

STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Date, Time, and Venue

Thursday – April 23, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Stanislaus County Probation Department

2215 Blue Gum Avenue

PROBATION DEPARTMENT- HR TRAINING ROOM

Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Chair/Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera
- II. Public Comment Period -
- III. Approve January 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- IV. Review/Approve the Combined JJCPA/YOBBG Plan for FY 2026-27 - JJCC
- V. Juvenile Probation Field Services Update – Juvenile Probation Division Director Olivia Lopez
- VI. Juvenile Institutions Update – Juvenile Institutions Superintendent David Costa
- VII. Announcements
- VIII.. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, July 22, 2026, @ Noon – Chair/Chief Probation Officer

MEETING AND PARKING NOTICE:

- The meeting will be held in the Human Resources Training Room in the gated parking lot on the corner of Blue Gum Avenue and Second Street.
- The entrance to the parking lot is off Second Street, directly across from the Modesto Junior College parking lot.
- Press the button for the gate attendant to allow you entrance into the parking lot.
- The meeting notice will be in front of the HR Training Room.
- A Map is attached.

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday – January 22, 2026

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MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT:

Mark Ferriera, Chair/Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Angelica Gomez for Jeff Anderson, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services
Kim Saing for Ruben Imperial, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Gina Machado, Director, Center for Human Services
Kalani Souza for Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department
Saundra Day for Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus Office of Education
Kenneth Sylvia, Youth for Christ
Christine Huber, Community Services Agency
Jon Appleby for Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office
Nancy Brown, California State University, Stanislaus
Marian Martino, Volunteer
Joshua Clayton for Sheriff Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sara Noguchi, Modesto City Schools
Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender's Office
Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Tracie Martin, ACPO Probation Department
David Costa, Facility Superintendent
Trisha Birchard, Probation Department
Robert Housden for Ruben Imperial, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Honorable Annette Rees, Stanislaus County Superior Court
Taylor Beckham, Center for Human Services
Sonna Gilmour, Without Permission
Brandon Fromm, Stanislaus Office of Education
Richard Perez, Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA)
Reyna Rodriguez, Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA)
Milton Cruz, Youth for Christ

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer (CPO) Mark Ferriera. Members, designees, and additional participants introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public were not present.

REVIEW OF THE STATUTORY COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) is a statutorily established body composed of designated representatives. As required by law, the Council must be chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and include a representative from the following:

The composition of the Stanislaus County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is as follows:

- Chief Probation Officer: Chair
- District Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's Office
- Sheriff's Office

- City Police Department: Modesto Police Department
- County Office of Education: Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE)
- School District: Modesto City Schools
- Board of Supervisors
- Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Community Services Agency
- Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Program Provider: Center for Human Services
- Non-Profit Community-Based Youth Services Organization: Sierra Vista Child and Family Services
- At-Large Community Members

To conduct official business, a quorum must be present. As the Council consists of 15 voting members, a minimum of eight voting members, representing a majority, is required to establish a quorum.

REVIEW OF THE STATUTORY PURPOSE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Last week, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee (JJCC Subcommittee) met to develop a plan to effectively serve youth who have been realigned from the state to the county.

The focus of today’s meeting is the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), which is primarily responsible for developing a comprehensive continuum of responses to address juvenile crime and delinquency. This includes creating a required plan that outlines resources and strategies for prevention, intervention, supervision, enforcement, treatment, and incarceration of youth.

Every five years, the JJCC develops a Local Action Plan that sets long-term goals and strategies to address juvenile crime. The plan is reviewed and updated annually to assess progress and add new goals as needed. Last year, members worked in groups based on statutory requirements to help shape this plan, and a similar process will occur again at the next five-year update.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2025

MOTION: Joshua Clayton. SECOND: Kalani Sousa. The Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025, were unanimously approved.

PROBATION FIELD SERVICES UPDATE

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Tracie Martin discussed California Assembly Bill 1376, which significantly reforms juvenile wardship probation by requiring that probation be dismissed after 12 months unless the probation department petitions the court for an extension. Any extension requires a scheduled hearing and a judicial finding by a preponderance of the evidence that continued supervision serves the best interests of both the youth and the community. If extended, the court must hold review hearings every six months to reassess progress and determine whether further supervision or dismissal is appropriate.

Although the law does not explicitly state whether it applies retroactively, counties statewide have implemented it as such. This required departments to review all youth on probation prior to January 1, 2026, to determine whether each had met their goals or required supervision. For example, of 213 youth on probation in mid-December, approximately 80 had reached the 12-month mark; 33 were recommended for dismissal, and 47 for continued supervision.

