

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868  
Wednesday March 15, 2023  
9:02 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) GUEST SPEAKER – JESSICA HOUSTON**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5) OLD BUSINESS**
- 6) NEW BUSINESS**
- 7) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 8) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 9) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 10) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 11) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
March 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Perring. The meeting was held at the Betty Lou Lamoreaux Juvenile Justice Center, 341 The City Drive, Orange, California, in the second floor Commission Conference Room.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT:** Amy Crowley  
Marcy Garfias  
Silvestre Lopez  
Wyatt McClean  
Lynda Perring, Chair  
Michael Schumacher  
Jan Sturla  
MaryLou Vachet  
Steve Winder  
Dolores Yost, Vice Chair

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Judy Johnson

**STAFF:** Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Taeona Beechum, Legal Processing Specialist

**GUEST:** Jessica Houston, Senior Social Worker/AWOL-CSEC Liaison Permanency Service Program.

Guest speaker Jessica Houston, Senior Social Worker/AWOL-CSEC Liaison Permanency Service Program, primarily focuses on helping minors who are away from care for more than 3 days. Jessica stated peer influence and social media play an important factor in a youth's decision to step away from care. Jessica closely works with Grace Court and shared the positive benefits the youth can gain if they choose to participate in Grace Court's services. She continuously encourages and assists minors in the best way possible to have a safe return to their placement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The corrected March 1, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MEETING WITH ORANGEWOOD – MAHONRI SAPIGA**

Commissioners Crowley and Perring provided an overview of their meeting with Mahonri Sapiga regarding the away from care incidences at Orangewood. With approximately 30 away from care incidences a day, the JJC has had some concerns. Commissioner Crowley and Perring reported Mahonri Sapiga would like to meet and discuss with Probation if a few of their programs could possibly be implemented at Orangewood. Mahonri Sapiga will continue to keep the JJC updated on their progress.

**NEW BUSINESS  
INSPECTIONS**

Commissioner Perring reported STRTP, law enforcement agencies and institution inspections will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April. The 2023 tentative inspection schedule was distributed to the commissioners. Commissioner Perring asked the group to submit any changes to the STRTP inspection form by March 22, 2023. Commissioner Garfias suggested that Commissioner Perring discuss the inspection process at the next JJC meeting on April 5, 2023.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. EDUCATION**

Commissioner Vachet provided an overview of the YGC meeting held on March 10, 2023. She reported a new assistant director has been appointed. Also, a new school system for reviewing school transcripts was developed. Some progress has been made and the JJC education sub-committee will continue to provide updates. EAA to schedule a follow-up meeting with Jim Perez and Erick Bieger regarding YGC.

**B. JJC/Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Crowley reported the book club held a congratulatory event in honor of finishing their first book. With the success of the first book club, a 2<sup>nd</sup> group was created. A possible partnership with Project Youth to assist with funding was also mentioned.

**C. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Inspections**

Commissioner Yost provided a brief update regarding the LEA inspections.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (OC JJCC)**

Commissioner Schumacher shared an overview of the OC JJCC meeting held on February 23, 2023. He reported budgeting expenses were discussed, as well as what programs and agencies will be funded.

**Central YRC visit**

Commissioners Lopez and Winder provided an overview of the Central YRC visit on February 24, 2023. Commissioner Lopez reported that YRC distributed a bell schedule which included three classes. Commissioner Winder reported Probation would like more funding to help with court ordered services.

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)**

Commissioner Winder gave an overview of the MHSA meeting held on February 27, 2023. Commissioner Winder reported there is a need to provide children and youth with mental health services.

**Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWISP)**

Commissioners Crowley and Perring shared an overview of the CWISP meeting held on March 2, 2023. Commissioner Perring reported Social Services is having trouble hiring for social work services. HCA is working towards having Narcan available.

**Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD)**

The Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality meeting is tabled to the next JJC meeting on April 5, 2023.

**Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee (Prevention & Awareness)**

Commissioner Vachet shared an overview of the CSEC Steering Committee meeting held on March 3, 2023. Commissioner Vachet reported CSEC are looking for ways to gain more exposure within the community, and how to educate the community about the services they provide.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioners Perring and Yost are planning to attend the Positive Youth Development video conference on March 16, 2023.

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet and Yost are planning on attending the Foster Care Advisory Board Quality Parenting Initiative (FCAB/QPI) meeting on March 22, 2023.

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, and Winder plan to attend the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR SOC) video conference on March 23, 2023.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering committee video conference on March 23, 2023.

Commissioners McClean and Perring are planning on attending the Juvenile Recovery Graduation on March 23, 2023.

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet are planning to attend the Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) video conference on April 4, 2023.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) video conference on April 6, 2023.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**A. Food Services Meeting**

Commissioner Perring provided an overview of the Probation food services meeting held on February 28, 2023, with Priscilla Suzuki, Director Juvenile Hall, Martin Corrales, Director YGC/YLA, Helen Wong, Registered Dietician Nutritionist, and Michael Gomez, Food Services Manager. Commissioner Perring reported the Juvenile nutrition staff provide a monthly meal rotation and prepare meals that are within the restrictive guidelines. Commissioner Perring is planning to follow up with the dietician.

**B. Job Development**

Commissioner McClean reported a meeting he had with Andrew Magana from the Department of Rehabilitation. Commissioner McClean referred Andrew Magana to a few mechanic companies who would possibly be interested in partnering with the Rehab Development Program in assisting youth and young adults.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 11:42 a.m. until 11:47 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

*Lynda Perring*

Lynda Perring, Chair