

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday, December 2, 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. GUEST SPEAKER – MARTIN SCHWARZ, SR. ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL FUNDING FOR DEPENDENCY CASES**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Boortz. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hart. 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
Amy Crowley
Benjamin de Mayo, Vice Chair
Cheryl Hart
Susan Leibel
Rick Martinez
Eula Nelson
Kathleen Nordin
James Riley
Michael Schumacher
Jan Sturla
Connor Traut
Judy Zorrilla

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Carlos Zelaya

STAFF: Beverly MacLaren, Administrative Officer
Hilary Kim, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Jana Hoffmann, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Martin Schwarz, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy County Counsel
Janelle Price, Deputy County Counsel
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA
Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, Children and Youth Behavioral Health, HCA
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, Children and Youth Behavioral Health, HCA
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA
Katy Ramezani, Principal, Otto A. Fischer School, Orange County Department of Education
Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, Community Care Licensing
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD
Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation
Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orange County Alliance for Children and Families
Adam Sattar, Coordinator, SHORTSTOP Program, Orange County Bar Foundation
Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, New Alternatives, Inc.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Martin Schwarz, Senior Assistant Public Defender, introduced Mike Perez, who is the new Head of Court for the Delinquency Unit. Mr. Schwarz announced that two attorneys from the Public Defender's Office have been appointed to the Orange County Superior Court. Judges Mary Kreber and Frank Ospino will be sworn in later this month.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, expressed his congratulations to Judges Kreber and Ospino on their recent appointment to the Superior Court. Mr. Stits introduced Attorney Janelle Price. She is a trial deputy for the County Counsel's Office and was interested in the work being done by the Juvenile Justice Commission. Mr. Stits announced there will be a training on December 14, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in Department L-21. The topic will be: Transitional Housing Programs and Options for Dependents, Nonminor Dependents (NMDs) and Emancipated Foster Youth under WIC §11403.2.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, provided an overview of the Juvenile Justice Summit held on November 20, 2015. There were over 300 people in attendance. Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye was the keynote speaker. Judge Maria Hernandez and Chief Deputy Probation Officer Chris Bieber co-chaired the event. Riverside and Ventura counties have expressed an interest in hosting a similar event. Chief Sentman thanked the Commission for attending the Summit.

The Juvenile Hall population continues to remain low. The Probation Department has been working to enhance engagement of the youth and their families to utilize detention alternative programs.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, provided an update on the planning to implement the requirements of AB 403. The Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) will have a full year to comply with the AB 403 requirements. There are currently 41 children at OCFC.

The Social Services Agency (SSA) has seen a significant increase in calls to the Child Abuse Registry (CAR) hotline. However, there has been a decrease in the number of children entering the dependency system.

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Katy Ramezani, Principal, gave an overview of the proposed charter school program. The goal is to build schools where the students reside in the pocket neighborhoods of Anaheim, Placentia, and Yorba Linda. Ms. Ramezani is currently the Principal at the North and Central Youth Resource Centers and the Rio Contiguo School. The schools are utilizing a program that is based upon "constructing meaning." The students practice expressing their thoughts using academic language.

COMMENTS BY CALIFORNIA, COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING (CCL)

Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, stated CCL is anticipating being fully staffed by the end of January, 2016. CCL is working to define their role with the implementation of AB 403. Several small group homes have already relinquished their licenses because they will not be

able to meet the new criteria to become accredited. The goal is to have full implementation of the AB 403 requirements by January, 2017.

COMMENTS BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, announced the Orange County Sheriff's Department is collecting toys for Operation Santa Claus. The goal is collect 4,000 toys for distribution.

The "Threat of Marijuana on your business, schools, and community" summit will be held on January 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Orange County Sheriff's Department Regional Training Academy. The summit is co-hosted by Sheriff Sandra Hutchens and Dr. Al Mijares, Orange County Superintendent of Schools. The summit will focus on the dangers California faces if marijuana is legalized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, discussed the success of the Independent Living Program (ILP) holiday party. However, there was not a huge turnout due to transportation issues for the young adults.

The Orangewood Foundation is having a holiday toy collection drive. The toys will be given out at the Youth and Family Resource Centers.

ORANGE COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Gene Howard, Executive Director, discussed the preview of the documentary "Raising for America." The focus of the documentary is on early childhood development. At the preview, those in attendance identified several issues needing to be addressed. The Orange County Children's Partnership has established a subcommittee to work on the identified issues.

ORANGE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION SHORSTOP Program

Adam Sattar, Coordinator, stated the program is currently serving forty to fifty youth and their families per month. The program reaches out to young offenders in an effort to educate them as to the consequences of committing crimes. The program provides an intake assessment, connects them with services and community programs, school supplies, and food distribution services.

NEW ALTERNATIVES, INC.

Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, has been working closely with Denise Churchill to develop a strategy for the implementation of AB 403.