Chief Ferriera recited AB 1376, authored by Assemblymember Mia Bonta, to the Commission.

The group discussed key aspects and implications of AB 1376, including changes to services, funding, interagency coordination, and outcomes for youth and families. Potential support options for youth following their probation dismissal were also discussed.

- Through the CalAIM initiative, justice-involved youth are connected before and after release to Medi-Cal services and community resources via Enhanced Care Managers (ECM). These supports continue beyond probation, ensuring ongoing access to healthcare and other services. Full implementation begins October 1, 2026.

- California is developing referral pathways under the federally funded Families First Prevention Services Act to expand prevention services and provide ongoing support for youth and families.

JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS UPDATE

Facilities Superintendent David Costa provided the following Juvenile Institutions' updates:

- Mr. Costa recognized Marian Martino for her continued dedication to supporting the facility's "Deck the Halls" events, enhancing Christmas and New Year's for youth away from their families.
- The Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) recently conducted a surprise inspection, which the Juvenile Facilities passed without any findings. The BSCC representative praised the facility for its cleanliness and organization, calling it the cleanest and most organized facility inspected in the state.
- "Volt On the Go," a new curriculum, will launch next month, allowing participants to earn multiple certificates in various areas of industrial mechanics.
- The annual plan for the 2026 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant is currently under development.

The Juvenile Institutions' current in-custody population is 73, ages ranging from 14 to 21; 21 of the 73 are legal adults (18 years or older).

- 24 have been sentenced, and 15 are housed in the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF).
- 40 youth are held on 707(b) offenses, which are among the most serious charges, including murder and attempted murder.
- Recent staff assaults involved youth in custody for murder and attempted murder, underscoring the serious and high-risk population now housed locally following the closure of the state's Department of Juvenile Justice. These individuals, some of whom are legal adults and may remain in custody for several years, present ongoing safety challenges. The department remains committed to maintaining a secure facility and holding individuals accountable for violent behavior, particularly in cases involving targeted assaults on staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Modesto Police Department, Sean Dodge, in collaboration with the "Healthy Room Project," is requesting help identifying eligible youth in the Mark Twain Junior High area who would benefit from a room makeover.

Without Permission is currently serving 32 youth, both in and out of custody; 30 CSEC assessments to determine service needs and eligibility, conducted 269 in- and out-of-custody visits, and continues targeted screenings for all females and males age 15 and under due to staffing capacity limits.

The Community Services Agency (CSA):

The Child Abuse Prevention Council will hold its annual conference on April 28, focused on strengthening families early through the research-informed "Five Protective Factors" framework. The event will support service providers and help build stronger community partnerships.

The implementation plan for new federal eligibility and enrollment changes under H.R.1 is forthcoming; CalFresh and Medi-Cal benefits will be affected due to the new citizenship and work requirements. More information will be released soon to help family providers and young adults maintain access to food and healthcare benefits.

California State University, Stanislaus (Stockton campus) is starting a new semester and expanding enrollment, including its youth mentoring component. Coordinated by Ms. Brown, college students mentor K-12 at-risk youth through the Stockton Unified School District to help reduce system involvement among students.

The Center for Human Services began piloting Enhanced Care Management (ECM) last year through the Youth Navigation Center. The program has successfully enrolled many clients into ECM services and is now expanding into community support.

Marian Martino shared that community-funded holiday gifts were distributed to youth in custody, about 85 youth on probation, and their families.

Stanislaus Office of Education (SCOE): To better support youth transitioning out of custody, the ESoft in-custody instructor will participate in the Reintegration meetings

The Girls' Advisory Council #Shetoo Conference is scheduled for March 6, 2026.

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) continues to actively deliver services across the Secure Youth Treatment Facility, Juvenile Hall, and out-of-custody.

- A Step-down program youth completed Modesto Junior College (MJC) and is preparing to transfer to a four-year university.

Youth for Christ launched a new facility-based program, Project With, which has been well-received by youth. Staff also shared a success story: two of the first youth from the SHINE unit are now working as electricians, with one starting a cattle business, highlighting positive outcomes and long-term success.

Next Thursday, January 29th, the Center for Human Services will offer free community training at the Martin Peterson Center, in partnership with the Community Services Agency, focused on community awareness of human trafficking and how service providers can help youth and young adults.

Chief Ferriera advised that the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youth Offender Block Grant Plan would be completed and forwarded to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council in advance of the next JJCC meeting, for review and final suggestions. On April 23rd, the membership will reconvene to vote to approve the plan for submission to the state by May 1st.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.