

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
December 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair de Mayo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Nordin. 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
Rick Martinez
Eula Nelson
Kathleen Nordin
James Riley
Israel Sandez, Jr.
Jan Sturla
Judy Zorrilla

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Susan Leibel
Lynda Perring

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

GUESTS: Kimberly Doyle, Assistant Head of Court, District Attorney's Office
Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit
Kenneth Norelli, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, County Counsel
Sean Barry, Chief Deputy Probation Officer
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA
Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, Children & Youth Behavioral Health, HCA
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, Children and Youth Behavioral Health, HCA
Grace Lizardo, Nursing Supervisor, Juvenile Health Services, HCA
Laura Strachan, Assistant Superintendent, Alternative 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

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, was unable to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) meeting. Chair de Mayo read the written report submitted by Ms. Beltran. Today marks the one year anniversary of the implementation of Odyssey. There is still a backlog of minute orders and the managers have been working closely with the vendor.

With the passage of Proposition 57, Ms. Beltran estimates 50 to 60 of the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 707 filings per year will be impacted. Currently, 94 cases are pending in adult court which may be transferred to Juvenile Court. During December, the Court will set a few "Holiday Light" days. There will be a minimal number of staff present during the holidays. Impacted stakeholders will receive an updated schedule of closed courtrooms within the week.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Kimberly Doyle, Assistant Head of Court, reported the District Attorney's office was able to provide twelve turkey dinners for Truancy Response Program families in need. The District Attorney's Office is working with the courts and the Public Defenders to implement the Proposition 57 requirements.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, reported the Delinquency Unit is reviewing their case files to ensure there are no youth in custody for acts that no longer justify confinement due to the passage of Proposition 64. The Public Defender's Office is reviewing cases previously deemed to be felonies and requesting certain offenses be changed to infractions based on Proposition 57. Ms. Doyle and Mr. Perez are working to develop office-wide trainings on the impact of these propositions.

Kenneth Norelli, Assistant Public Defender, reported the Public Defenders are assisting with training youth for the Mock Trial competitions. A mock trial scrimmage will be conducted today in L21.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, requested that if anyone had any ideas for future trainings for 2017 to please contact him.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Sean Barry, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, announced Doug Sanger has accepted the Chief Deputy position. Daniel Hernandez has been promoted to Director of Juvenile Hall.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, announced the Social Services Agency is still actively recruiting for a new Director to replace Gary Taylor. Nathan Nishimoto is the Interim Director. The number of calls to the Child Abuse Registry (CAR) has decreased, but the number of petitions filed and dependent children has increased.

Currently there are 63 children at the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC). The staff has been able to place some children with relatives through child-specific placements. The Commissioners were invited to attend the Holiday Tea/Open House on December 8, 2016.

COMMENTS BY HCA, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, announced the Board of Supervisors has approved the lease on a facility for the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) program for community treatment. Health Care Agency (HCA) will be providing intensive services that will primarily be field based, but will also offer psychiatric treatments.

The HCA will be meeting with every group home provider individually that has filed an intention to become a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Laura Strachan, Assistant Superintendent, announced Pacific Coast High School advanced to the next round in the Mock Trial competition yesterday. Katy Ramezani will fill the position previously held by Tony Gibson. There are currently two school principal openings. Ms. Strachan thanked the JJC for attending the Rio Contiguo School graduation ceremony.

COMMENTS BY CALIFORNIA, COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, announced the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) will go into effect in January, 2017. Five group homes have surrendered their licenses. Three of the surrendered homes may be purchased and one home has already been purchased. The rate for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) will increase, but the expectations have gone up as well.

COMMENTS BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, announced the Sheriff's Department will have multiple trainings regarding implementation of Proposition 64. Operation Santa Claus program is in full swing. The expectation is to collect 30,000 toys county-wide. Items donated to Operation Santa Claus not only provide Christmas gifts, but toys are distributed throughout the year as birthday gifts to children. Applications are being accepted for ten children to attend the National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victim Witness

Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, announced the CSP Victim/Witness Program received enough funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), to hire an additional victim advocate at each of the Orange County courthouses and for the vertical units.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held November 16, 2016, as written. **MSC Commissioners Nordin/de Mayo to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting, as written.**

OLD BUSINESS

The Administrative Officer reported the Commission received a letter from the Probation Department in response to the Corrective Action Notification that was sent to the Joplin Youth Center. No further action was requested by the Commission.

The Administrative Officer reported the Commission received a letter from the Orange County Department of Education in response to the Corrective Action Notification regarding the school at the Joplin Youth Center. No further action was requested by the Commission.

