

**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, January 7, 2015  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND COMMENTS**
  - JUVENILE COURT**
  - DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
  - PUBLIC DEFENDER (DELINQUENCY UNIT)**
  - PUBLIC DEFENDER (DEPENDENCY UNIT)**
  - COUNTY COUNSEL**
  - PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
  - SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**
  - HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
  - HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**
  - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**
  - STATE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**
  - CHIEFS OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS**
  - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
  - REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY**
  - PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
January 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Boortz. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mays. 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:** Patricia Boortz, Chair  
Benjamin de Mayo, Vice Chair  
Jane Foley  
Cheryl Hart  
Judy Johnson  
Max Madrid  
Rick Martinez  
Susan Mays  
Eula Nelson  
John Nguyen  
Connor Traut

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Susan Leibel  
Steve Livingston  
Judy Zorrilla

**STAFF:** Beverly MacLaren, Administrative Officer  
Vanessa Martinez, Office Specialist  
David Yniguez, Office Specialist

**GUESTS:** Hon. Maria Hernandez, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
Blanca Escobedo, Deputy Manager, Juvenile Court  
Sonia Balleste, Deputy District Attorney  
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit  
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, Juvenile Dependency, County Counsel  
Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department  
Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, Orangewood Children & Family Center, SSA  
James Harte, Program Manager II, Children & Youth Services, HCA  
Stacey Northcutt, Sr. Comprehensive Care Nurse, JHS, HCA  
Tony Gibson, Director, Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)  
Dan Llorens, Chief, Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association, FVPD  
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD  
Michael Pixomatis, Sergeant, Community Services and Programs Division, OCSD  
Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program  
Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orange County Alliance for Children and Families  
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Children's Foundation  
Martha Madrid, Associate Director, Orange County Bar Foundation  
Pernell Sullivan, Program Director, New Alternatives, Inc.  
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town  
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law

**INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chair Patricia Boortz and Vice Chair Benjamin de Mayo introduced themselves and provided information regarding their backgrounds. Chair Boortz requested each of the Commissioners introduce themselves to the guests. Chair Boortz also requested the guests introduce themselves and provide brief biographical information.

**COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT**

Honorable Maria Hernandez, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, stated the stakeholders, Juvenile Court, and the agencies have done phenomenal work over the past year. There has been a strong collaboration with all the stakeholders and agencies. Judge Hernandez congratulated the Probation Department's Accountability Commitment Program (ACP) on the positive article in today's newspaper. Judges Fred Slaughter and Gary Moorhead have been assigned to the Juvenile Court. Ms. Blanca Escobedo is being promoted to Principal Analyst. She will continue to work with Juvenile Court in a different capacity, with a focus on project management.

Blanca Escobedo, Deputy Manager, stated that it has been a privilege to work for the Juvenile Court. Kelli Beltran will be the new Manager assigned to the Juvenile Court. The conversion to the new case management system will take place in 58 work days. The Juvenile Court's business processes continue to be reviewed, and this has afforded the Court opportunities to improve and streamline processes, such as the filing of probation violations.

Commissioner de Mayo inquired regarding the continuity of personnel assigned to the Juvenile Court. The representatives from the offices of the District Attorney, Public Defender, County Counsel, Probation Department, J. Michael Hughes, and CSP Victim/Assistance Program each gave an overview of their respective staffing and length of assignment to the Juvenile Court.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, announced the next cross-training presentation topic will be "Extended Foster Care." Mr. Scott Burdick will be the presenter and will also cover the changes, trends, and how to better serve the youth transitioning into adulthood. The training will be held on February 23 in Department L-21 at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Traut inquired if Mr. Burdick could provide information as to whether or not they track the foster youth for criminal offenses once they reach adulthood. Mr. Stits stated he would pass the question on to Mr. Burdick for the presentation.

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Steve Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, stated the Juvenile Hall population is down to 140, which is a reflection of the good work being done on behalf of the youth. The Probation Department has used the ACP, the Youth Reporting Centers, and other tools to decrease the number of youth who are incarcerated. Commissioner Madrid thanked the Probation Department for the work done by the youth in the ACP program by assisting with the Toys for Tots Program.

