

ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & COMMENTS**
 - JUVENILE COURT
 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 - PUBLIC DEFENDER (DELINQUENCY UNIT)
 - PUBLIC DEFENDER (DEPENDENCY UNIT)
 - COUNTY COUNSEL
 - PROBATION DEPARTMENT
 - ORANGE COUNTY CHIEFS & SHERIFF ASSOCIATION
 - ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
 - SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
 - HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
 - HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES
 - CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING
 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS
 - REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY
 - PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5) OLD BUSINESS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM IN-PERSON INSPECTIONS**
- 7) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 8) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 9) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 10) EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 11) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
August 4, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Sturla. The meeting was held remotely via video conference.

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Benjamin deMayo
Marcy Garfias
Cheryl Hart
Judy Johnson
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring, Vice Chair
Robin Rounaghi
Michael Schumacher
Jan Sturla, Chair
MaryLou Vachet
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Amy Crowley

STAFF: Susan Korean, Executive Administrative Assistant
Jessica Esquivel, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, Juvenile Court
Kimberly Doyle, Assistant District Attorney
Darren Thompson, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit
Seth Bank, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, County Counsel
Steve Sentman, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Juvenile
Chief Tom DaRae, Orange County Sheriff Association, Garden Grove PD
Commander Jerrod Dahl, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Kristi Fiskum, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center
Denise Churchill, Deputy Director, Children and Family Services, SSA
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, Children & Youth Behavioral Health
Stacy Northcutt, Program Manager, Health Care Agency, Juvenile Health Services
Ann Valenzuela, Licensing Program Mgr, California Community Care Licensing
LaCresha Cook, Regional Manager, California Community Care Licensing
Raina Lee, Coordinator, Youth Services, Department of Education
Jack Stanton, Regional Center of Orange County
Alison Jacques, Waymakers
Jenny Leon, CASA
Shay Sorrells, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Project Youth Orange County Bar Foundation

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, provided an update of the court's progress with transitioning to in-person services.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Kimberly Doyle from the OCDA provided an update on Youth Development Court (YDC).

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER - DELINQUENCY

Darren Thompson, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit, noted there are new public defenders.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER – DEPENDENCY

Seth Bank, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit, noted the positive feedback from staff regarding the reinstated mask mandate for the Orange County court buildings.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, reported there are 6-8 dependency court rooms that are currently operating.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, reported the opening of a multipurpose center in the Fall.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY CHIEFS & SHERIFF ASSOCIATION

Chief Tom DaRe, Garden Grove Police Department, reported they have contracted with the Boys & Girls Club to assist with youth.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commander Jerrod Dahl, Orange County Sheriff's Department, provided an update on the Next Step Program for drug and alcohol prevention.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SSA)

Denise Churchill, Deputy Director, reported they have a new Division Director, Christine Snapper.

Kristi Fiskum, Administrative Manager II, reported Orangewood will be opening a new art studio for their youth.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Alicia Lemire, briefly noted they have resumed to in-person groups and peer monitoring.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Stacy Northcutt, Program Manager, reported that 125 youth have been vaccinated with parent approval.

COMMENTS BY CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

LaCresha Cook, Regional Manager, briefly introduced herself as the new Regional Manager.

Ann Valenzuela, Licensing Program Manager, reported Crittenton will no longer be an STRTP.

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Raina Lee, OCDOE Coordinator, reported a total of 157 foster youth had graduated high school for class of 2020.

REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jack Stanton, reported they are currently understaffed.

WAYMAKERS

Alison Jacques reported their office is now open to visitors.

CASA

Jenny Leon, noted they have successfully served over 915 for the year so far.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Shay Sorrells, Chief Program Officer, reported the use of Emergency Housing Vouchers for youth and have noted great success.

Project Youth – Orange County Bar Foundation (OCBF)

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, reported a new pilot program to help youth who are interested in entering vocation trade schools after graduating high school.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The July 21, 2021 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Vachet provided an update on the Annual Essay Contest.

REPORTS FROM IN-PERSON INSPECTIONS

Vice Chair Perring and Commissioners Crowley, Hart, Vachet and Yost provided an overview of the Youth Guidance Center (YGC) inspection on July 26, 2021.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

BeWell Wednesday with Judge Arthur

Vice Chair Perring and Commissioners Crowley, Hart, Johnson and Vachet provided an overview of the BeWell video conference with Judge Arthur on July 21, 2021.

Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Forum

The STRTP Forum video conference has been tabled to the next JJC meeting.

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Steering Committee

The CCR Steering Committee video conference has been tabled to the next JJC meeting.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee

Commissioner Vachet provided an overview of the CSEC Steering Committee video conference on July 22, 2021.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the JJCC Meeting video conference on July 22, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) video conference on August 5, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Rounaghi and Vachet.

The Reproductive Healthcare Conference webinar on August 5, 2021 will be attended by Vice Chair Perring.

The Senate Bill 823 video conference on August 5, 2021 will be attended by Commissioner Hart.

The video conference with Social Services Agency (SSA) on August 9, 2021 will be attended by Chair Sturla, Vice Chair Perring and Commissioners Crowley, Hart and Johnson.

The Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) video conference on August 11, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Crowley and Vachet.

The Project Kinship Youth in-person interview on August 12, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Crowley and Hart.

The Foster Family Agency (FFA) Forum video conference on August 17, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Vachet and Yost.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission discussed various topics of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:40 a.m. until 12:10 p.m

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m..

Jan Sturla

Jan Sturla, Chair