

**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 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. CONTINUUM OF CARE REPORT**
- 5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
March 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Vice Chair de Mayo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson. 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:** Benjamin de Mayo, Vice Chair  
Jane Foley  
Cheryl Hart  
Judy Johnson  
Stephen Livingston  
Max Madrid

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Patricia Boortz, Chair  
Susan Leibel  
Eula Nelson

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

**GUESTS:** Hon. Maria Hernandez, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
Cherie Garofalo, Director of Operations, Juvenile, Family Law and Self-Help Services  
Janice Chieffo, Deputy District Attorney  
Kate Lewis, Assistant Public Defender  
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, County Counsel's Office  
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer  
Gary Taylor, Division Director, Children & Family Services, SSA  
Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, Orangewood Children & Family Center, SSA  
Alyson Loyd, Administrative Manager I, SSA  
Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, Children & Youth Behavioral Health  
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA  
Kirk Anderson, Program Administrator, Orange County Department of Education  
Sherri Cummings, Licensing Evaluator, California Community Care Licensing  
Deputy Chief Valentin, Santa Ana Police Department  
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD  
Michael Pixomatis, Sergeant, Community Services and Programs Division, OCSD  
Michele Stevens, Victim Advocate, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program  
Hether Benjamin, LMFT, Community Service Programs, Director of Youth Development  
Kathryn Grant, CEO, CASA of Orange County  
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Children's Foundation  
Martha Madrid, Associate Director, Orange County Bar Foundation  
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Orange County Bar Foundation  
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town  
Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, New Alternatives, Inc.  
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law  
Bill Steiner, Former JJC Commissioner  
Steve Baric, Member of the Public

**COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT**

Honorable Maria Hernandez, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, stated the projected launch date for the Odyssey case management system is June 8, 2015. Dr. Beth Cauffman will be conducting a three-hour block training on April 17, 2015 regarding Adolescent Brain Development. The training details will be sent to the Juvenile Justice Commission. Judge Hernandez traveled to Sacramento to give a presentation regarding foster youth and exposure to acute trauma. Trauma Informed Care and Trauma Intervention for foster youth are being utilized to reduce the number of foster youth who become involved in the delinquency court system.

Cherie Garofalo, Director of Operations, reported training information will be distributed to the agencies for the new Odyssey case management system. Agencies will be invited to attend training or to arrange for agency specific training. Training will likely occur mid-May.

**COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Janice Chieffo, Deputy District Attorney, is currently assigned to the Juvenile Court and is training the newly assigned Deputy District Attorneys.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE**

Kate Lewis, Assistant Public Defender, stated the Public Defender's Office participated in the Alternatives to Detention meeting at the Mexican Consulate. The focus of the meeting was to discuss ways to target and reduce ethnic disparity in detention facilities.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, announced there will be a cross-training on May 18, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in Department L-21. Attorney Meldie Moore, who specializes in Education Law, will be discussing the services available to developmentally delayed youth.

**COMMENTS BY PROBATION**

Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, thanked Commissioners Hart, Leibel, Martinez, and Zorrilla for attending the PAW graduation ceremony on February 20, 2015. The Probation Department has applied for a \$17.5 million grant from the Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) to construct a gymnasium at Juvenile Hall. Chief Sentman thanked Denise Churchill for the "My Life, My Choice" program being offered to the female population at Juvenile Hall.

**COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES**

Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, reported the current population at the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) is 47 children. Some of the challenges are finding placements for the sibling sets and transportation to the school of origin.

The current training cycle of "My Life, My Choice" is halfway done and there has been a decrease at OCFC in runaway behaviors and acting out by the participants in the program. The new mascot for the William Lyon School at OCFC will be the "Courageous Cubs."

Gary Taylor, Division Director, reported the California's Child Welfare Continuum of Care Report had 19 recommendations. One of the recommendations he would like to bring to the attention of the Juvenile Justice Commission is phasing out shelters. He has participated on the committee for the past two years and will have more details after the next meeting. The Social Services Agency has sent a letter to opt in to the Approved Relative Care (ARC) program. The Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) is committed to ensuring the CAST program has the medical services it needs. Mr. Taylor introduced Alyson Loyd, Social Services Agency Administrative Manager, to the Juvenile Justice Commission.

**COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES**

Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, stated that 75% of the staff have been trained on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. The goal is to have 100% of the staff fully trained on education based substance abuse treatment before the end of the fiscal year. A new Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unit (CEGU) staff member has been hired and is trained in the "My Life, My Choice" program.

Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, reported there will be a nursing skills training program on March 10, 11, and 12. The Medical Unit monitors all youth who are prescribed psychotropic medications and coordinates with CEGU.

**COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Kirk Anderson, Program Administrator, reported the institutions will be starting a new football team. It will begin at the Joplin Youth Center, Youth Guidance Center, OCFC, and expand to Juvenile Hall. He also reported there should not be any ACCESS teacher layoffs this fiscal year.