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, reported Susan Holl will be retiring tomorrow, after 30 years of service. This will create a vacancy at Children and Family Services. There continues to be an increase in the number of Hotline Calls. The current population at the Orangewood Children and Family (OCFC) home continues to be about 53 children. The average length of stay is 45 days.

In a couple of weeks, there will be a virtual walkthrough at OCFC by a former foster youth and a birth parent as part of a system improvement exercise. The focus is to look at the OCFC process from a youth and family's perspective.

The "My Life, My Choice" program focuses on victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). It will be an eight-week pilot program for twelve girls from OCFC and the Court Replacement Facility (CRF).

**ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, reported the holiday party held on December 13, 2014 was very successful. There were over 200 children in attendance, as well as a visit from Santa Claus. Ms. MacDougall will be accompanying ten students to Washington, D.C. on February 2, 2015 to attend the Leadership Academy.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program**

Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, reported the next Victim's Rights Conference will be held in April and information will be sent to the JJC when it becomes available. The program is moving forward regarding providing comfort dogs for their clients while in court chambers.

**Orangewood Children's Foundation**

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, reported the holiday toy drive was very successful. The Foundation was able to provide for all their clients and share the extra toys with other organizations that came up short on donations.

**Orange County Alliance for Children and Families**

Gene Howard, Executive Director, reported his organization is discovering there is a lack of resources for children with serious mental health and drug addiction issues. The Alliance is collaborating with the Health Care Agency, Social Services Agency, and the Probation Department to develop a program model to meet these needs of the children.

**New Alternatives**

Pernell Sullivan, Program Manager, reported he is working with several panels to assist children with drug addiction problems. The panels are focusing on reaching out to the children when they are 12 or 13 years old. The number of children who have absconded from CRF is down from previous months.

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2014, as written. **MSC Commissioners de Mayo/Martinez to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting, as written.** The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Administrative Officer spoke to Chief Deputy Probation Officer Sean Barry about the repairs to the reception area signage at Juvenile Hall. Mr. Barry reported the signs have been patched and a new sign has been ordered.

The Administrative Officer reported she contacted Mr. Rick Martin, Director, Curriculum, Learning, Accountability, and Student Services (CLASS), regarding a response to the letter sent by the JJC on December 16, 2014. Mr. Martin indicated a response will be forthcoming.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Boortz congratulated Commissioner Hart on being appointed to a new a four-year Juvenile Justice Commission term today.

Commissioners Boortz, Martinez, the Administrative Officer, and the Office Specialist attended the Orangewood Holiday Tea on December 11, 2014. Commissioner Martinez noted the event was very well organized.

Commissioners Hart and Martinez attended the Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation on December 12, 2014.

The Administrative Officer reported on the number of youth who are over the age of 18 and placed in group homes. A discussion ensued regarding placement of non-minor dependent youth.

**LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

**Foster Youth Outcome**

Commissioner Nelson attended the Foster Youth Outcomes meeting on December 17, 2014. Betsy DeGarmoe gave a presentation on "Bridging the Gap from High School to College."

**CAST**

Commissioner Johnson reported there will be a special meeting in January to discuss the Medical Director position. The Policy Board meeting will meet on its regularly scheduled date and time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Probation**

The Probation Department Group Home Report dated December 9, 2014 was tabled to the next JJC meeting for review.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Nelson is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership meeting on January 8, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz and Hart will be attending the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Subcommittee meeting on January 12, 2015.

Commissioner Boortz is planning to attend the TIPS-C meeting scheduled for January 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Leibel is scheduled to attend the Orange County Children's Partnership meeting on January 15, 2015.

The FaCT 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary celebration will be held on March 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. The celebration will be at the Delhi Center.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was convened from 11:04 a.m. until 11:26 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

*Patricia Boortz*

Patricia Boortz, Chair