

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday, February 4, 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
February 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Boortz. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Nguyen. 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
Susan Leibel
Stephen Livingston
Max Madrid
Susan Mays
Eula Nelson
John Nguyen
Connor Traut
Judy Zorrilla

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Rick Martinez

STAFF: Beverly MacLaren, Administrative Officer
Arasha Alcaraz, Office Assistant

GUESTS: Blanca Escobedo, Deputy Manager, Juvenile Court
Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, Juvenile Court
Sonia Balleste, Assistant District Attorney
Tracy LeSage, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, County Counsel's Office
Doug Sanger, Division Director, Probation Department
Gary Taylor, Division Director, Children & Family Services, SSA
Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, Orangewood Children & Family Center, SSA
Jennifer Palmquist, Family Court Services, SSA
Janice Richardson, LCSW, HCA Service Chief II for CEGU OCFC
Joan Eugenio, Senior Comprehensive Care Nurse, Juvenile Health Services, HCA
Deputy Chief Valentin- Santa Ana Police Department
Michele Stevens, Victim Advocate, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program
Hether Benjamin, LMFT, Community Service Programs, Director of Youth Development
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Children's Foundation
Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orange County Alliance for Children and Families
Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, New Alternatives, Inc.
Daisy Colin, Program Director, New Alternatives, Inc.
Pernell Sullivan, Program Director, New Alternatives, Inc.
Diana Lee Carey, Council Member, City of Westminster
Sam Torres, Member of the Public

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Blanca Escobedo, Deputy Manager, introduced Kelli Beltran as the new Juvenile Court Unit Manager. Anaruth Gonzalez has accepted a position with the Los Angeles County Court and her last day will be February 11, 2015. The conversion to the Odyssey case management system will not be ready for deployment on April 1, 2015. More information on a final release date will be provided.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, announced Scott Burdick and Jaime Munoz will be the presenters at the next cross-training. The topic will be "Extended Foster Care/Non-minor Dependents." The training will be held on February 23, 2015 in Department L-21. The cross-training presentation in March will be by Attorney Meldie Moore who specializes in Education Law. She will discuss the services provided to developmentally delayed youth.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION

Doug Sanger, Division Director, stated the Juvenile Hall population has remained stable. The Juvenile Hall Administration is working to balance the staffing levels to better serve the needs of the youth. Some of the staff will be reassigned to other areas to assist with programs for the youth.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES

Gary Taylor, Division Director, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to discuss the Continuum of Care Report as a special topic next month. The Board of Supervisors has approved 34 new positions for the Social Services Agency.

Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, reported the current population at the Orangewood Children and Family (OCFC) home is 60. The staff from OCFC, Probation Department, and Juvenile Hall has met to developing procedures for dealing with minors who become combative and aggressive toward staff and others.

There was a virtual walkthrough at OCFC by a former foster youth and a birth parent. The purpose was to gain insights into the impact of the OCFC process on children from intake to placement. There were three procedures that have been recommended for OCFC for youth as a result of the walkthrough.

The "My Life, My Choice" program at OCFC focuses on the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). The goal of the program is to have the girls attend 10 sessions and keep them engaged as well as decrease AWOL episodes and increase the placement of youth in the community.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

Joan Eugenio, Senior Comprehensive Care Nurse, stated all minors at Juvenile Hall are screened for respiratory infections. There have been five cases of influenza. Each of the youth are currently being treated and quarantined. Vaccines for measles are provided if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deputy Chief Valentin, Santa Ana Police Department, will be representing the police department at future meetings. Chief Valentin oversees the Investigations Bureau.

CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program

Michele Stevens, Victim Advocate, announced the Annual Victims' Rights Conference for 2015 will be held on April 14.

Orangewood Children's Foundation

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, announced The Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school years. Admission selections will be based upon a lottery. The Academy has staffed a full-time Student Success Coordinator for the foster youth on campus. The Orangewood Children's Foundation Resource Center assists foster youth to obtain treatment to address their psychological issues.

Orange County Alliance for Children and Families

Gene Howard, Executive Director, reported the Blue Ribbon Commission is working to develop a program model for youth with mental health issues. Mr. Howard is collaborating with the Social Services Agency, Health Care Agency, and Probation Department to construct a Level 14 facility for youth with mental health issues.

New Alternatives

Pernell Sullivan, Program Manager CRF, reported the population at CRF is currently low.

Daisy Colin, Program Director SAF, stated the children participated in the planning of their Super Bowl party. They were encouraged to collaborate with the staff and participate in activities.

Public Comments

Sam Torres, Grand Juror, introduced himself to the Commission. Mr. Torres is currently a member of the Grand Jury and his term will end on June 30, 2015. The Grand Jury is currently accepting applications to join.

Diana Lee Carey, Council Member, City of Westminster, reported the number of arrests in the city has gone down from previous years. The reasons for arrest include petty theft, vandalism, possession of illegal substances, and burglary. Commissioner Madrid thanked Ms. Carey for locating a warehouse facility for the Toys for Tots program.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2015, as written.

MSC Commissioners de Mayo/Nguyen to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting, as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Mays was selected to Chair the Child Death Committee.

In response to Mr. Rick Martin's email, the Education Committee will schedule a follow-up meeting to visit the Greeley School.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners Johnson and Zorrilla attended the Human Trafficking Summit on January 29, 2015. The goal is to train teachers, administrators, and the public to identify and assist students who are at risk of becoming Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). Commissioner Johnson shared information regarding a PBS television special, "A Path Appears – Episode One – Sex Trafficking in the USA."

LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Johnson attended the CAST Policy Board meeting on January 28, 2015. CAST does not have a permanent Medical Director or Social Services Agency Manager. The roll call video is being credited with raising awareness and increasing the number of referrals to CAST.

Commissioner Boortz and Hart attended the Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee meeting on February 2, 2015. Mary Hale announced the winner of the Orange County Board of Supervisor's election will be the new liaison for MHSA. There could be additional funding to finance an independent project in response to the Little Hoover Commission report that criticized the implementation of California's MHSA plan. The Steering Committee voted to adopt the \$24 million proposed INN (innovation) budget which will be expended over the next three years. After the vote, 11 out of 13 INN proposed projects were recommended for funding.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Nelson plans to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership meeting on February 5, 2015.

Commissioner Zorrilla plans to attend the TIPS-C meeting on February 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:21 a.m. until 11:55 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Patricia Boortz

Patricia Boortz, Chair