

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
Program Review and Development Subcommittee  
Special Meeting  
MINUTES**

**November 3, 2025**

**NEXT MEETING:**

December 8, 2025

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**JJCC Subcommittee Members Present:** Chris Modica, Michael Rodriguez, Maureen Byrne, Dr. Kristen Roye, Veronica Martinez

**JJCC Subcommittee Members Absent:** Noe Villa

**Other meeting attendees:** Shawna Hunt, Sylvia Rodriguez, Pat Kennealy, Chrissy Ortega

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations/ Actions	Responsible
<p>1. <b>Call to Order</b> Chris Modica called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.</p>		
<p>2. <b>Public Comments for Items on the agenda</b> None heard. None received telephonically or via email.</p>		
<p>3. <b>Discuss and vote to recommend to the JJCC, increased funding for the Public Health THRIVE Program MOU from the not-to-exceed amount of \$875,000 to the not-to-exceed amount of \$950,000 for FY26 or the not-to-exceed amount of \$1.1M annually for FY26 through FY28.</b></p> <p>Veronica Martinez presented a revised budget following a funding request for the THRIVE Expansion (\$875,000) at the July 14, 2025, JJCC Subcommittee meeting, which went before the JJCC on August 13, 2025. The calculation for the July request did not include the 5% increases in salaries &amp; benefits for the PHNs for FY26 as stated in the request.</p> <p>Two request options were presented:</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> – Not to exceed \$1.1 million, covering FY26 through FY28. Includes the additional Community Health Worker, 5% increases in salaries &amp; benefits for the existing four (4) PHNs, and the addition of operating expenses for Breakthrough Parenting classes.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> – Not to exceed \$950,000, covering FY26. Includes the additional Community Health Worker, 5% increases in salaries &amp; benefits for the existing four (4) PHNs, and the addition of operating expenses for Breakthrough Parenting classes.</p> <p>Questions and comments:</p> <p>Chris recapped the approved July request for funding increase from \$690,503.81 to \$875,000.</p> <p>Chris asked Fiscal several questions about the JJCPA allocation received each year from the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amount is not guaranteed but has been around \$2M plus \$2M in growth funds, for a total of \$4M. We usually find out the amount in September, so if we revisit this in the Spring, we won't know the allocation amount yet.</li> <li>Chrissy clarified that growth funds are dependent on a formula with metrics based on our population. The source of the growth funds is vehicle license fees, which have been stable. Chrissy gets early projections in January which may give a better idea for projections what the amount will be in September.</li> <li>The Public Health THRIVE Program MOU uses about 30-35% of the annual JJCPA allocation. If we did increase funding, fiscal projections show the trust fund nearing the balance by FY28. Expenses are already exceeding the annual allocation. Fiscal concern is that we would deplete the trust. We want to have at least 6 months of operating expenses in the trust. In FY28, we will still have \$5M.</li> </ul> <p>Chris asked Veronica if the JJCC would be asked for additional funding for every contract and suggested it might be time to start asking school districts for a contribution.</p>		

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<p>Maureen noted that THRIVE is one of the more dynamic programs but agrees it should connect with schools to discuss help with funding.</p> <p>Veronica wasn't sure what districts can provide monetarily or what other grants will come up. They can proceed with operations, but for the Community Health Worker (CHW), they would need to reassess for the next FY. The CHW can be hired now but if funding is through FY26, it may impact hiring.</p> <p>Chrissy asked if the CHW PCN is for a fixed-term or permanent position, as it will make a difference with funding that ends in FY26.</p> <p>Michael stated his biggest concern is getting qualified people if only a 6- to 9-month contract can be offered with Option 2, and is recommending Option 1, with funding through FY28.</p> <p>Chris, based on information and advice, is going with Option 2.</p> <p>Dr. Roye agrees with the decision for Option 2.</p> <p>Maureen agrees with Option 2, knowing we can revisit in the Spring and authorize additional funding at that time.</p> <p>Sylvia gave Fiscal's recommendation for Option 2, \$950,000 for FY26, based on a trust account analysis. Given the current economic climate, funding may be impacted, therefore Option 2 is preferred as it provides more flexibility to revisit for the next FY.</p> <p>A motion was made by Chris Modica to recommend to the JJCC, increased funding for the Public Health THRIVE Program MOU from the not-to-exceed amount of \$875,000 to the not-to-exceed amount of \$950,000 for FY26. Seconded by Maureen Byrne.</p> <p>A motion was made by Michael Rodriguez to recommend to the JJCC, increased funding for the Public Health THRIVE Program MOU from the not-to-exceed amount of \$875,000 to the not-to-exceed amount of \$1.1M annually for FY26 through FY28. Motion died for lack of a second.</p> <p><b>Motion to recommend to the JJCC, increased funding for the Public Health THRIVE Program MOU from the not-to-exceed amount of \$875,000 to the not-to-exceed amount of \$950,000 for FY26; 4 votes to approve, 1 recusal; motion approved.</b> (Veronica Martinez, who presented on the request, recused herself from the vote.)</p>		
<p><b>4. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.</b></p>		