

JUVENILE JUSTICE  
AND  
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
COMMISSION

**AGENDA**

**January 10, 2025, 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 December 13, 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. Discussion on Speakers for JJDPC Meetings**

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

**7. Information from OYCR Regarding Truancy Programs(attachment)**

*Recommended action: Discuss emails from Darius Parakh at OYCR on truancy resources available through OYCR and other state agencies.*

**8. Truancy and Proposed Truancy Summit**

*Recommended action: Discuss timelines and planning strategies for the proposed Truancy Summit.*

**9. New Business**

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

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

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

# Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

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## DECEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kate Gaston, Bodie Gower, Vanessa Curl, Libbe Madsen (Remote), Tanya Estrada-Ruiz, Marquez Gibson (Remote),

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bednar, Kim Turner, Darius Parakh (OYCR Bay Area Liaison)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Scott Marsh, Sarah Martin, Esperanza Montana-Culbertson, Josephine Pady

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 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 NOVEMBER 8, 2024 MEETING (ATTACHMENT):** After discussion, the Commissioners approved the November 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Bodie Gower moved to approve; Ms. Vanessa Curl seconded.
4. **PROBATION REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported that Probation has hired a new probation officer for the Juvenile Probation side, and she started this week.
5. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported that a new Youth Corrections Officer has been hired and started work this week. Juvenile Hall is currently fully staffed. They are still recruiting to fill extra help positions in the hall. The extra help position is for a Youth Corrections Officer in an "on call" status to cover unfilled shifts due to vacations or absences. There are 12 youth in the facility: eight males (two from Lake County), and four females (one from Lake County.) Next week is the follow up inspection with the Board of State Community Corrections to review and finalize the corrective action plan. They are working with MCOE and Mendocino College on a college course called Eagle Rise for the spring semester to introduce the youth to college and what they could expect if they chose to attend college. The garden project is currently on hold as they continue to search for a person to run the program. They are speaking with a few individuals who may be interested, but they may have to put out an RFP. The garden infrastructure has been procured and once the weather clears up they will continue to work on the area for the garden. The music program is progressing. They are waiting for one piece of equipment to arrive concerning the speakers in order to begin. Meanwhile, they

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continue to work on soundproofing and painting the room. They are working on a demo for a tablet program that is education based and contains vocational training. It's all self-paced learning that the youth may be able to continue using when they are out of the hall.

6. **UPDATE/DISCUSSION ON SPEAKERS FOR JJDPC MEETINGS THIS FALL:** Item passed to the January meeting.

7. **PROPOSED SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FROM OYCR (ATTACHMENT):** Ms. Parakh discussed rising truancy rates (mentioned at the October meeting). Their office began to research prevention and early interventions options here in the Ukiah area. The Arbor Youth Resource Center provides resources and early intervention programs. Another organization that is not currently working in Mendocino County is ACE Overcomers (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and OCYR is able to connect the JJDPC with them. The program comes to the county and is an evidence-based intervention program. They currently have some programs in Lake County. Santa Clara County has recently launched a Truancy Court. The Santa Clara District Attorney prepared a presentation, and he is more than happy to forward that to the commission. This is a good resource to provide to the District Attorney's office and school district here since many of the issues with establishing the court have been worked through. Ms. Turner will reach out to Santa Clara to get contact information for the Judge handling the court. Mendocino County Youth Project is also an available resource. Ms. Gaston would like to have a group compile a list of what each organization provides to see if there is duplication or if there is an area lacking where the commission can help fill the gap. Ms. Gaston asked what OCYR is seeing with other counties. Marin has recently launched Youth Transforming Justice with grant funds from Elevate Youth California in its San Rafael high school. The goal of OCYR is to bridge the gaps between the organizations providing services. Ms. Turner suggested holding a Truancy Summit inviting agencies to connect and collaborate. Ms. Turner asked if OCYR has looked into grant options through CAL OES or other funding agencies. Mr. Parakh will research this and report back to the commission, however he is aware of Cal AIM and their office has been working to connect agencies with Cal AIM for funding. The commission will need to decide on the focus for the group and then figure out a plan to obtain funding and institute the programs. Ms. Curl presented concerns about who will apply for funding and how the funding will be managed. It was suggested that the commission start with the summit and find out what the county needs, what's working, what isn't working, create a plan, and then worry about funding and grants. The commissioners requested that we add Truancy as a topic to focus on for the Agenda for the January meeting. Ms. Turner requested that Mr. Parakh bring additional information concerning truancy at the January meeting, as well as help with planning the summit.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUTGOING CHAIR AND SECRETARY:** Ms. Turner acknowledged the time, energy, and work that they have contributed to the JJDPC for the last decade by Commissioners Gaston and Madsen.

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9. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA, INCLUDING AGENDA DATE(S) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION:**

The commissioners requested that Truancy and a Truancy Summit be added to the January agenda.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDP meeting will be held on January 10, 2025 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 1:14 p.m.