Chair Boertz summarized all the activities the Juvenile Justice Commission has participated in during the past month. Some of the activities were: law enforcement agency and group home inspections, ACCESS school visits, Otto Fischer School graduation ceremony and the Juvenile Justice Summit. The JJC members attended several agency and community meetings in their capacity as liaisons.

GUEST SPEAKER

Martin Schwarz, Senior Assistant Public Defender, discussed the court appointed counsel funding for dependency cases. The Public Defender's Office represents people who cannot

afford to hire an attorney. In the late 1990's funding became the responsibility of the State and dependency cases were funded on a contractual basis. The model for funding dependency cases became based upon historical funding. Governor Brown is planning to move away from the historical funding and work toward a workload model. The workload model would provide funding based on how many cases were assigned to each of the attorneys; however, it would be based upon 2007 case costs. The workload model would cut almost \$5 million of funding and will be implemented over a four-year period.

If the workload model is enacted, the dependency unit would have to cut staff and/or experienced attorneys due to budgetary constraints. The California Public Defender's Association has been an active presence and worked with the Executive Directors of the dependency agencies throughout California. The Public Defender's Association has hired a separate lobbyist to address budget concerns. Chair Boortz thanked Mr. Schwarz for providing the statistical information regarding the court appointed counsel in dependency cases budget to the JJC.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held November 4, 2015, as written. **MSC Commissioners Leibel/Nordin to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting, as written.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held November 18, 2015, as written. **MSC Commissioners Hart/de Mayo to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting, as written.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding changing the JJC meeting to an off-site location on December 9, 2015. **MSC Commissioners de Mayo/Martinez to change the location of the JJC meeting on December 9, 2015.** The Administrative Officer will post a notice on the Conference Room door stating the meeting location has changed.

Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the South Coast Children Society Caladium group home inspection on November 18, 2015. Commissioners Boortz, de Mayo, Hart, and Nordin were also present at the inspection. A recommendation was made by the inspection team to send a Corrective Action Notification (CAN) letter. There being no opposition to the recommendation, it was unanimously agreed to send the Corrective Action Notification letter.

Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the South Coast Children Society San Rafael group home inspection on November 18, 2015. Commissioners Boortz and de Mayo in were also present at the inspection. A recommendation was made by the inspection team to send a

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Corrective Action Notification (CAN) letter. There being no opposition to the recommendation, it was unanimously agreed to send the Corrective Action Notification letter.

Commissioners Boortz and Nelson attended the Otto A. Fischer graduation ceremony on November 19, 2015. There were four youth graduating.

Commissioners Boortz, Crowley, Hart, Leibel, Nelson, Riley, Schumacher, Sturla, Zelaya, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer attended the Juvenile Justice Summit on November 20, 2015. The Administrative Officer will contact Judge Hernandez and invite her to give an overview of the actions that will be taken as a result of the summit.

Commissioner de Mayo reported the results of the inspection of the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) North Operations facility on December 1, 2015. Commissioner Riley was also present at the inspection. There were no minors held over six hours and no issues regarding the handling of juveniles at this facility.

Commissioner Riley reported the results of the inspection of the OCSD Yorba Linda facility on December 1, 2015. Commissioner Crowley was also present at the inspection. There were no minors held over six hours and no issues regarding the handling of juveniles at this facility.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

Commissioner Leibel provided an overview of the Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) meeting held on November 19, 2015. The main topic of discussion was the feedback and comments received regarding the 21st Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.

Foster Care Advisory Board (FCAB)

Commissioner Nelson provided an overview of the FCAB meeting held on November 23, 2015. The main topic discussed at the meeting was implementation of AB 403 and transitional placement planning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Nordin plans to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) meeting this afternoon.

Commissioners Hart and Schumacher are planning to attend the MHSA Steering Committee on December 7, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, and Leibel are planning to attend the WE CAN Coalition meeting on December 8, 2015.

Commissioners Leibel, Schumacher, and Zorrilla plan to attend the TIPS-C meeting on December 9, 2015.

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Commissioners Hart, Martinez, Nelson, Nordin, Zelaya, and the Administrative Officer will be attending the OCFC Annual Holiday Tea on December 10, 2015.

Commissioner Crowley plans to attend the "2015 Partnering for Success" luncheon on December 11, 2015.

Commissioners Martinez, Nelson, and Sturla plan to attend the Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy Commencement Ceremony on December 12, 2015.

Commissioners Nelson, Nordin, and Zorrilla are planning to attend the Transitional Housing Programs and Options for Dependents, Nonminor Dependents (NMDs), and Emancipated Foster Youth under WIC §11403.2 training on December 14, 2015 in Department L-21.

Commissioners Boortz and Nordin are planning to attend the CSEC Steering Committee Meeting on December 16, 2015.

Commissioner Zelaya is planning to attend the Conditions of Children Community Forums on December 11, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:23 a.m. until 11:52 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Patricia Boortz

Patricia Boortz, Chair