



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda – Minutes (Draft)

Release and Reentry Subcommittee

Date: April 21, 2026
Time: 12 PM to 1:30 PM
Location: Monarch Services, 550 Water Street, Suite J3
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Introductory Items

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

1.1. TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 12:02 PM

Esmerelda Torres	Present
Hannah Taylor	Present
Jesse Silva	Present
Kristie Clemens	Present
Sarah Fletcher	Present
Sarah Kocjan	Present
Stacey Palau	Absent
Tara George	Absent

2. Check-in (Informational)

2.1. *Check-In was held*

3. Public Comment

Any person may address the Subcommittee for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members will not take action on or discuss any topic not on today's agenda, but are permitted to ask staff to follow up and/or place the topic at a future meeting. Public comment will not exceed thirty (30)

minutes. If there are additional persons still wishing to address the Subcommittee after this allotted period, public comment may be continued to the last item on the agenda.

3.1. No speakers addressed the subcommittee during public comment.

Regular Agenda

4. Approve minutes from March 3, 2026, Release and Reentry Subcommittee Meeting (Action)

Motion: Hannah Taylor

Second: Jesse Silva

Result: Motion passes unanimously

5. Staff Update on Subcommittee activities (Informational Only)

5.1. Staff reported on meetings in March and progress on objectives; the Biennial Report was accepted by the Board on March 24, 2026, and Supervisor De Serpa thanked the Commission for their ongoing work; Mother's Day ad-hoc group appears to have been a success; and Housing & Healthcare will be coordinating the Lived Experience Presentation in May. Staff will recommend the Commission consider and implement a phased adoption of the workplan objectives since the subcommittee will be ready at different times during the remainder of the calendar year. The next Biennial report due date has been moved to February 2028.

6. Consider directing staff to find and reserve alternate locations for subcommittee meetings (Action)

6.1. Subcommittee members discussed moving the meeting location and determined to table the item until location becomes an issue.

Motion: Hannah Taylor

Second: Sarah Kocjan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

7. Consider adding a seat to the Release & Reentry Subcommittee for Monarch Services and direct staff to add the update and appointment to the May 14 Commission meeting Agenda (Action)

7.1. Subcommittee discussed adding Cassie Gazipura to Release & Reentry Subcommittee from Monarch Services since she has been a part of JAG since the task force and is returning after a break.

Motion: Esmerelda Torres

Second: Hannah Taylor

Result: Motion passes unanimously

8. Identify tasks embedded in objectives, the corresponding deliverables, and appoint ad-hoc work groups to develop strategies to reach objectives (Action)

- 8.1.1. Attachments:

- 8.1.1.1. RASCI Matrix

- 8.1.2. Subcommittee assigned tasks for each objective:

- 8.1.2.1. Objective 1: Gatisa to present at May 19 meeting on CalAIM Rollout, Hannah to bring information from Public Defender's Office, staff to request Probation to report back

- 8.1.2.2. Objective 2: Jesse to return with list of potential employers, Hannah to return with potential resources available for women specifically for the Clean Slate program

- 8.1.2.3. Objective 3: Identify domains in which information is needed, establish a responsible person, and request them to report back

- 8.1.2.3.1.1. Questions to ask: How many clients are system impacted? What data is available by gender and can it be disaggregated by gender? What are the probation violations? Consider number of arrests and number of times incarcerated. What kind of offenses, charging, and sentencing are women receiving?

- 8.1.2.3.2. Probation: Sara Berman (Adult) and Sarah Fletcher (Juvenile) – staff to follow up

- 8.1.2.3.3. Court/Sentencing: Sasha Morgan – staff to follow up; request criminal filings from 2025 with women named as defendants

- 8.1.2.3.4. Sheriff's Office: Kristie Clemens

- 8.1.2.3.5. Service providers and system partners: Esmerelda and Cassie to get data from Monarch Services and reach out to Lynn Boule with Walnut Avenue; Kristie Clemens to reach out to substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health treatment (Janus, etc)

8.1.2.4. Subcommittee discussed presentation from Probation on women in Probation, services provided, and trends identified in probation.

8.1.2.5. Subcommittee posed question for FYP: What is the early intervention when children are involved, or Family & Children Services?

Motion: Hannah Taylor

Second: Sarah Kocjan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

9. Announce Subcommittee Chair for the next meeting based on alphabetical rotation (Informational Only)

Jesse Silva is the next chair

10. Adjournment

TIME ADJOURNED: 1:22 PM

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