

JUVENILE JUSTICE
AND
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
COMMISSION

AGENDA

December 13, 2024, 12:00 PM

Jury Assembly Room

Ukiah Courthouse

100 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

<https://mendocino-courts-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1600926095?pwd=V0RqYUZJMlRGUnQvZmh6b0NmMGxiUT09>
Meeting ID: 160 092 6095 Passcode: 161251 Toll-Free Call-in Number: (833)568-8864

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. **Welcome and Introductions**
 - b. **Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

2. **Public Comment for items not on the Agenda**

3. **Review and approval of Draft Minutes from November 8, 2024 meeting (attachment)**

Recommended action: Approve minutes.

4. **Chief Probation Officer Report**

Recommended action: Receive the oral report and provide input to CPO Locatelli, as needed.

5. **Juvenile Hall Report**

Recommended action: Receive the oral report and provide feedback to staff, as needed.

6. **Update and Discussion on Speakers for JJDPC Meetings this Fall**

Recommended action: Discuss potential guest speakers for JJDPC future meetings. Determine who will contact speakers and arrange presentations.

7. Proposed Support and Information from OYCR (attachment)

Recommended action: Discuss email from Darius Parakh at OYCR to identify local resources to assist JJRPC with early intervention for youth

8. New Business

9. Review and Discuss Requests for Items to be included on Future Agenda, Including Agenda Date(s) and Provide Direction

10. Adjournment: JJRPC meeting are held from noon to 2 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Ukiah Courthouse on the following dates:

January 10, 2025

February 14, 2025

March 14, 2025

April 11, 2025

May 9, 2025

June 13, 2025

July 11, 2025

August 8, 2025

September 12, 2025

October 10, 2025

November 14, 2025

December 12, 2025

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NOVEMBER 8, 2024 MEETING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kate Gaston, Sarah Martin, Libbe Madsen (remote), Marquez Gibson (remote), Scott Marsh, Esperanza Montana-Culbertson, Bode Gower (remote)

OTHERS PRESENT: Izen Locatelli, Chief Probation Officer; John Bednar, MCJH Division Manager; Kim Turner, Court Executive Officer; Kim Weston; Darius Parakh (via Zoom) (OYCR Bay Area Liaison); Damian Ruby (MCYP); Shawn Lockhart (Juvenile Probation); Martin Martinez (Red Road Program)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vanessa Curl, Tanya Estrada-Ruiz

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by JJDPC Chairperson, Kate Gaston.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Additions or Corrections to Agenda
 1. Formation of Committees, Kate Gaston.
 2. Preauthorization/clearance of Commissioners by Probation Department, Kim Turner.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 11, 2024 MEETING (ATTACHMENT):** After discussion, the Commissioners approved the October 11, 2024 meeting minutes with requested change. Ms. Estrada-Ruiz moved to approve; Ms. Martin seconded.
4. **PROBATION REPORT:** Chief Locatelli reported that he has been focusing on Prop 36 for Adult Probation. They have extended a job offer to an extra help employee for a position in Juvenile Hall. The hall is fully staffed. The Juvenile Division of the Probation Department is not fully staffed and they are currently recruiting for two positions. They are covering the open positions with Adult Probation Officers that have previous juvenile experience. They are also working on cross training staff.
5. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported that there are currently 12 youth in Juvenile Hall, 11 males (four from Lake County), and one female. He reported that Lake County Juvenile Justice Commission will be touring the hall on November 13th. There are upcoming inspections with Environmental Health, BSCC, and the Fire Marshall. He is continuing to work on the Garden Project. The ground has been levelled and irrigation ditches have been dug. The weed barrier will be put down once the metal troughs have been received. They are able to obtain free

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compost and mulch through the Department of Transportation. They are struggling to find an instructor for the garden program. The College would be running the program based on the semester and it would be hard to integrate that with kids who come in and out of the hall. They are continuing to work on this aspect. The music program is moving along as well. The room is being prepped and painted. Equipment has arrived. They are investigating ways to add cultural and native music to the program.

