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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii
Office of Youth Services

Ethnic & Cultural Diversity (ECD) Standing Sub Committee
Zoom Video/Audio Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2025
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Adrienne Heely-Caires, Paul Tonnessen, Malia Malufau

Members Absent: Misty Carter

Members Excused:

Guests Present: Kimi Gabbard

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, John Paekukui, Norene Machida

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<p>I. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting protocol for audiovisual communication • Introduction of Members and Guest • Establishment of Quorum (3/4) 	<p>(11:33) A Heely Caires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Chair, Adrienne Heely Caires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunshine Law requires members to be on camera ○ Quorum is established • Introduction of Members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adrienne Heely Caires, JJSAC Member, Chair of the Ethnic & Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee 2. Paul Tonnessen, JJSAC Member, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee Member 3. Malia Malufau, JJSAC Member, Vice-Chair Ethnic & Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee 4. Shannessy Ahu, Office of Youth Services, Children & Youth Specialist 5. John Paekukui, Office of Youth Services, Compliance Monitor 6. Norene Machida, Office of Youth Services, Office Asst. 			

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II. Consideration and approval of minutes for the following meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft of Minutes for June 12, 2025 (To be approved) 	(11:37) A. Heely Caires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration and approval of minutes for May 7, 2025 Motion to approve minutes as presented by P. Tonnessen Seconded by M. Malufau All in favor 	Minutes for May 7, 2025, approved	Members	
III. Public Testimony and Written Testimonies Submitted: Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Community Members will have 3 mins. to speak, i.e., per person, per item, or written testimony can be submitted on agenda items]	(11:38) A. Heely Caires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public and written testimonies received. 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Institute on Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) Recommendations Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bill HB129, SB 1028: Relating to Youth Fees and Fines Kellogg's Grant-Kawailoa Youth & Family Wellness Center Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheri has moved to a new position in our office Presentation at the JJSAC of the National Institute on Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will send the recording to anyone who did not attend. An update was provided on the Legislative Updates: Bill HB129, SB 1028: Relating to Youth Fees and Fines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative initiatives in Hawaii, including House Bill 129 and Senate Bill 1028, both of which failed to pass due to time constraints Presentation of Kellogg's Grant-Kawailoa Youth & Family Wellness Center Report by Tai-An Miao <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kellogg Foundation program's goal to end youth incarceration and replace it with indigenous support systems 	<p>OYS will continue to support the Committee as Sheri took a new position and is no longer the RE/D Coordinator</p> <p>Send recording to Committee of the JJSAC meeting on May 22, 2025, to review presentations and updates</p>	<p>OYS</p> <p>OYS</p>	

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<p>VI. 3-Year State Plan Goals & Objectives FFY:2024-26</p> <p>Goal 4.1: Define the problem, monitor its scope, identify trouble spots in the system.</p> <p>Objective 4.1.1- Develop system for ongoing monitoring of racial and ethnic disparities in the Hawai'i juvenile justice system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set regular schedule for: (1) annual JJIS data review • Request for more specific analysis tailored to racial and ethnic disparities observed in annual review • Based on data review, identify action steps for committee to act on to consistently monitor and reduce racial and ethnic disparities. • Present findings to JJSAC members; provide data-informed update 1-2 times per year at JJSAC Full Body meeting 	<p>(11:48) A Heely Caires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maui County has 2 family court judges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sonya Toma was just appointed and could be invited to give her thoughts on racial disparities <p>Objective 4.1.1- Develop system for ongoing monitoring of racial and ethnic disparities in the Hawai'i juvenile justice system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set regular schedule for: (1) annual JJIS data review <p>(11:52) S. Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) is a state agency who provides a large amount of data per our request every year https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/jjis/ • The site provides the definition for race and ethnicity. • We can identify a section within the data for the Committee to review <p>(11:56) A Heely</p> <p>Can the data be sent to the Committee</p>	<p>Invite Judge Sonya Toma to the next meeting</p>	<p>A Heely</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R/ED Report -Due July 2025 	<p>(11:57) S. Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can send the data sets as in relates to the Crime Analysis Crime Analysis is a report we contracted the University of Hawai'i to take the JJIS data and create a report JJSAC members were sent this report, and it was presented with at the November 2024 meeting Advise to start with the recommendations in the report Completing the analysis and review is the objective of 4.1.1 <p>(12:01) A Heely Caires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the Committee reviews the report, and provide feedback to report at the next JJSAC meeting scheduled August 28, 2025 <p>(12:02) S Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheri completed the Racial & Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) report, but it is not ready to share until we hear back from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) who is our federal grant department. 	<p>Send data sets and Crime Analysis report to the Committee</p> <p>Review Crime Analysis and report out at the next JJSAC meeting</p>	<p>OYS</p> <p>Members</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can send this report to the Committee for review <p>(12:03) A Heely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please send the report to the Committee when it is available 	Send R/ED report to Committee when available	OYS	
<p>VII. Next scheduled meetings: Next Meeting for FY 2024-2025 (1st Wednesday of each month)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, August 6, 2025 <p>Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Meetings FFY:2024-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, August 28, 2025-4th Q (In-Person) Thursday, November 20, 2025-1st Q 	<p>(12:07) A Heely Caires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next scheduled meetings Wednesday, August 6, 2025 (11:00am-12:00pm) August 28, 2025, will be an in-person JJSAC meeting at the Kawaiiloa campus 			
VIII. Adjournment	<p>(12:07)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:07pm by P. Tonnessen Seconded by M. Malufau Motion carried by A Heely 			