

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. FAREWELL TO YOUTH COMMISSIONER CONNOR TRAUT**
- 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
April 6, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair de Mayo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Commissioner Traut. 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
Susan Leibel
Rick Martinez
Eula Nelson
Kathleen Nordin
James Riley
Alex Rounaghi
Jan Sturla
Connor Traut
Judy Zorrilla

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Cheryl Hart, Vice Chair
Carlos Zelaya

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

GUESTS: Honorable Craig Arthur, Orange County Superior Court Judge
Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, Juvenile Court
Jana Hoffman, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy County Counsel
Kevin Dunn, Deputy County Counsel
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA
Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, Children & Youth Behavioral Health, HCA
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA
Katy Ramezani, Principal, Otto A. Fischer School, Orange County Department of Education
Jack Stanton, Manager of Consumer and Community Resources, RCOC
Matthew Wadlinger, Director of Community Relations, CASA
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation
Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orange County Alliance for Children and Families
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law
Katie Brazer, Orange County Community Education Representative, CHIRLA
Ignacio Rios Jr., Santa Ana Boys and Men of Color
Oswaldo Farias, Santa Ana Boys and Men of Color
Eric Traut, Member of the Public
Bonnie Traut, Member of the Public
Jaclyn Traut, Member of the Public
Morgan Traut, Member of the Public

PLAQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Hon. Craig Arthur, Superior Court Judge, presented a plaque to Youth Commissioner Traut. Judge Arthur thanked Youth Commissioner Traut for his years of service to the children and families of Orange County.

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, thanked Youth Commissioner Traut for his work on the Juvenile Justice Commission and presented a plaque on behalf of the Social Services Agency.

Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, thanked Youth Commissioner Traut for all his efforts on behalf of the families of Orange County and presented a plaque on behalf of the Health Care Agency.

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, announced Judge Hatchimonji will be returning to the Juvenile Court delinquency panel. Judge Slaughter will be hearing the Recovery Court cases. The conversion to the Odyssey case management system has created a backlog of over 400 minute orders. Two additional court clerk positions and overtime have been approved to address the backlog.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, stated the Western State College of Law, Immigration Law Clinic conducted a training at the Public Defender's Office. Defense attorneys are required to advise their clients as to possible immigration issues delinquency charges may create. Several Public Defenders attended the California Public Defender Association training on juvenile law. The Public Defender clerical and support staff attended the training regarding Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). The Public Defender's Office is training their staff in trauma informed practices.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, introduced Deputy County Counsel Kevin Dunn. Mr. Stits plans to bring a Deputy County Counsel to the JJC meeting every month to expand their training and appreciation of the work of the Juvenile Justice Commission. The next cross-training speaker will be Dr. Mark Daniels, Endocrinologist, CHOC Hospital. The topic will be Teen Diabetes. The training will be held on April 18, 2016 in Department L-21.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, announced the graduation ceremony for new probation officers will be on May 19, 2016. There are 22 enrolled in the class. The Probation Department is working on a juvenile data project with the CEO's office. The Juvenile Hall Self-Assessment was conducted jointly with community and collaborative partners and the report has been completed. The Probation Department is reviewing the report and items identified for improvement.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, stated there are 62 children at the Orangewood Children and Family Center. About half of the children on campus are part of sibling sets and many are under five years old. The Social Services Agency plans to discuss with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) establishing a bus stop near the Social Services Agency's office on Eckhoff Street.

The Social Services Agency will be hosting a conference on April 16, 2016 for current and potential resource families. The conference will provide information regarding the responsibilities of a resource family.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, reported the Health Care Agency is involved with the Social Services Agency and Probation Department to form a multi-agency team to discuss the continuum of care reform. Ms. Garfias briefly discussed AB 1997 which provides for the early implementation of the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, announced the Medical Unit has applied for accreditation from the Institute for Medical Quality. There has been a decrease in emergency responses at Juvenile Hall by the Medical Unit.

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Katy Ramezani, Principal, announced the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation process went well. Rio Contiguo School and Fullerton College are developing a pilot program to give students dual enrollment toward college and high school credits. There will be two classes given in the fall and spring; and one class in summer.

COMMENTS BY REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jack Stanton, Manager of Consumer and Community Relations, explained the rates have been frozen since 2000. This year there will be a five percent increase in funds for about half of the services that are currently being provided to Regional Center clients. There is pending legislation to tie future rate increases to the cost of living.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CASA

Matthew Wadlinger, Director of Community Relations, stated there are 521 children currently matched with CASA volunteers. There are 155 children on a wait list. Due to staffing issues the May training is on hold and the next training will be in July.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, announced the Independent City event will be at the Embassy Suites in Garden Grove on April 30, 2016. The Orangewood Foundation has closed escrow on a property to house adult victims of human trafficking. The property is in the process of being renovated.

