

**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, April 1, 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  
April 1, 2015**

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Benjamin de Mayo, Vice Chair

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

**GUESTS:** Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, Juvenile Court  
Janice Chieffo, Deputy District Attorney  
Tracy LeSage, Deputy Public Defender, Delinquency Unit  
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit  
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, Juvenile Dependency, County Counsel  
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department  
Denise Churchill, Program Manager II, Orangewood Children & Family Center, SSA  
Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, Children & Youth Services, HCA  
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA  
Tony Gibson, Director, Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)  
Jordann Nelson, Licensing Evaluator, California Community Care Licensing  
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD  
Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program  
Lynda Perring, Chief Program Officer, CASA of Orange County  
Hether Benjamin, LMFT, Community Service Programs, Director of Youth Development  
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Children's Foundation  
Martha Madrid, Associate Director, Orange County Bar Foundation (OCBF)  
Santiago Sandoval, Associate Director, OCBF Higher Education Mentoring Program  
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town  
Daisy Colin, Program Director, New Alternatives, Inc.

**COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT**

Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, stated the projected launch date for the conversion to the Odyssey case management system is June 8, 2015. The case management system will be supporting family law and juvenile court cases. On May 4, 2015, Judge Richard Lee will be transferring to the West Justice Center. Judge Joanne Motoike will be assigned to Department L-42.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE**

Tracy LeSage, Deputy Public Defender, attended a Juvenile Delinquency seminar at the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office. The topic focused on the adolescent brain.

Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, announced the Public Defender's Office had an office wide training yesterday.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, announced Dr. Kauffman will be providing training on April 17, 2015 on the teenage brain. Judge Craig Arthur will be hosting a training on April 24, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in Department L-21 on immigration and the needs of undocumented youth. 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. The details regarding these trainings will be sent to the Administrative Officer.

**COMMENTS BY PROBATION**

Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, announced the Probation Department has applied for and is waiting to receive updated information on their application for a \$17.5 million grant from the Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) to construct a multipurpose gymnasium 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 54. The number of children running away from the facility and mental health crisis calls have decreased. A Recreation Director will be hired to help keep the children engaged in activities. The elder abuse and child abuse registry hotlines have merged to maximize resources. The "My Life, My Choice" training program started with eight girls and four girls completed. Ms. Churchill thanked CSP for hosting the trainings.

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

Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, stated the measles vaccine has proven to be very efficient and there have been no cases of measles. A youth was diagnosed with chicken pox while at the Intake and Release Center. The minor was released and returned to his home. He were in-custody for a probation violation.

**COMMENTS BY COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**

Jordann Nelson, Licensing Evaluator, announced Sherri Cummings has retired. Mr. Nelson stated Community Care Licensing (CCL) strives to achieve transparency within the organization.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Orange County Sheriff's Department**

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, announced there were three "Guide, Govern, and Guard" trainings this past month. The Orange County Sheriff's Department is currently working to provide age appropriate seminars regarding alcohol use among youth and adults. On June 5, 2015, there will be a conference regarding marijuana. The Lieutenant Governor of Colorado will be a keynote speaker.

**CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program**

Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, announced the CSP Victims' Rights Conference will be on April 14, 2015 at the Embassy Suites in Garden Grove and invited the Commission and guests to attend.

Hether Benjamin, LMFT, announced there will be a training regarding case management for minors who have committed crimes and have mental illnesses. The training will include referral procedures and how to assist the minors to complete their probation. The training will be held on April 23, 2015.

**CASA of Orange County**

Lynda Perring, Chief Program Officer, stated the "Learning to Succeed" program targets youth who are underachieving in school and provides them with the proper resources to excel in their courses. The program also helps youth while at college by providing tutoring and test-preparation.

**Orangewood Children's Foundation**

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, announced the Belle of the Ball event was a success with over 200 girls in attendance. There were approximately 2,700 ball gowns donated for the event. The Independent City event will be held on April 18, 2015 at Pretend City. The event provides mock scenarios to test the youth on their independent living skills. The youth receive breakfast, lunch, and chances to win prizes.

