

**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 November 01, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & COMMENTS
  - a. JUVENILE COURT
  - b. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
  - c. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)
  - d. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)
  - e. COUNTY COUNSEL
  - f. PROBATION DEPARTMENT
  - g. OC SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
  - h. SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
  - i. SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
  - j. HCA, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
  - k. HCA, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES
  - l. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS
  - m. REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY
  - n. CASA
  - o. ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION
  - p. PROJECT YOUTH OCBF
  - q. J. MICHAEL HUGHES, ATTORNEY AT LAW
  - r. LAW OFFICES OF HAROLD LAFLAMME (MINOR'S COUNSEL)
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
- 4) GUESTS
  - a. MIGUEL GARCIA, REGIONAL SPECIALIST COUNTY COORDINATION DIVISON OCYR
  - b. RYAN RISING, UCI GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER
- 5) CORRESPONDENCE
- 6) NEW BUSINESS
- 7) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS
- 8) REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS
- 9) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS
- 10) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 11) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
- 12) ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday November 01, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 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  
Denise Churchill (WebEx)  
Marcy Garfias  
Judy Johnson  
Silvestre Lopez  
Connie Marshall  
Wyatt McClean  
Lynda Perring, Chair  
MaryLou Vachet  
Steve Winder

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Madelyn Rodriguez  
Jan Sturla  
Dolores Yost, Vice Chair

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

**GUESTS:** Anna Beltran, Deputy Court Operations Manager, Juvenile Court  
Katie David, District Attorney Supervisor  
Arlene Speiser, Public Defender (Juvenile Justice)  
Richard Cheung, Public Defender (Juvenile Justice)  
Dana Stits, County Counsel  
Chief Daniel Hernandez, Probation Department  
Commander Kirsten Monteleone, Orange County Sheriff's Department  
Chief Sergio Mancilla, Santa Ana School Police  
Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services, Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services, Maureen Mutch, Administrative Manager of Orangewood Children and Family Center  
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health  
Grace Lizardo, Program Manager, HCA Juvenile Health Services  
Dr. Ramon Miramontes Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent  
Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools  
Dr. Sonia Llamas, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services  
Raina Lee, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services  
Jack Stanton, Regional Center of Orange  
Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer, CASA  
Tami DiPaolo, Director of Youth Support Services, Orangewood Foundation  
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Project Youth Orange County  
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law  
Brian Baron, Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme (Minors Counsel)  
Ryan Rising, UCI Graduate Student Researcher, Underground Scholars  
Miguel Garcia, Regional Specialist County Coordination Division of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OCYR)

**COMMENTS BY THE JUVENILE COURT**

Anna Beltran, Deputy Court Operations Manager gave a brief introduction. No updates reported.

**COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Katie David, District Attorney Supervisor reported no new updates.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)**

Arlene Speiser, Public Defender, reported their goal is to continue to help the youth avoid entering the adult system.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)**

Richard Cheung, Public Defender gave a brief introduction. Reported no new updates.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, gave a brief update and reported recruiting staff has been challenging.

**COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Chief Daniel Hernandez reported a new Youth Reporting Center (YRC) is set for construction early 2024. The new building will include sensory and de-escalation rooms, as well as space for vocational training classes.

**COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Commander Kirsten Monteleone gave a brief update. For the year 2023 over 912 parents have participated in parenting classes, over 20,000 students have been educated on Fentanyl through school assemblies, as well as active shooter training.

**COMMENTS BY SANTA ANA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Sergio Mancilla reported no updates.

**COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services, reported they are implementing staff self-assessments both internal and external to analyze strengths and challenges. Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services, reported there has been improvement with overstays and an increase in away from care incidences. They are looking to hire 50 extra help staff. Maureen Mutch, Administrative Manager of Orangewood Children and Family Center, reported on the positive reactions the kids had at the trick-or-treat walkthrough at Lamoreaux Justice Center.

**COMMENTS BY HCA, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health reported no new updates.

**COMMENTS BY HCA, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**

Grace Lizardo, Program Manager, HCA Juvenile Health Services reported the medical units are now distributing Narcan to youth over 12 years of age upon discharge.

**COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**

Dr. Ramon Miramontes Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent reported they have filled principal vacancies and hired a program specialist. Dr. Sonia Llamas, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, shared her goal is to set a solid foundation for all students. Raina Lee, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services reported they have had a 66% preschool enrollment rate which is the highest since 2012. She also reported 61 youth will benefit from a 1.1 million school funding grant.

**COMMENTS BY REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY**

Jack Stanton, Regional Center of Orange reported no updates.

**COMMENTS BY CASA**

Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer, CASA reported they are continuing to provide an increase of support to families and are implementing family finding interventions to help locate biological fathers.