ORANGE COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Gene Howard, Executive Director, stated a committee has been formed to review the parent/child visitation process. Visitations are a significant factor in determining if a child will be reunified with their families. The committee is looking at ways to improve the visits.

The Community Prevention Subcommittee of the Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) coalition and is working with a researcher from the University of Southern California to study the increase/decrease in child abuse reporting and community connections.

CHIRLA

Katie Brazer, Orange County Community Education Representative, announced CHIRLA conducts public workshops for immigrant families and undocumented youth. The next event will be a workshop regarding immigration fraud and resources for undocumented students.

SANTA ANA BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR (BMOC)

Ignacio Rios Jr., Coordinator, gave an overview of the organization. BMOC has been promoting a ballot initiative regarding the direct filing process and the impact on juveniles. Recently, BMOC collaborated with the University of California, Irvine law clinic regarding the immigration consequences of gang-related offenses.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held March 16, 2016, as written. **MSC Commissioners Traut/Leibel to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting, as written.**

OLD BUSINESS

South Coast Children's Society

The Administrative Officer provided an update regarding the progress of the repairs to the sunroom at the Caladium South Coast Children's Society group home. The repairs should be completed by June.

NEW BUSINESS

The Juvenile Hall Assessment Report has been completed. The details of the report were discussed.

Youth Commissioner Rounaghi reported his observations from attending the Boys Court proceedings on March 18, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley, de Mayo, and Nelson attended the CSEC presentation on March 21, 2016. Three women told of their experience of being victims of human trafficking.

Chair de Mayo read a report prepared by Commissioner Hart regarding the Public Input to Improve County Mental Health Services meeting on March 25, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to gather information and develop a comprehensive plan to deliver mental health services.

Commissioner Crowley attended the OC LGBTQ Youth Convening on March 26, 2016. Commissioner Crowley participated in the restorative justice session. Schools are utilizing restorative justice rather than suspending students as punishment. School officials bring a teacher, the student that committed the misconduct, and the victim together to discuss why the student committed the act and how it could have been prevented.

Commissioner Nordin attended the Marijuana Summit on March 30, 2016. There has been an increase of children being seen in emergency rooms due to ingesting marijuana edibles.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

Commissioner Crowley attended the OCCP meeting held on March 17, 2016. The number of identified CSEC victims has doubled. The county agencies and law enforcement have received training on how to better identify CSEC victims.

Foster Care Advisory Board (FCAB) / Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)

Commissioners Leibel and Nelson attended the FCAB/QPI meeting held on March 23, 2016.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee

Commissioner Nordin attended the CSEC Steering Committee meeting held on March 23, 2016. The guest speaker discussed her past and how anyone, in any demographic, can become a victim of human trafficking.

Group Home Forum

Commissioners Nelson and Zorrilla attended the Group Home Forum held on March 30, 2016. At the forum the importance of group homes starting the accreditation process was emphasized. The accreditation process takes 12-18 months to complete.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Subcommittee

Commissioners Hart and Nordin attended the MHSA Subcommittee meeting on April 4, 2016. Currently, MHSA funds two residential programs for youth in Huntington Beach and Laguna Beach. A new 6-bed facility will be located in Tustin and is scheduled to open in May. The Children's Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) is now fully staffed and will provide a faster mobile response to any child experiencing a psychiatric emergency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Nordin announced the schedule for group home inspections is being circulated for the Commissioners to determine which inspections they would like to conduct.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners de Mayo, Leibel, and Nelson plan to inspect the Orange and Tustin Police Departments today after the JJC meeting.

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson are planning to attend Child Welfare System Improvement Committee meeting on April 7, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley, Nelson, and Zorrilla plan to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) Advisory Board meeting on April 13, 2016.

Commissioners Leibel and Zorrilla are planning to attend the Trauma Informed Steering Committee (TIPS-C) meeting on April 13, 2016.

Commissioners de Mayo, Martinez, and Riley plan to inspect the Cypress and Garden Grove Police Departments on April 14, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson plan to attend the training by Dr. Mark Daniels on April 18, 2016.

Commissioners Nelson and Nordin plan to attend the Independent City event on April 30, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:24 a.m. until 11:47 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Benjamin de Mayo

Benjamin de Mayo, Chair