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

Prevention and Accountability Standing Committee (P&A SC)
Zoom Video/Audio Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Shawn Kana'iaupuni (Chair), August Suehiro (Secretary), Dane Ka'ae

Members Absent: None

Members Excused: None

Guests Present: Judge Gregory Meyers, Melissa Pavlicek

Staff Present: Norene Machida

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<p>I. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Members & Guest • Establishment of Quorum (2/3) 	<p>(12:06) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chair, Shawn Kana'iaupuni • Quorum is established (2/3) • Introduction of Members & Staff <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Chair, JJSAC Member 2. August Suehiro, Member, P&A Committee 3. Dane Ka'ae, JJSAC Member, P&A Committee 4. Judge Gregory Meyers, JJSAC Member 5. Melissa Pavlicek, Guest 6. Norene Machida, Office of Youth Services, Office Asst. 			
<p>II. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for the following Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 23, 2025-To be Approved Please review prior to the meeting and bring any suggested revisions to the meeting. • July 3, 2025-Informational Only 	<p>(12:11) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and approval of minutes for April 3, 2025. • Motion to approve minutes by A. Suehiro. • Second by D. Ka'ae. • All in favor. 	<p>Minutes for April 3,2025, approved without corrections.</p>	<p>Members</p>	

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<p>III. Community Input [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]</p>	<p>(12:12) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community in attendance. • No community written testimonies received. • Kupa 'Aina Farm celebrated their 11th Ho'okanaka Cultural Diversion Program cohort. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worked closely with the Judiciary and Family Court Diversion Unit to create a program for first-time offenders to help build character and values within their household in hopes of reducing incarceration/recidivism. ○ Program is 2 years old and has seen 600 youth with a 96% success rate. ○ This program consists of six consecutive Saturdays where youth learn farming techniques while understanding some basic Hawaiian values with daily reflections and journaling. ○ Kupa 'Aina hosts 5 cohorts per year and hope to replicate it in other areas. 			
<p>IV. Old Business (Open for Discussion) 3-Year State Plan: Goal 2.2 – Objective</p>	<p>(12:14) S. Kana'iaupuni</p>			

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<p>2.2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Status of Provider Survey • Review Status of Youth Survey • Agree on Next Steps • Identify Recommendations to JJSAC 	<p>3-Year State Plan: Goal 2.2 – Objective 2.2.1</p> <p>Review Status of Provider Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider Survey needs to be reported to the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC). • Offered to either present at May 28th JJSAC meeting or have the Chair, Rick, share report beforehand for review. • PowerPoint presentation already prepared and available for distribution. <p>(12:17)</p> <p>M. Pavlicek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney supervising three law students • Items on the public agenda of interest to the Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH) students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students working on juvenile justice policy initiatives at state legislature ○ Strong interest in youth voice and lived experience to infuse into their policies. ○ Provide information on legislation to this Committee or JJSAC. <p>(12:20)</p> <p>S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <p>Review Status of Youth Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 100 youth responded to 	<p>To be requested and placed on the agenda at the next JJSAC meeting May 28, 2026</p>	<p>S. Kana'iaupuni/ OYS</p>	

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	<p>initial survey administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses heavily concentrated in 2-3 organizations. • Geographic distribution primarily from Oahu and Maui. • Organizations contributing responses: Kinai' Eha and possibly Hale Kipa. • Dane confirmed Maui contributed some responses. • Suggest re-administer and obtain another 100 responses and report on all the data collected. <p>(12:23) D. Ka'ae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good idea, would want a bigger number of responses, agree. <p>(12:24) A Suehiro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good job, agree. <p>(12:25) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Meyers could reach out on Kauai with youth receiving supportive services in any system, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child Welfare Services (CWS) ○ Youth care programs ○ After-school programs 	<p>Next Step: Re-send Youth Survey to collect another 100 responses from different organizations, with the JJSAC Chair to be informed</p>	<p>S. Kana'iaupuni/ Members</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Substance abuse counseling ○ Residential programs ○ Other youth support services <p>Survey Administration Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The survey is administered by the Prevention and Accountability Committee on behalf of JJSAC. It includes a comprehensive paragraph explaining confidentiality protection and describing how the data will be used. This transparency is designed to build trust with youth respondents and encourage honest, thoughtful responses. ● Judge Myers specifically asked about this language to ensure he could accurately describe the survey's purpose and protections when distributing it through his networks. ● Send the explanatory paragraph about confidentiality and data use to all committee members for consistent messaging. ● Survey will be sent out again with call-to-action request for responses. ● All committee members will distribute survey to their networks and partner organizations. ● Accumulate data from both survey periods for comprehensive analysis to be shared 	<p>Send Notice of Confidentiality and Survey to committee members for distribution</p>	<p>S. Kanai'iaupuni/ OYS</p>	

