



**MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Friday, March 20, 2026

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

In-Person (required for Voting Members, public welcome) at the following location:

**Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), Birch Lab 1,
2240 Old River Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482**

1. Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

1a) Welcome

Izen Locatelli welcomed everyone to this regular JJCC meeting.

1b) Introductions

Everyone went around the room to introduce themselves.

Izen Locatelli – Probation

Mick Hill – Public Defender

Matt Kendall – MCSO

Judge Dolan – Courts

Amalia Abrojena – RCS

Amanda Archer – MCYP

Sheryn Hildebrand – CASA

Bernie Norvell – MC BOS

Sarah Johnston – Probation

Christa Wilson – RCS

Becky Parsons – RCS

Ricardo Lopez – MCYP

Joseph Hoppe – District Attorney

Karen Lovato – BHRS

Thomas Corning – UPD

Percilla Stevenson – JJDPC

DeDe Parker – Social Services

Chris Francis – MCOE

Jason Iversen – UUSD

John Bednar – Probation

Amanda Stoner – Probation

Renee Alger – Social Services

Brady Nord – MCOE

Julie Whalen – Boys & Girls Club

1c) Additions or Corrections to Agenda

4a - Should say Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council in paragraph one of the summary instead of Community Corrections Partnership.

4a – Should say September 18th in the last sentence of paragraph two of summary instead of March 12th.



2. **Public Comment for items not on agenda**

Members of the public are welcome to address the JJCC on items not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the JJCC. The JJCC is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the JJCC under Public Expression are welcome to do so via email at jjcc@mendocinocounty.org. All correspondence received by 8:00 A.M. the day of the meeting will be attached to the item.

None.

3. **Consent Calendar**

3a) **Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the September 19, 2025, regular meeting

Attachment(s):

September 19, 2025 Minutes – DRAFT

Motion by Mick Hill. Seconded by Jason Iversen. No further discussion. Passed unanimously with Karen Lovato abstaining.

4. **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and Member Matters**

4a) **Provide Update on Review of Impact of SB 707 Regarding Brown Act Legislative Changes Effective January 1, 2026, for Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council** Recommended Action:

Receive update, discuss and/or provide direction to staff as needed.

Attachment(s):

SB 707 – Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements

Brown Act 2026, Compiled by Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP January 1, 2026

Summary

As a result of the passage of SB 707 in October 2025, which made extensive updates to the Ralph M. Brown Act, a review of the changes and the impacts it would have on various committees, including the Community Corrections Partnership was performed. Probation, in consultation with County Counsel, has completed this review and presents the findings in this agenda item.



Izen informed the group that a lot of the things in the Brown Act do not apply to this group. Izen is against virtual meetings due to the amount of work and time this would put on his staff and due to the amount of Zoom bombing that happens. If this committee votes to go virtual Izen will ask the County Executive Office to run the virtual meetings. This item will be carried over to the next meeting on March 12th to vote on how they go forward.

Izen Locatelli summarized this for everyone. No formal action is needed on this item.

4b) Annual Review and Discussion of the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan Including Recommendations for Updates and Changes

Recommended Action:

Review and discuss the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan; make recommendations for updates and changes; give direction to staff as needed; and approve for submission to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) by deadline of May 1, 2026.

Attachment(s)

Consolidated Juvenile Justice Plan 3-20-26
JJCPA Proposed Budget 2026-27

Izen Locatelli summarized the plan. Katie Ford highlighted the changes including the improvement projects. Percilla Stevenson asks about the outcomes. Katie informs the group that RCS helps measure the outcomes and they are presented in the fall. Matt Kendall states that they are still engaged out in the community.

Brady Nord talked about Snack Pack program; it is currently costing \$71k and salary is costing about \$5k which is about 8.86% of the funding. Brady is expecting the cost to be around \$75k-\$78k for next year. The group is wanting an update on this program in the fall.

This item will be broken up to two items for voting as the Courts are not able to vote on the County's budget. One vote for the plan and one vote for the budget.

Vote to approve the plan: Motion by Thomas Corning. Seconded by Matt Kendall. No further discussion. Vote passed unanimously.



Vote to approve the budget: Motion by Thomas Corning. Seconded by Matt Kendall. No further discussion. Vote passed unanimously with the Court abstaining.

4c) JJCC Members report on items of general interest

Recommendation Action:

No Action Required

Courts – dual justice is up and running, trying to collaborate to account for the increase in girls.

Sheriff – They have been seeing a few issues with overdoses which they think is due to bad batches coming into the county. They are understaffed and hoping to hire more. There has also been an increase in weather-related calls.

UPD – nothing to report other than that they are almost completely staffed.

Public Defender – their office is understaffed.

District Attorney – their office is understaffed.

BHRS - their office is understaffed and dealing with vacancies. Legislated changes are coming and they are trying to adapt to trends in complex youth and make sure that they are addressing what is needed for the youth in the community.

MCYP – is in need of more bilingual staff. They are applying for new funding streams and are collaborating with social services for family response.

CASA – there will be a Children’s Festival on April 12th from 11-3; more information on this will be posted on their website.

JJDPC – the meeting in April will be addressing their policies and procedures.

Social Services – their office is short staffed and dealing with an increase of complex cases and have had challenges with Mental Health cases.

UUSD – they seem to have better elementary level teachers, are hiring more secondary teachers, and have also added additional administrative staff.



Probation – Izen Locatelli will be the State Association President next year which will mean that he will spending more time out of the county. His goal while holding this role is to help rural counties get funding to an adequate level for the counties to run.

4d) Review and discuss requests for items to be included on future agenda, including agenda date or dates, and give direction to staff as needed

Recommended Action:

Accept requestions for items to be included on future agenda, including date or dates of requested items, discuss and/or provide direction to staff as needed.

Percilla Stevenson wants more discussion on SB 707 to be brought back to this group.
Percilla Stevenson wants OYCR to give a presentation to this group.

Adjournment: The next Regular JJCC meeting will be held on September 18, 2026, at a location to be determined.

Adjourned at 12:58 p.m.