

Council for Equitable Youth Justice
Approved Minutes
June 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Via Zoom
Public Location: 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT

Members Present:

Karen Vastine, Jessica Barquist, Donn Hutchins, Amy Davenport, Zoe Souder, Julia Brand, Linda Johnson, Henri Sparks, Kate Hayes, Mercedes King, Peter Brown, and Stu Berry,

Members Absent:

Laurey Burris, Katherine O'Day, Stu Berry, Mike Loner, Zoe Souder, Paul Groce, Hudson Ranney

Partners Present:

Alissa Shether; K. M. Smith (Mathematica)

Members Joining the Mathematica Training Session following the meeting:

Matt Wolf

Call to Order:

Karen called the meeting to order at 10:05 am without a quorum being present.

Updates: National, State and Local

Federal:

- Karen overviewed the status of current Federal Funding for Title 2. The president's 2026 budget has proposed level funded for Title 2.
- JJRA reauthorization remains uncertain within the current political environment in Washington.

State:

- The CEYJ has 2 RFPs in process for High End System of Care Consulting and the SI Committee Recidivism Study. Final awards are anticipated in the near future.
- The proposed High End System of Care Facility in Vergennes is not going ahead as proposed. More information on this situation will be available at the next CEYJ meeting.

At 10:13 am a quorum was established.

Welcome New Members:

Karen led the CEYJ through a round robin introduction of CEYJ Members and welcomed our newest members, Kate and Mercedes, to the CEYJ.

Approve Prior CEYJ Meeting Minutes:

Karen requested and received a motion and second to approve the May 15, 2025 CEYJ Meeting Minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the CEYJ voted to unanimously approved the May 15 Meeting Minutes with Kate and Mercedes abstaining.

Karen postponed the stipends discussion on the meeting agenda to a future meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Karen adjourned the meeting at 10:33 pm.

The next CEYJ meeting will be July 17th at 10:30 pm.

Submitted by: Donn Hutchins