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	<p>with the JJSAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Chairman Rick about re-administration plan. 	<p>Notify Rick about re-administration plan</p>	<p>S. Kanai'iaupuni</p>	
<p>V. New Business(Open for Discussion)</p>	<p>(12:28) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge Meyers, do you have an interest in joining the P & A Committee? <p>(12:28) G. Meyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have not been to any other Committee meetings and interested to join this Committee. <p>(12:29) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mellissa, do you have an interest in joining the P & A Committee? <p>(12:29) M. Pavlicek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This algins well with the work I'm volunteering to do. <p>(12:30) S. Kana'aiupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a motion to vote for Judge Meyers and Melissa Pavlicek as new members of the Prevention & Accountability Committee 			

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	<p>(P&A). (12:30) D. Ka'ae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion for Judge Meyers and Melissa Pavlicek to become members of the Prevention & Accountability Committee (P&A). <p>(12:30) A Suehiro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second <p>(12:30) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion was received. All in favor. 	<p>Voted in new Members: Judge Gregory Meyers and Ms. Melissa Pavlicek</p>	<p>Members</p>	
<p>VI. Future Agenda Items: (Open for Discussion)</p>	<p>(12:31) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there any future agenda items to add to the next agenda besides what has been discussed. <p>(12:32) M. Pavlicek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed a complementary research approach to gather retrospective perspectives from adults who had former youth justice system involvement. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complementary/Follow-On Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults can provide perspective with passage of time. • May offer insights youth don't share in surveys. • Can react to youth survey findings and provide fuller story. • Helps identify gaps between past and present services. • Methodological Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus groups allow for deeper discussion than surveys. • Avoids survey fatigue and "rainbow survey" issues. • Enables follow-up questions and clarification. • Captures nuanced experiences and perspectives. <p>(12:35) S. Kana'iaupuni Potential Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members identified several sources for recruiting adult participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shawn: Has staff who could provide this perspective ○ August: Suggested Salvation Army programs, detention facilities, and 			

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	<p>youth facility system staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judge Myers: Knows people who have been through system and now work with kids ○ Dane: Agreed perspective valuable for comparing past to present services <p>Implementation Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guided Interview Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee will develop guided set of questions for consistency. ● Each committee member will facilitate small group discussion (2-5 individuals). ● Members will compile notes from their sessions. ● Data will be aggregated into committee report. ● Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will be conducted after youth survey results are available. ● Adults can react to youth survey findings. ● Allows for targeted questions based on youth data. <p>(12:37) M. Pavlicek</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Prevention and Accountability Committee an appropriate venue for Department of Education (DOE) truancy. <p>(12:38) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, this Committee would be appropriate to discuss concerns about DOE truancy and suspension. <p>(12:38) M. Pavlicek</p> <p>Truancy Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for current data on truancy rates and trends. • Understanding patterns across different schools and districts. • Connection between truancy and youth justice involvement. <p>Suspension Policy Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspended students not receiving meaningful teacher engagement as planned. • Circular problem identified: Teachers don't follow up because students don't come, and students don't come because teachers don't follow up. • Need to understand suspension rates and trends. • Impact of suspensions on educational outcomes and youth justice involvement. 			

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	<p>(12:39) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) used to have civil rights data from education department through 2025. • May not be reporting anymore due to federal department changes. • We can talk to JJSAC Chair to schedule a presentation with someone from the DOE to report on this issue. <p>(12:40) N. Machida</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the Attorney General's website, there is a system that collects data on juveniles who enter the justice system. https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpia/jjis/ <p>(12:41) M. Pavlicek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of our law students who is a former child welfare worker with lived experience may want to do some research on this. <p>(12:42) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they could share what they find, then we can prepare questions for the DOE. 	<p>Provide research information on DOE truancy and suspension issue</p>	<p>M. Pavlicek</p>	

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<p>VII. Next scheduled meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD • Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Meetings FFY:2024-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, May 28, 2026 ○ Thursday, August 27, 2026 	<p>(12:43) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting Wednesday, April 29, 2026 12:00pm-1:00pm 			
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>	<p>(12:44)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 pm by A. Suehiro • Second by D. Ka'ae • Motion carried by S. Kana'iaupuni • Meeting adjourned 			