**Orange County Bar Foundation**

Martha Madrid, Associate Director, introduced Santiago Sandoval as the Project Coordinator for the Higher Education Mentoring Program. Ms. Madrid stated this program's focus at its inception was to serve female youth and provide them with resources for higher education. This program now serves males as well.

**Boys Town**

Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, announced Dr. Frank Ainsworth, Senior Principal Research Fellow at James Cook University, will be speaking on the topic of "Closing Residential Care: One Country's Failed Experiment." The event is being hosted by the Orange County Alliance and the Social Services Agency on April 27, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Boys Town will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017. They are seeking approval in the House and Senate to have the U.S. Mint create a commemorative coin celebrating the anniversary.

**New Alternatives**

Daisy Colin, Program Director, reported the population at New Alternatives is 14 children. They are getting ready for Easter festivities which will include Easter egg hunts and a bounce house. A piñata will be provided for birthday festivities for one of the youth.

**JJC Update**

Chair Boertz announced the Commissioners are starting the police department inspections and have been visiting group homes. Commissioners Foley, Johnson, and Nguyen will be completing their second terms in May. Interviews are being conducted to fill the upcoming vacancies.

### REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

### OLD BUSINESS

The Commission has received a letter in response to the Correction Action Notification (CAN) letter sent to the David and Margaret Youth and Family Services Center. All deficiencies have been corrected.

### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, Johnson, Leibel, Martinez and the Administrative Officer conducted an inspection at New Alternatives Sibling Assessment Facility (SAF) on March 25, 2015. A motion was made to send a Corrective Action Notification (CAN) letter to the New Alternatives Sibling Assessment Facility. **MSC Leibel/Hart to send a Corrective Action Notification letter to the New Alternatives Sibling Assessment Facility.**

Commissioners Boortz, Foley, Nelson, and Administrative Officer visited the Greeley School on March 30, 2015. A motion was made to send a letter to Judge Maria Hernandez regarding the Greeley School. **MSC Traut/Nguyen to send a letter to Judge Maria Hernandez regarding the Greeley School.**

### LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Zorrilla attended the TIPS-C meeting on March 11, 2015. The Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) virtual walkthrough has been completed. The focus was to minimize the trauma to children being removed from their homes and entering OCFC. It was also reported parents are shown an orientation movie before they attend the Detention Hearing to help them understand the court process. The parents are given a certificate of completion at the end of the movie viewing.

Commissioner Leibel attended the Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) on March 19, 2015. At the meeting, a discussion was held regarding AB 403, Child Welfare Continuum Reform, residential education facilities, and personal belief exemption for immunizations.

Commissioner Mays attended the Probation Stakeholders meeting on March 12, 2015. Commissioner Mays recommends the Commission should attend one more Probation Stakeholders meeting and then determine if it is prudent to continue attending.

Commissioner Johnson reported the SSA/CAST Coordinator position remains vacant. Commissioner Leibel will be attending the CAST Policy Board meetings beginning in May.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Probation

The Probation Committee is working on revisions to the Institution Inspection Form.

**Education**

The Education Committee will be creating a new mission/vision statement.

**Law Enforcement Agency**

The Law Enforcement Agency Committee is working on revisions for the Law Enforcement Agency Inspection Form.

**Group Home**

The Group Home Committee is revising the Group Home inspection form.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Nelson plans to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership meeting on April 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Hart plans to attend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee meeting on April 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners Johnson, Livingston, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer will be conducting the inspection of the Costa Mesa Police Department on April 8, 2015 at noon; the Newport Beach Police Department at 1:30 p.m.; and the Laguna Beach Police Department at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Boortz plans to attend the Victims' Rights Conference on April 14, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz, Foley, Livingston, Nelson, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer will be conducting a visit to the Harbor Learning Center on April 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, Johnson, Martinez and the Administrative Officer will be conducting an inspection of the Irvine Police Department on April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Hart, Madrid, Martinez, Nguyen, and the Administrative Officer will be conducting an inspection of the Orange Police Department on April 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. and the Tustin Police Department at noon.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 11:15 a.m. until 11:48 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. The members of the various JJC committees remained and held separate committee meetings after the formal adjournment.

*Patricia Boortz*

Patricia Boortz, Chair