

Juvenile Justice Steering Committee

January 13, 2026

Voting Members Present:

1. Multnomah Education Service District: **Bich Do**
2. The local sheriff, or that person's designee: **Deputy Chief Reardon**
3. The county Juvenile Services Director, or that person's designee: **Dr. Kyla Armstrong-Romero**
4. The director of the District 2 department of social services, or that person's designee: **Marissa Moon**
5. Lived Experience: **Krystal Menefee**
6. OYA: **Gunnar Browning**
7. Gresham Representative: **Marcell Frazier**
8. A member of the faith community: **Brandi Gonzalez**
9. A substance abuse professional: **REAP Dauntae Roberson**
10. A juvenile defense attorney: **YRJ- Lisa Kay; MPD- Dawn Andrews**
11. A member of the business community: **Leticia Longoria-Navarro**
12. A representative from a community partner agency: **Latino Network- Ximena Ospina; POIC- Kamille Irwin-Cordero; VOA: Greg Cussen; Michelle Davis-SOS**

Others Present:

- Michelle Rogers, Heather Updike, Micaela Thurman, Lily Yamamoto, Sarah Delepine

Note taker: Tiona Cage

Last Meeting's Action Items

- none

01/13/26 Meeting Discussion Notes:

- Michelle Davis - knows of a potential youth who might be good for JJSC.
ACTION: Michelle - Email Kyla and cc: Tiona about a potential youth candidate for JJSC.
- Kate Molina was the vice chair of JJSC. Kate left her position in November; therefore, we need to appoint a new vice chair.

- Vice chair duties: co-facilitating and agenda planning
- Marcell recommended someone from a community-based organization serve in that role, for balance purposes.
- Kamille and Ximena volunteered to be co-vice chairs.
- **ACTION:** Tiona - schedule JJSC agenda planning meetings for Kamille, Ximena and Kyla.
- JJSC Tours - where would we like to go?
 - [Parrot Creek](#) (Oregon City) - they would be willing to give us a tour on Feb. 13th or 20th.
 - If the date doesn't work for you, you can send a representative for your organization.
 - 02/13 - 7-8 expressed that are potentially available
 - **ACTION:** Tiona - send calendar invite for 02/13 and confirm who would like transportation
 - [Oak Creek](#)/Jackie Winters, [MacLaren](#)
 - Gunnar can connect us with both institutions. **ACTION:** Gunnar - look into possibility of touring Oak Creek/Jackie Winters (Albany) and MacLaren
 - Potentially MacLaren in March and Oak Creek/Jackie Winters in April
 - Gunnar offered that if anyone would like to tour a facility outside of the JJSC tour, he is happy to help set up tours
 - **ACTION:** Providers - if you are willing to provide a tour of your space, email Tiona
 - Pathfinders and LatinoNetwork are willing to host.
 - LatinoNetwork - June or July meeting.
 - Agenda Topic ideas:
 - [Walden Crossing Nexus](#) - Bich mentioned interest in inviting them to share more about their court-ordered services they offer. Bich offered to invite Walden Crossing to present.
 - General overview of adjudication process etc.
 - What does a court proceeding look like
 - Court offender v. private attorney
 - How assigned JCC, how long work together

- Kamille - POIC has a step-by-step guide/handbook that answers these questions. **ACTION:** Kamille - share a copy of the parent handbook that outlines court procedures.
 - POIC/LatinoNetwork shares this with parents and alternates being present at preliminary hearings.
- DCJ research team to present JJIS data about youth in Multnomah County
- Marcell - is willing to present on 2025 data for Gresham youth violence, since the trends in Gresham differ from those in Portland.
- Updates
 - LatinoNetwork -
 - Many of the families they serve are not going to work/meeting in person. Many groups have shifted online.
 - There has been a need to train staff how to respond if incidents happen during their home visits. LatinoNetwork has been more diligent around their facility, since it is a target for ICE. They have legal observers on site.
 - Teenagers are taking on more of the responsibilities in order to protect their parents (ie getting gas, buying groceries, baby sitting).
 - Donald E Long Detention/Court
 - Many parents are afraid of visiting youth in the facility. The facility is offering online visiting options.
 - Some parents are afraid to go to attend court hearings. Gunnar shared he has seen the option to call in is being used more.
 - There has been an increase in gang activity. Training has been offered to staff on de-escalating this type of conflict. There is concern these conflicts will continue as they are released back into the community.
 - ODHS has a mobile van - they are looking into leveraging that to service clients (exp. distributing food boxes) who are afraid to visit ODHS offices.
- There are plans for Rockwood for high density housing. High density housing tends to be less expensive, attracting lower-income families as well as undocumented families. High density increases risk of altercations.

Even if offering to help with relocation, many families cannot afford to live anywhere else.

- Rep. Maxine Dexter has secured \$1 million for E Multnomah County for Gang Intervention. Commissioner Jones-Dixon has also been supportive in getting funding.
- POIC has partnered with Albina Project to relocate families back to N and NE.

Topics for next month

- Resources for Gang Violence Intervention

New Action Items (or continuing)

- Gunnar - look into possibility of touring Oak Creek/Jackie Winters (Albany) and MacLaren
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- Kamille - share a copy of the parent handbook that outlines court procedures.