

Yolo County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

MEETING AGENDA

September 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

**625 Court Street
Room B02, Atrium Training Room
Woodland, CA 95695**



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Rachelle Gayton
Superintendent of Juvenile Detention Facility, Oscar Ruiz
District 1 Community Member: Lando Matthews
District 2 Community Member: Judith Arce
District 3 Community Member: An Ta
District 4 Community Member: Vacant
District 5 Community Member: Cecilia Maldonado
District Attorney Representative: David Wilson
Public Defender Representative: Monica Brushia
Sheriff's Office Representative: Lt. Dennis Gaines
Board of Supervisors Representative: Oscar Villegas
Department of Social Services Representative: Monica Morales
Department of Mental Health Representative: Tony Kildare
Community-Based Drug & Alcohol Program Representative: Sara Gavin
City Police Department Representative: Chief Robert Strange
Office of Education Representative: Jose Gutierrez
Non-Profit Serving Minors Representative: Celina Alveraz
Court Representative: Rocio Richter

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of the agenda and approve March 6, 2025 Minutes.

Vote: PASS [X] FAIL []

STRANGE motion, WILSON second agenda

Vote: PASS [X] FAIL []

Strange motion, Richter second

3. **Open for Public Comment**

This public comment item is limited to subjects relating to the collaborative and not on the agenda. The Chair reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on individual speakers and topics.

4. **Member announcements**

- a. **Member Discussion:**

Celina Alvarez is now the new executive director of Empower Yolo. Celebrity bartending Oct. 7th at Mojos. Jose Gutierrez announced school started at Cesar Chavez and that they're partnering with agencies to assist their students and their families. The school is also starting workshops with families to help them gain skills to succeed. Chief Strange noted that WSPD received a \$500,000 grant for gun violence prevention and is partnering with non-profits to put programs together that focus on youths. The grant is for two years to help stand up the programs, but not to sustain them. The programs do not require criminal justice system involvement, and its community-based support is open to referrals once it is available. Celina Alvarez noted that Empower Yolo is working with youth and adults to help them become community health educators. She is working on drafting legislation to bring forward funding regarding Empower Yolo. Empower Yolo is seeking to recruit Promotoras and community volunteers at promotora@empoweryolo.org. They have received their first grant for prevention and looking for partners/ advisory committee members. An Ta recommended that Empower Yolo reach out to YCOE to formalize a partnership. They have additional resources and pathways to help the community with multiple train the trainer courses. It is 3 full days for the courses, and they are looking for 9 practitioners.

5. **Informational Items**

- a. Update from subcommittee

1. Less Restrictive Placement

Member Discussion:

Chief Gayton discussed lack of regulation around LRP's and that CPOC and OYCR are in discussions around this topic. Chief Gayton talked about options for our current youth in SYTF (El Dorado) to include Pine Grove, having day passes from El Dorado County Juvenile Hall to attend college and or work in person and then returning to the facility at night. He might come back to Yolo County and stay in approved housing to then attend school or work. More to come on this discussion once we have orders from the court.

2. Pine Grove Contract

Member Discussion:

Celina Alvarez asked if there was a pathway to fire careers and who would make use of this. Chief Gayton confirmed that there were career pathways and briefly explained opportunities while noting that this is only for male youths that are over 18 and justice involved as it is still a form of custody time. Additionally, youth must be in good health and not on any medication and physically capable. Lando Mathews inquired if the program works with other fire camps and Chief Gayton clarified that it is the only fire

camp for juveniles.

b. Discuss updates and changes to CMJJP

Member Discussion:

Chief Gayton explained how the CSA and SIP will be integrated into the CMJJP and the change in timeframe for renewal of the plan. Chief Strange asked whether any of these are county reports and Chief Gayton clarified that the CMJJP is required by WIC 749.22 but the plan is approved by the BoS at the county level. The other reports are overseen by state agencies.

c. CalAIM update

1. Purpose
2. Timeframes
3. Partnerships

Member Discussion:

Cecilia Maldonado asked what we do with those who have private insurance. Chief Gayton replied that we would need to draft MOUs with private insurance and that each county agency that is involved needs to have a coordinator that will follow up. She noted that it is uncertain and difficult to create a plan for individuals who are in jail for a very short period of time. Monica Brushia inquired about whether or not there would be some kind of exit coordinator. Lt. Dennis Gaines stated there would be an exit coordinator. David Wilson followed up noting that judges are lenient on when releases are happening, which adds to the uncertainty of release from JDF. Sara Gavin asked what the limitations were on MediCal billing in custody versus out of custody. Chief Gayton answered that youths can only be billed for a cumulative 90 days, typically when they're going to leave within 90 days. Additionally, a care coordinator should be monitoring that process and assisting with billing recommendations for MediCal. This allows planning for wrap services prior to release. Wellpath's interpretation of CalAIM is slightly different and coming into alignment with billing is currently a work in progress.

6. **Meeting Review**

a. Discuss 3 talking points from meeting

1. An Ta asked if the CMJJP worked on preventative planning. Chief Gayton confirmed it did; however, we don't have any kids in placement, so we can focus on other topics. New bills reducing wardship duration may pass and cause significant changes.

b. Request for future meeting topics

1. Roadmaps and connections of services and what is most effective (Ta)
2. Requirements and policy for first time offenders with low risk factors – felonies (Brushia)
3. I.C.E. policies (Alvarez)

7. **Adjournment**

8. **Next Meeting: March 5, 2026 @ 1:00 PM**

9. **Location:**

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