**COMMENTS BY COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**

Sherri Cummings, Licensing Evaluator, reported Community Care Licensing (CCL) is up to date with all the complaint investigation reports for Orange County. The number of complaints has risen, but they have been responded to in a timely manner. On January 21, 2015, CCL launched a statewide complaint call center unit in Sacramento. The toll free number is 1-844-LETUSNO or 1-844-538-8766. The line will manage complaints regarding a CCL facility or child care facility.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Santa Ana Police Department**

Deputy Chief Valentin stated he is reviewing the Juvenile Services Division of the police department. There will be one Juvenile Detective focusing on juvenile matters and restorative justice. The California Police Chiefs' Conference was held last week. The focus was on procedural justice and police legitimacy. The police department would like to educate the community on the services provided by the police department.

**Orange County Sheriff's Department**

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, and Sgt. Pixomatis went with ten high school students to Washington D.C. The students challenged the federal government about why they are not enforcing the marijuana laws. There will be several parent meetings scheduled throughout Orange County to educate them about the dangers of marijuana. There will also be a prescription abuse presentation by Judge Anderson.

On June 5 there will be a Marijuana Summit for professional staff. Dr. Kevin Sabet, will be speaking about adolescent brain development and the sensible approaches to marijuana.

**CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program**

Michele Stevens, Victim Advocate, announced the 2015 Victims' Rights Conference will be on April 14, 2015. Attorney Tina Stevens from the Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme will be honored at the conference.

**CSP Community Services Programs**

Hether Benjamin, Director of Youth Development, stated the Crisis Response Team was recently deployed to El Dorado High School to assist juveniles affected by a recent incident.

**CASA of Orange County**

Kathryn Grant, CEO, announced the 2015 CASA Black & White Ball will be on April 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton in Laguna Niguel. Foster youth will be in attendance and speaking about their experience with CASA. There will be a new training class for future CASA Advocates. About 45 volunteers have already signed up.

**Orangewood Children's Foundation**

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, thanked the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) staff for the "My Life, My Choice" program. The Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school years and there are 125 spots for admission. There are currently 12 foster youth attending The Academy.

**Orange County Bar Foundation**

Martha Madrid, Associate Director, announced March 10, 2015 is the National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Programs are offered for both youth and parents on safe sex education. In 2014, 186 individuals were provided with free HIV testing. The Orange County Bar Foundation is working closely with the Risk Reduction, Education, and Community Health (REACH) team at the Community Day Schools.

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, reported the Orange County Bar Foundation is applying for several comprehensive grants to provide services to youth and the community.

**Boys Town**

Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, thanked Judge Hernandez for having dinner with the children at Boys Town. They completed their accreditation process on March 3, 2015. Boys Town will be offering training on residential care on April 22, 2015. Further information will be sent to Beverly MacLaren and the Juvenile Justice Commission.

**New Alternatives**

Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, reported the current population at New Alternatives is 20 youth. New Alternatives is currently developing new after-school activities for the youth.

Bill Steiner, former JJC Commissioner, gave information regarding his background and experience. Mr. Steiner was on the Juvenile Justice Commission for seven years and was a former Director of the Albert Sitton Home, which became the Orangewood Children & Family

Center (OCFC). Mr. Steiner introduced Steve Baric, a former Deputy District Attorney and advocate on Human Trafficking.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Gary Taylor, Division Director, provided details regarding Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) and the Continuum Care Report. FFAs receive higher payment rates to manage overhead costs which include foster parents, social workers, and clinical staff. The primary use of an FFA is to help place siblings in the same homes or homes near each other.

Mr. Taylor stated the Continuum of Care Report (CCR) has expanded the services that FFA will be able to deliver. All FFAs will be required to be accredited, age restrictions on youth will be raised, and there will be educational requirements for caregivers and staff. Group homes will be referred to as short term residential care facilities.

#### **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2015, as written.

**MSC Commissioners Hart/Nguyen to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting, as written.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioners Hart, Johnson, Leibel, and the Administrative Officer conducted an inspection at David and Margaret Youth and Family Services on February 18, 2015. A motion was made to send a Corrective Action Notification (CAN) letter to the David and Margaret Youth and Family Services Center. **MSC Johnson/Hart to send a Corrective Action Notification letter to David and Margaret Youth and Family Services.**

Commissioners Hart, Leibel, Martinez, and Zorrilla attended the PAW Graduation at the Youth Leadership Academy on February 20, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz, Foley, Hart, and Nelson attended the Extended Foster Care/Non-minor Dependents Training on February 23, 2015. Commissioner Hart noted the training was very educational.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Administrative Officer suggested Characteristics of Children in Placement BOM reports be printed quarterly. The Commissioners will continue to receive the reports every month via email.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Education Committee is still waiting for Principal Antonelli to confirm the new date to visit the Greeley School. Principal Antonelli previously cancelled the Greeley School visit which was scheduled for March 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Child Fatality Review meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled.

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

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

Commissioner Foley plans to attend the "Family Violence Survivors in Family Court: An Uphill Battle" program on March 13, 2015 at UC Irvine.

Commissioner Nelson plans to attend the "Pathways to Prevention" conference on March 25, 2015 at the UCI Student Center.

Commissioners Boortz and Nelson plan to attend the FaCT 20 Year Anniversary celebration on March 31, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 11:46 a.m. until 11:58 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

*Benjamin de Mayo*

Benjamin de Mayo, Acting Chair