

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (JJCC)

County of Tuolumne

MEETING MINUTES

Friday January 16, 2026

Present:

Dan Hawks, Chief Probation Officer, Tuolumne County Probation Department; **Mike Arndt**, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Tuolumne County Probation Department; **Joelle Kewish**, Juvenile Division Manager, Tuolumne County Probation Department; **Rachel Stahl**, Supervising Probation Officer, Tuolumne County Probation Department; **Amy Cooper**, Staff Services Analyst, Tuolumne County Probation Department; **Kathleen Waterbury**, JJC and At-Large Community Representative; **Kate Christie**, Deputy District Attorney, Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office; **Tou Yang**, Director, Department of Social Services; **Cathy Parker**, Adventist Health Sonora Regional; **Tami Mariscal**, Director, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health; **Neil Evans**, Undersheriff, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office; **Colleen Whitlock**, Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office; **JoLynn Miller**, Youth Development Advisor, 4-H; **Laura Krieg**, Presiding Juvenile Judge, Tuolumne County Superior Court; **Jason Coons**, Community Member; **Jamie Haire**, Community Member.

Documents Provided:

- January 16, 2026, Agenda
- October 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- Supplemental Material: GEO Reentry Services Tuolumne County Youth Program
- Supplemental Material: CPOC AB 1376 Article

Start Time:

Chief Probation Officer Dan Hawks called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Public Comments:

Dan Hawks acknowledged the presence of two community members present at today's meeting: Jason Coons and Jamie Haire. Both individuals have justice-involved personal histories and expressed an eager interest in participating to assist Tuolumne County youth.

Tami Mariscal reported that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board is seeking members. Further information and application forms can be found on the Behavioral Health website:

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/861/Behavioral-Health-Advisory-Board>.

JoLynn Miller announced that a new research study was being undertaken to explore the impact and interactions of in-custody youth and 4-H programs. To collect data, she and an associate from San Mateo County will be interviewing staff and volunteers that assist in these programs.

Agenda Items:

1. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2025, MEETING MINUTES:

Chief Hawks asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes. No changes were proposed, and a motion was made by JoLynn Miller to approve the Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Kate Christie. Laura Krieg abstained from voting due to not being present at the last meeting. The motion passed and the October 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

2. JDF UPDATE & STAFFING UPDATE

Mike Arndt informed the group that for calendar year 2025, there were a total of 97 bookings, 40 of which were from regional contracts (41%). Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility (MLRJDF) has had an average daily population 17.3 throughout 2025, with a male-dominant population.

Sierra and Lake County Probation Departments have expressed interested in contracting with MLRJDF as an option to house some of their in-custody youth.

The overall behavior of the in-custody population has been good, a fact that can be attributed to the numerous positive behavior incentive programs available to the youth. A notable standout in these programs is Judge's Honor Roll.

MLRJDF staffing is currently down three (3) positions, with one (1) person currently in the background investigation stage. An upcoming round of interviews are scheduled for the week following this meeting. Additionally, there are three (3) applicants in background investigations for relief positions.

a. JDF STRUCTURAL UPDATES

The structural work occurring at MLRJDF has been primarily linked to the CalAIM initiative. The initiative was summarized to be a health program to provide vital linkages between the in-custody population and medical and mental health services during the 90-day window prior to release from custody. Some of the grant funding has been utilized to provide additional meeting spaces for clinicians and in-custody youth.

3. SYTF UPDATE

At present, there is one SYTF youth in custody at MLRJDF. Rachel Stahl provided details about the youth currently in the SYTF program. The youth is a Mariposa County resident receiving case management from Tuolumne County. Included in this is an Individual Rehabilitation Program (IRP) which is written by Tuolumne County staff prior to being sent to Mariposa County Probation Department and Mariposa County Superior Court for approval. Senior Deputy Probation Officer Amber Hemphill is currently assigned to this case while the youth is in custody in Tuolumne County. Mike Arndt reported that this youth has a high level of need and extensive criminal history. Since his arrival at MLRJDF, his behavior has been stabilized.

One former SYTF youth is currently being supervised within the community and employed locally, though he has reoffended since his release. Another SYTF youth has stepped down to the Steps to Success camp program at MLRJDF. This youth is currently attending Columbia College for anthropology classes. Due to the furlough process allowed under Steps to Success, she can utilize the Tuolumne County Transit for commuting between MLRJDF and Columbia College.

4. GEO JUVENILE PROGRAM UPDATE

The GEO services offered for in-custody youth have been going smoothly and most of the juvenile hall population is engaged. These are some of the most needed and used services as many of the participants have ongoing struggles with several substances. There has recently been a change in local GEO management and interviews have been held for two applicants. Both applicants were reported to be former GEO employees, though not local. The question of program graduations was raised again. To date, there has been one small graduation ceremony held that will likely be expanded in the future.

5. JJCC/JJRBG APPLICATIONS

Dan Hawks reported there are no current applications.

6. UPDATED AB 102 REQUIRED DATA REPORTING ELEMENTS FOR OYCR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE – Legislative updates regarding the JJRBG formula, annual plan, and data reporting requirements

Recent legislation has created term limits for juvenile probation, resulting in a maximum of one-year of supervision. Exceptions are possible but require a formal court hearing and report to be submitted outlining the reasons for extending the term. If an extension is granted by the court, six-month review hearings are required. Concerns were raised regarding the fiscal impact, Welfare and Institutions Code §241.1 situations, and scenarios where youth may be on warrant status. Additional discussion surrounding retroactivity of this legislation was raised as well. The assumption is that it would be retroactive since prior adult legislation was applied retroactivity.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Quarter 2: Friday, April 17, 2026, at 12:00pm at Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

JoLynn Miller requested an agenda item for her research proposal. An additional agenda item was requested regarding volunteers and orientation.

End Time: Meeting adjourned 12:48 p.m.

Recorded By: Amy Cooper, Staff Services Analyst, Tuolumne County Probation Department

Glossary of Terms

ADP	Average daily population
BH	Behavioral Health
BSCC	Board of State and Community Corrections
CAMP	Steps to Success Program
CBO / CBOs	Community-based Organization(s)
CORE	Juvenile Corrections Officer Core Course training
DJJ	Department of Juvenile Justice
GEO	GEO Reentry Services
GREC	Gold Ridge Educational Center
IRP	Individual Rehabilitation Program
JCO	Juvenile Correctional Officer
JDF	Juvenile Detention Facility
JJCC	Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
JJCPA-YOBG	Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and the Youthful Offender Block Grant Program
JJRBG	Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant
MRT	Moral Reconation Therapy
MLRJDF	Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility
OYCR	Office of Youth and Community Restoration
SYTF	Secure Youth Treatment Facility
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
TCSOS	Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools
WASC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges