

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
- 4. 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**
- 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**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair de Mayo. 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
Amy Crowley
Benjamin de Mayo, Chair
Cheryl Hart, Vice Chair
Susan Leibel
Rick Martinez
Eula Nelson
Kathleen Nordin
Alex Rounaghi
Michael Schumacher
Connor Traut
Carlos Zelaya

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: James Riley
Jan Sturla
Judy Zorrilla

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

GUESTS: Honorable Maria Hernandez, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
Jana Hoffmann, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy County Counsel
Golnaz Zandieh, Deputy County Counsel
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer
Sean Barry, Chief Deputy Probation Officer
Gary Taylor, Division Director, Children and Family Services, Social Services Agency
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, Children and Youth Behavior Health, HCA
Grace Lizardo, Nursing Supervisor, Juvenile Health Services, HCA
Katy Ramezani, Principal, Otto A. Fischer School, Orange County Department of Education
Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, Community Care Licensing
Dan Llorens, Chief, Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association, FVPD
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD
Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program
Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, CASA
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law
Katie Brazer, OC Community Education Representative, CHIRLA

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Honorable Maria Hernandez, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, discussed the success of the Juvenile Justice Summit. The vision is to embrace juvenile justice reform by utilizing evidence based practices to assist in the implementation of appropriate intervention for youth which utilizes accurate data. The plan is to introduce restorative justice (RJ) programming which has been used at the national, state, and local levels with successful outcomes. Some of the local law enforcement agencies have developed RJ in their pre-filing diversionary programs.

Judge Hernandez is participating in the “2016 Ensure Justice Conference – A Marathon To End Human Trafficking” at the Vanguard University.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, stated their office is having a training today regarding the impact of immigration status on youth and their families. Jennifer Koh, Associate Professor of Law at Western State of College of Law, is the Director of the Immigration Clinic and will be conducting the training.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, introduced Deputy County Counsel Golnaz Zandieh. The next Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) training will be on March 21, 2016, at 12:15 p.m. in Department L-21. Mr. Jim Carson, Orangewood Foundation Program Manager, and several survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) will be the guest speakers. The training on April 18, 2016, will be by Dr. Mark Daniels from CHOC hospital. The topic will be “Teen Diabetes.”

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, reported the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has concluded the inspection of the Probation Department institutions. The Deputy Probation Officer academy graduated 22 candidates. The population at Juvenile Hall has been 130 to 140 daily.

Chief Sentman provided information regarding the cost of incarceration in Orange County. He emphasized that costs are not lower just because the population is lower.

Chief Sentman showed a video about the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). The goal of JDAI is to provide the least restrictive community-based rehabilitative alternatives for low-risk offenders who do not pose a risk to public safety.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Gary Taylor, Division Director, announced that March is Social Worker Appreciation Month. The Board of Supervisors presented the Social Services Agency with a Resolution for making a positive impact on people’s lives. Mr. Taylor indicated the number of youth being identified as Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) has increased. Recently he toured a residential facility in Texas that is ran by Arrow Ministries and assists CSEC survivors. He will be going to Dade County, Florida to visit a drop-in center to learn more about their programs.

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, stated the population at the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) has increased. Currently there are several CSEC youth on campus. The preschool cottage has 15 children and some have already experienced placement disruptions.

Representatives from San Joaquin County will be visiting the OCFC campus tomorrow to learn about the 23-hour center and the diversion programs.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, in response to an inquiry by the JJC reported that the Aloha House is for youth who are 18 years or older. The program requires mandatory drug testing and the residents must be full-time students and/or have a full-time job.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Grace Lizardo, Nursing Supervisor, stated there has been an increase in emergency responses at Juvenile Hall during the past month. This has had an impact on acuity.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Katy Ramezani, Principal, announced Laura Strachan is the new Assistant Superintendent for the ACCESS schools. All of the court and community schools are undergoing WASC accreditation in the next few months. Next week the Otto A. Fischer School will be evaluated. The Youth Guidance Center (YGC) is partnering with the Fullerton College Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) to present information regarding financial aid, guardian scholars, fee waivers, and other resources available to assist youth in attending college. They are developing a pilot "Introduction to College 101" course. At the end of the course the student will receive one unit of college credit and all students will visit the college campus.

CALIFORNIA, COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING (CCL)

Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, reported that no additional group homes have surrendered their licenses in Orange County. Many group homes have not started their accreditation process. Ms. Grace emphasized on the importance of starting the accreditation process now. Ms. Grace reviewed the JV-220 form process.

