juvenile Justice Report

Executive Committee Report

Reviewed sentencing guidelines commission recommendations:

- Recommendation 1: Eliminate the use of large institutional facilities
- Recommendation 2: Increase the use of Sentencing Alternatives & eliminate justice by geography in sentencing.
- Recommendation 3: Establish diversion as the primary response for most juvenile referrals across the state.
- Recommendation 4: Dismantle the school to prison pipeline while strengthening the cradle to career pathway.

Public comment:

-Feedback on infrastructure review, diversion recommendations/ reference report, sentencing alternative recommendations from Sentencing Guidelines Commission

- Pilot program for increasing streaming revenues for tribes trying to establish their own juvenile court system

- Family Intervention to support families in preparing for transition & re-entry of their youth and young adults

-Post release mental health services

-Law Enforcement Data Quality regarding race and ethnicity

Labor Equity Proposal: Ad Hoc WG- Aiyana Clark, Tashawn Deville and Kendra Moore

Review items of WG consideration and council members shared feedback.

PCJJ Committee & WG Reports

Legislative Committee- Alexi Castilla

Advancing priorities series will be divided into alternatives to incarceration, restorative justice programs in schools, snapshot of probation across the state, and a tutorial on how to use the juvenile justice data dashboards.

Behavioral Health & Re-Entry- Dr. Eric Trupin & Kendra Jones

Work group updates, Youth Mobile Crisis Response available for youth and families in crisis

Racial and Ethnic Disparities- Whitney Queral

Welcome Tashawn Deville as new co-chair and recruiting for second co-chair

Focused on expanding the data explored in the Three-Year Racial and Ethnic Disparities Action Plan beyond the five discretionary points

Discussions also surrounded the improvement of arrest data and tracking which police departments accurately log race and ethnicity of youth

Grants & Technical Assistance- Ada Daniels

Current Title II awards summary, extension approved

Reviewed upcoming competitive RFP postings

Youth Advisory Committee Planning WG- Aiyana Clark

Comment: Could be a great opportunity with My Job Program partnership.

Comment: Will you be reaching out to other facilities, aside from Green Hill and Echo Glen? More promotion and awareness of this information is necessary.

Yes, the committee will have autonomy on the creation and planning.

Announcements & Closing:

Adjourn

12:35 PM

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