6. **UPDATE/DISCUSSION ON SPEAKERS FOR JJDP MEETINGS THIS FALL:** Darius Parakh with the OYCR will be presenting next month on early intervention and organization assistance.
7. **NOMINATION AND POSSIBLE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** After nomination and voting, the new JJDP Officers beginning January 1st, 2025 are as follows:

Chair:	Sarah Martin
Vice Chair:	Marquez Gibson
Secretary:	Josepine Pady
8. **PROPOSED SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FROM OYCR(ATTACHMENT):** Item passed to December meeting.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
SARB: Ms. Gaston will be contacting MCOE and UUSD to have them attend the January, February, or March meeting for a presentation. She will also be contacting the Chair of the Boys and Girls Club.
10. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA, INCLUDING AGENDA DATE(S) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION:**
None.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDP meeting will be held on December 13, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Ukiah Courthouse. A Zoom link will be provided for Commissioners who cannot attend in person and for any members of the public to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:48 p.m.

MINUTES COMPLETE

Submitted by Kim Weston

Kimberly Weston

From: Parakh, Darius@OYCR <Darius.Parakh@CHHS.CA.GOV>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 2:33 PM
To: 'kagegaston@gmail.com'
Cc: Richardson, Vincent@OYCR; Rollins, Krystall@CHHS; Gayhart, Hilary@OYCR; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
Subject: RE: Follow-up from October Mendocino JJDPC Meeting

Dear Chairperson Gaston,

I hope this email finds you well as we approach the weekend!

I wanted to quickly follow-up on my earlier email to see if you needed any further assistance finding resources that describe the best practices for collecting and storing recidivism, truancy, and detention data as a county commission. As I mentioned, Dr. Richardson and our Research and Data Division are available to answer any questions that the Mendocino JJDPC may have!

Additionally, I would like to confirm whether you were interested in me identifying local organizations that support early intervention for youth in Ukiah, particularly in light of the recent rise in truancy cases. Much of our office's work focuses on connecting communities with resources tailored to their specific needs, and I'd be happy to research local organizations and share my findings with you.

Lastly, I wanted to check in about the possibility of connecting Judge Carly Dolan with our office's Director, Katherine Lucero. Director Lucero is eager to discuss best practices for supporting youth, especially given the recent increase in dually involved youth in Mendocino. If Judge Dolan is available, please let me know, and I can set up a meeting!

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to reach out. If my schedule permits, I hope to virtually attend Mendocino County's JJDPC meeting next Friday, November 8th, and can also answer any questions you might have during the call as well.

Thank you for your time,

Darius

**Darius Parakh (He/Him)**

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Subject: Follow-up from October Mendocino JJDPC Meeting

Dear Chairperson Gaston,

Thank you again for welcoming Krystall and me to today's JJDC meeting! We appreciated the opportunity to hear from your local community leaders, and it was especially heartening to learn of the development and success of Mendocino's gardening, music, and restorative justice peer court programs.

As promised, I wanted to follow up on your request for resources related to the collection and storage of recidivism, truancy, and detention data by similar county commissions. I have CC'd Dr. Vincent Richardson, Chief of the OYCR's Data & Research Division, to this email. Dr. Richardson can provide further insight into how other counties manage this data.

Additionally, during the meeting, Judge Carly Dolan highlighted the increase in truancy cases emerging from youth in Ukiah. Much of our work involves identifying and uplifting local community organizations that provide support and care to parents to prevent their youth from entering the system. If it would be helpful, I can research local organizations that offer early interventions promoting school enrollment and can send you my findings after contacting them to ensure they can provide support to your county.

Finally, Judge Carly Dolan mentioned that for the first time, Mendocino County will be providing services to dually involved youth. I would be happy to connect the judge with OYCR Director Katherine Lucero. Prior to her appointment, Director Lucero served as the Presiding Judge of Santa Clara County's Juvenile Court, and she would love the opportunity to discuss best practices for supporting dually involved youth with Judge Dolan. Please let me know if Judge Dolan would be open to meeting with the Director, and I can set up a meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. I hope to continue attending the monthly Mendocino JJDC meetings and am excited to further strengthen OYCR's partnership with your community!

Thanks again for your time,

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