Community Service Programs (CSP) is planning to open a new 6-bed shelter for runaway and homeless youth in Tustin. The youth can stay a maximum of 30 days at the shelter.

ORANGE COUNTY CHIEFS AND SHERIFF ASSOCIATION

Dan Llorens, Chief, reported the police departments are concerned about the possible legalization and decriminalization of marijuana in California. Several police officers will be attending a conference in Denver, Colorado. The focus of the conference is to discuss the impact that legalizing marijuana had on the State of Colorado. Chief Llorens reported there is still an ongoing conversation with Governor Brown and the legislators to make changes to Proposition 47.

COMMENTS BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, attended an annual conference in Washington D.C. with several Orange County students. A flyer for the upcoming presentation series entitled, "WEED Through The Myths – Marijuana and our Youth" was distributed. There will most likely be a ballot measure in November to legalize adult marijuana usage. The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug

Trafficking Area (HIDTA) report states that hospitals have experienced a significant increase in adults and children being treated for overdoses from edible marijuana products.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

VICTIM WITNESS

Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, announced the Victim's Rights Conference will be on April 7, 2016 and distributed a "Save the Date" flyer. A formal invitation will be sent at a later time.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, reported that CASA is in the process of hiring new employees. Due to the shortage of employees, CASA is currently limiting the number of participants in the March training class and plans to expand the class in May.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, reported the Orangewood Foundation is in the process of purchasing a property to house adult victims of human trafficking. The college fair at Rancho Santiago College was a success. Over 140 children attended the event. Some of the juniors at the Samueli Academy were interviewed for potential internships during the summer.

COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES (CHIRLA)

Katie Brazer, OC Community Education Representative, introduced herself and gave an overview of CHIRLA. The organization conducts workshops for immigrant families and youth pursuing a college education through the California Dream Act.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2016, as written. **MSC Commissioners Nordin/Boortz to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting, as written.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hart has agreed to participate in the review of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) submitted for the Developing Skill Sets for Independent Living Project. No dates have been scheduled to review the RFPs.

Youth Commissioners Rounaghi and Traut attended the Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast on February 19, 2016. The featured speaker was Spencer Tillman.

Commissioners de Mayo, Martinez, Nelson, Riley, Sturla, Zelaya, and Zorrilla attended the Sunburst Youth Academy Tour on February 19, 2016.

Youth Commissioner Traut attended the Peer Court session held on February 23, 2016 at Dale Junior High School.

Commissioners Crowley, Leibel, Nelson, and Sturla observed Boys Court on February 26, 2016. The Commissioners encouraged other Commissioners to observe this very collaborative process. The boys actively participate in the Court proceedings.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

Commissioner Leibel attended OCCP meeting on February 18, 2016. The topic of AB 403 funding was discussed at the meeting. Orange County requested \$6 million be allocated from the State budget and received a little over \$1 million for the Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support program.

Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition Treatment Subcommittee

Commissioner Zelaya attended the WE CAN Treatment Subcommittee meeting on February 23, 2016. The subcommittee determined they would like to focus on researching child treatment as the topic.

Resource Family Approval (RFA)

Commissioner Nelson attended the meeting on February 25, 2016. The RFA application process officially begins this month. The Social Services Agency is continuing with the development of the process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Service/Group Homes

Commissioner Nordin reported the Committee is updating the Group Home Inspection form.

Child Death Review

The Committee is creating a form to assist the Commissioners during the Probation Child Death Reviews.

Law Enforcement Agency

Commissioner Martinez announced there is a sign-up sheet being circulated to schedule the law enforcement agency inspections and encouraged the Commissioners to participate.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Nelson plans to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Committee meeting on March 3, 2016.

Commissioners Hart and Nordin plan to observe the Recovery Court proceedings on March 3, 2016.

Commissioner Zelaya plans to observe the Boys Court proceedings on March 4, 2016.

Commissioner Zelaya plans to attend Law Day and Peer Court at Whitter Law School on March 9, 2016.

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, Martinez, and Sturla plan to inspect the Newport Beach and Laguna Beach Police Departments on March 9, 2016.

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Commissioners de Mayo and Zorrilla plan to attend the Trauma Informed Practices Steering Committee (TIPS-C) meeting on March 9, 2016.

Commissioner Sturla plans to attend the Stakeholders meeting on March 10, 2016.

Commissioner Hart plans to attend Pediatric and Young Adult Mental Health System of Care meeting on March 11, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:30 a.m. until 11:42 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Benjamin de Mayo

Benjamin de Mayo, Chair