MINUTES COMPLETE

Submitted by Kim Weston

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## Kimberly Weston

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**From:** Parakh, Darius@OYCR <Darius.Parakh@CHHS.CA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 30, 2024 10:58 AM  
**To:** 'kagegaston@gmail.com'; Kim Turner  
**Cc:** Rollins, Krystall@CHHS; Gayhart, Hilary@OYCR; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
**Subject:** Follow-up from December Mendocino JJDP Meeting  
**Attachments:** JSN CBO Explainer 5.16.24\_v2.pdf; Home Key Notice of Funding Availability - 2025.pdf

Dear Commissioner Gaston and Court Executive Officer Turner,

I hope this email finds you well this holiday season!

I appreciate your patience as I followed up on our conversation from the December Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP) meeting about available grants for your system and community partners. As I discussed during the meeting, as of the start of the new year, the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) does not have any open grant opportunities. However, I have gone ahead and added the main Mendocino JJDP email to our office's listserv to make sure that you are up to date on any future grant announcements! Each month, we release a newsletter, which details any available funding opportunities by our Office and our system partners. All future funding opportunities will also be posted on the [Resources page of our website](#).

While the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) does not maintain a list of grant opportunities outside of our office, I have compiled a list of potential resources that have recently been forwarded to my team. All grants either have a rolling deadline or will remain open into the new year.

### State Funding Opportunities:

- **Homekey+ (Opens in January 2025)**

In December, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a \$2.145 billion [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA) to build out housing for at-risk youth. For more information about the Homekey+ initiative, I have attached a PDF of HCD's funding announcement above for your review.

- **The Justice Serving Network (Rolling)**

In partnership with OYCR, the Public Works Alliance (PWA) is leading a multi-cohort effort to support community-based organizations develop their capacity to support systems-impacted youth. For more information on the Justice Serving Network, I have attached a one-pager created by the PWA for your review. If a CBO is interested in joining the next Justice Serving Network cohort, they can complete the [Network's interest form](#), and the PWA will reach out with more details should the organization be selected.

### Federal Funding Opportunities:

The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) regularly publishes grant opportunities on the [Open Funding page of their website](#).

- **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program (February 5<sup>th</sup> Deadline)**

Through funds allocated by the Federal Department of Justice, OJJDP is looking to distribute up to \$1,000,000 for a county to stand up a new Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. For more information on how to apply for this grant, your system partners can visit [OJJDP's page on the program](#).

- **Second Chance Act Funding (February 6<sup>th</sup> Deadline)**

Recognizing the importance of improving family engagement for systems-involved parents and their children, OJJDP is awarding up to \$750,000 for counties to implement programs that support the children of incarcerated parents to reduce the likelihood of future systems involvement. OJJDP has specified that Second Chance Act

funding may also be used in juvenile detention facilities. For more information on how to apply for this grant, your system partners can visit [OJJDP's page on the program](#).

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful new year!

Thanks again for your time,

Darius



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## Kimberly Weston

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**From:** Massa, Michael@OYCR <Michael.Massa@CHHS.CA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 30, 2024 11:30 AM  
**To:** Parakh, Darius@OYCR; Kim Turner; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
**Cc:** Rollins, Krystall@CHHS; Gayhart, Hilary@OYCR  
**Subject:** Re: Re: Mendocino County Northern California Truancy Prevention Convening

Good morning - Darius, Thank you so much for the amazing introduction.

Hello Court Executive Officer Turner. Thank you so much for going above and beyond to meet the needs of the Students. If there is any way I can be of assistance, please count me in.

I also want to make sure you have a direct link to the Education Health section of the OYCR Website ([LINK](#)) which has a lot of school based resources.

I look forward to future collaboration. Happy New Year!!!



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**Subject:** Re: Mendocino County Northern California Truancy Prevention Convening

Dear Court Executive Officer Turner,

I hope this email finds you well this holiday season!

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss truancy prevention programs with the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDC) during last month's meeting. As the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) guides the state's transition to county-led youth justice, improving educational outcomes for youth is a top priority. After consulting with my colleagues about the Commission's interest in hosting a Northern California Truancy Prevention Convening, we are excited to offer our office's support as you begin the planning process.

As in past months, I am aiming to attend the January meeting virtually to follow the Commission's discussions, and I look forward to hearing more about the Commission's plans at that time.

In the meantime, I wanted to take a moment to introduce you to Dr. Michael Massa, OYCR's Education Subject Matter Expert. Dr. Massa is currently leading our office's efforts to address chronic absenteeism in court schools across



California, and I've spoken with him about the Commission's interest in hosting a convening. He would be excited to assist in coordinating the event!

Dr. Massa, please meet Kim Turner, the Executive Officer for the Mendocino County Superior Court. Over the past two months, I have been working with Court Executive Officer Turner and the Commission to identify potential community-based resources to address rising truancy rates in Ukiah. Should the Commission confirm its intent to host a convening during the January meeting, I will reach out to schedule a time for us to discuss next steps.

Until then, I hope you have a wonderful New Year!

Thank you for your time,

Darius



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