**COMMENTS BY ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION**

Tami DiPaolo, Director of Youth Support Services reported with the help of the Youth Connected Program, the youth have been averaging grades of C or better.

**COMMENTS BY PROJECT YOUTH OCBF**

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Project Youth Orange County gave a brief update. She reported Project Youth is collaborating with Probation and they have established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

**COMMENTS BY J. MICHAEL HUGHES**

J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law gave a brief update and reported he represents Dependency court cases.

**COMMENTS BY LAW OFFICE OF HAROLD LAFLAMME (MINORS COUNSEL)**

Brian Baron from the Law Office of Harold LaFlamme reported they have met their goal of having two attorneys present in each courtroom.

**GUESTS**

Miguel Garcia, Regional Specialist County Coordination Division for the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) reported on the signing of AB 505 and what it means for youth advocacy.

Ryan Rising, UCI Graduate Student Researcher, Underground Scholars, gave an overview of the work he does with Probation youth by the way of Underground Scholars. His goal is to establish confidence within the youth through literary arts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The October 18, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nomination Committee**

The nomination committee was formed. It will include commissioners Garfias, Johnson and Vachet. Commissioner Perring asked the nomination committee to present the slate of nominees at the next JJC meeting.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Vachet gave an overview of the subcommittee meeting with Vern Burton and school administrators on October 27, 2023. There has been a reduction of class closures. The JJC Education Committee and The Department of Education would like to continue to meet monthly.

**B. JJC/Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Crowley and Lopez gave a brief update on the book club. The group will begin reading their 6<sup>th</sup> book, "A Street Cat Named Bob," by James Bowen. Commissioner Crowley also reported Probation Officer Garcia joined their most recent book club session and shared positive feedback about the book club.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Quarterly Forum**

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson and Perring attended the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Quarterly Forum on October 18, 2023. Commissioner Churchill gave a brief overview. 44 attended including representatives from STRTPs. They discussed staff having access to Narcan and many of the STRTPs are interested in having cameras outside their facilities upon state approval.

**Essay Contest Ceremony**

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Lopez, Marshall, McClean, Perring, Rodriguez, Vachet, Winder and Yost attended the Essay Contest Ceremony on October 19, 2023. Commissioner Crowley shared one of the participants was happy his family member in Mexico had the opportunity to hear his essay since the ceremony was livestreamed. Commissioner Vachet discussed possibly involving previous winners in the planning process for the 2024 essay contest.

**Cast Policy Board Meeting**

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on November 15, 2023.

**Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Orange County Townhall**

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on November 15, 2023.

**Continuum of Care Reform Steering Committee (CCR SOC) Coordination Meeting**

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet and Winder attended the CCR SOC Coordination meeting on October 26, 2023. Commissioner Winder gave an overview and reported meetings will now occur bimonthly.

**Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) Graduation**

Commissioners Marshall and Perring attended the JRC Graduation on October 26, 2023. Commissioner Marshall reported there was one graduate who was supported by her boyfriend and their baby.

**Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Placement Subcommittee**

Commissioner Vachet, Winder and Yost attended the CSEC Placement Subcommittee on October 26, 2023. Commissioner Winder reported their goal is to provide additional support to caregivers and are looking for ways to recruit more foster care parents.

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**

Commissioner Winder attended the JJCC meeting on October 26, 2023. He provided a brief overview and reported they discussed budgeting issues, presented reports and the status of Senate Bill 823.

**Project Kinship Conference**

Commissioner Crowley attended the Project Kinship Conference on October 26, 2023. She reported about 400 people were in attendance. Youth from the Youth Learning Center (YLA) shared their life experiences and why many of them chose gang life.

**Juvenile Justice Committee (JJC) Subcommittee Meeting with HCA**

Commissioners Churchill, Crowley, Garfias, Johnson and Winder attended the JJC subcommittee with HCA on October 13, 2023. Commissioner Churchill gave a brief overview and reported they discussed services, programs and Community Care Licensing limitations.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on November 2, 2023.

Commissioners Lopez and Vachet are planning to attend the Essay Contest debrief meeting with Probation and Orange County Department of Education on November 7, 2023.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost plan to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee on November 9, 2023.

Commissioner Marshall plans to attend The Science of Attachment Relationships and their Impact on Transitions: A Child-Centered Approach to Child Protection webinar on November 9, 2023.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Planning Advisory Committee on November 16, 2023.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**A. Guest Speaker from Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program**

Commissioner Lopez proposed a guest speaker from MAT present at the next JJC meeting. It was decided that the EAA invite the speaker in early 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Lynda Perring*

Lynda Perring, Chair