

**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, February 17, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. GUEST SPEAKERS – Peer Court  
Lori Maze, Senior Research Attorney**
- 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. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
February 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair de Mayo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by guest speaker Lori Maze. 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  
Amy Crowley  
Benjamin de Mayo, Chair  
Cheryl Hart, Vice Chair  
Susan Leibel  
Rick Martinez  
Eula Nelson  
Kathleen Nordin  
James Riley  
Alex Rounaghi  
Michael Schumacher  
Jan Sturla  
Connor Traut  
Carlos Zelaya  
Judy Zorrilla

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT: None**

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

**GUEST:** Lori Maze, Senior Research Attorney

Lori Maze, Juvenile Court Staff Counsel, presented an overview of the Peer Court process. Peer Court is a diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders that have committed non-violent misdemeanors. It is also an excellent opportunity for students in the audience to learn about the juvenile justice system and participate in the Peer Court process. The juvenile offenders have the opportunity to reflect on their crimes and reach a disposition of their charges without a formal petition being filed in Juvenile Court.

Once a youth has been diverted to the Peer Court process, they will attend a session at a location other than the school they attend. A Judge of the Superior Court presides over the Peer Court session. Students act as jurors. They ask the juvenile offender questions and reach a disposition including the appropriate sanctions for the youth. Volunteer attorneys guide the student jurors through the deliberations and sanction process, which is then adopted or modified by the judge. The offending youth must complete the terms of the disposition within four months. Youth may be required to be a Peer Court juror as part of their sanctions.

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held February 3, 2016, as written. **MSC Commissioners Traut/Nelson to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting, as written.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**South Coast Children's Society**

The Administrative Officer reported on the sunroom repairs for the Caladium South Coast Children's Society group home.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hart toured the Community Counseling and Supportive Services clinics supported by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding on February 4, 2016. There are five clinics located within walking distance of each other. Each clinic provides different programs and serves children who are at risk with mild to moderate behavioral issues and their families. Commissioner Hart conveyed OCLINKS had 19,997 calls and over 21,000 referrals over the past two years.

Commissioner Crowley attended the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on February 10, 2016. The focus was on developing action steps for the year to increase programs for ethnicities and decrease racial disparity within Orange County.

Commissioners Crowley and Martinez observed the case staffing and Recovery Court proceedings on February 11, 2016. The participants in the Recovery Court program must admit the allegations of the Petition and the court imposes 180 days of custody time to be stayed. When the participant completes the program, the Petition is dismissed and sealed in the court file.

Commissioners Nordin, Zelaya, and Zorrilla attended the Peer Court session at Loara High School on February 11, 2016.

**LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

**Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)**

Commissioners Nelson and Crowley attended the CWSIP meeting held on February 4, 2016. Barriers to family reunification was a topic discussed at the meeting.

**Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC)**

Commissioner de Mayo attended the Blue Ribbon Commission meeting on February 9, 2016. A topic of discussion was medical consent forms for the children.

**Trauma Informed Practices Steering Committee (TIPS-C)**

Commissioner Zorrilla attended the TIPS-C meeting on February 10, 2016. Crystal Anthony discussed some of the treatments being used for victims of human trafficking. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and Traumatic Incident Reduction (TIR) are two of the treatment modalities.

**Foster Family Agency (FFA) Forum**

Commissioner Riley attended the FFA Forum on February 16, 2016. The main focus of the meeting was the implementation of the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process. A sample of the new Consent for Physical Examination and Medical Care form was distributed and discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislation**

Commissioner Crowley reviewed three new Bills that have been enacted for this year. Senate Bill 484 addresses group homes providing psychotropic medication to the children. Senate Bill 731 requires children and nonminor dependents in an out-of-home placement to be placed according to their gender identity. AB 260 declares that a child whose parent has been adjudged a dependent child of the court shall not be considered at risk of abuse or neglect solely because of the dependent or foster care status of the parent.

**Law Enforcement Agency**

Commissioner Martinez announced the schedule for the law enforcement agency inspections is available and requested the Commissioners to sign up after the JJC meeting for the inspections they would like to attend.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Leibel is planning to attend the Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) meeting on February 18, 2016.

Commissioner Leibel is planning to attend the Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition Subcommittee meeting on February 18, 2016.

Youth Commissioners Rounaghi and Traut are planning to attend the Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast on February 19, 2016.

Commissioners de Mayo, Martinez, Nelson, Riley, Sturla, Zelaya, and Zorrilla are planning to attend the Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy tour on February 19, 2016.

Commissioner Zelaya is planning to attend the Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition Community Treatment Subcommittee meeting on February 23, 2016.

Youth Commissioner Traut is planning to attend Peer Court on February 23, 2016 at Dale Junior High School.

Commissioners Nordin and Sturla are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) meeting on February 24, 2016.

Commissioner Nelson is planning to attend Recruitment, Development, and Support (RDS) meeting on February 25, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley, Leibel, Nelson, and Sturla are planning to observe Boys Court on February 26, 2016.

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**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 11:30 a.m. until 11:58 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Benjamin de Mayo*

Benjamin de Mayo, Chair