A motion was made to send letters to Senators McGuire and Nguyen in support of the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission's request to change the wording in the Welfare and Institutions Code to provide JJC's with the explicit authority to inspect Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs). **MSC Commissioners Boertz/Nordin to approve the letter, as written.**

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission viewed the "Opportunities" DVD produced by the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission of Mendocino County. Commissioner Zorrilla obtained the DVD at the statewide JJC meeting.

Commissioner Crowley provided an overview of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Forum for STRTPs held on November 17, 2016. Commissioners Nelson and Zorrilla also attended the forum. The forum was a tri-agency meeting with the Health Care Agency, Social Services Agency, and Community Care Licensing (CCL). The interim rate for STRTPs will be \$12,000 per child placed at the facility. With the increased rate, STRTPs are expected to increase therapy and services to meet the needs of the youth.

Commissioner Zorrilla provided an overview of the Substance Abuse and Treatment Options training conducted on November 18, 2016. Commissioners Nelson and Perring also attended the training. Dr. Suzette Glasner-Edwards, Principal Investigator at UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, discussed different types of treatment for addiction recovery. Ms. Glasner-Edwards stated it is essential to have a support group to continue sobriety.

Commissioner Crowley provided an overview of the training received by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on November 30, 2016. Youth Commissioner Sandez also attended the training. Lisa Southwell, Field Representative, inspects county juvenile detention facilities in Los Angeles County every two years. Ms. Southwell provided specific training for the JJC inspection of institutions.

Commissioners Leibel, Nelson, and Zorrilla visited the Euclid Learning Center on November 30, 2016. The Euclid Learning Center has three educational options: day school, independent study, and contract learning. Each program is assigned one teacher. There are 23 students enrolled at the day school and the average attendance is nine students.

Commissioners Hart, Nelson, Sandez, and Zorrilla attended the Rio Contiguo School graduation on December 2, 2016. Two youth graduated with high school diplomas and six youth passed the HiSET examination and received their high school equivalency credential.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Child Abuse Services Team (CAST)

Commissioner Sturla provided an overview of the CAST meetings held on November 2, 2016 and November 23, 2016. CAST is preparing a contract to present to the Board of Supervisors to provide medical staff at the CAST facility through UCI and CHOC hospitals.

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

Commissioner Crowley provided an overview of the OCCP meeting held on November 17, 2016. Gene Howard, Executive Director of Orange County Alliance for Children and Families, is forming a workgroup to advocate for youth mental health. Currently there are approximately 30 youth in foster care with serious mental health needs. It was also announced that Mr. Howard will be retiring.

Pediatric Mental Health System of Care Task Force

Commissioner Hart attended the Pediatric Mental Health System of Care Task Force meeting on November 18, 2016. Dr. Lerner proposed a multi-tier system of support to train teachers regarding mental health. Teachers are unable to provide any mental health assistance without a formal diagnosis of mental illness. There is an active recruitment for a Medical Director at the new CHOC psychiatric facility.

Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (CWSIP)

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson attended the CWSIP meeting on December 1, 2016. A discussion was held regarding the licensing of foster homes. If a currently licensed foster home does not take in a child in 2017, their license will be forfeited.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee

Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the MHSA Steering Committee meeting held on December 5, 2016. Commissioner Nordin also attended the meeting. Dr. Jeff Nagel, Director of Operations, announced Sharon Ishikawa is the new MHSA Coordinator. Ten innovations projects that were approved by the local MHSA Steering Committee were submitted to the state for approval and three were rejected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

Commissioner Sturla reviewed the following bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 2298 requires law enforcement agencies to provide notice to adults before designating them as suspected gang members and providing them an opportunity to contest it. AB 2765 allows for anyone serving a felony to petition to reduce their sentence to a misdemeanor. AB 2813 addresses protection of youth in foster care from being detained in juvenile halls solely due to their foster care status. Senate Bill (SB) 253 declares only the Court can authorize the use of psychotropic medication for foster youth. SB 823 allows a minor to petition the court to vacate a sustained petition if the minor at the time was a victim of human trafficking. SB 882 states a minor cannot be charged with an infraction for evading fares on public transit systems. SB 906 grants priority registration for enrollment at universities for foster youth. SB 1005 replaces wording of "husband" and "wife" to "spouse." SB 420 revises Penal Code 647(b) to state a minor cannot be charged with prostitution and provides a minimum of 48 hours of custody time to those convicted of an act of prostitution of a minor.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Boortz, Nelson, Nordin, Sandez, and the Administrative Officer plan to attend the Orangewood Children and Family Center Holiday Tea/Open House on December 8, 2016.

Commissioners Martinez, Nelson, Sandez, and Sturla plan to attend the Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy graduation on December 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:17 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Benjamin de Mayo

Benjamin de Mayo, Chair