

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday January 03, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) NEW BUSINESS**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 6) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 7) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 8) ADJOURNMENT**

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Johnson. 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: Denise Churchill
Judy Johnson, Chair
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Connie Marshall (Teams)
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Marcy Garfias

STAFF: Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant
Taeona Beechum, Legal Processing Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 06, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finalize 2024 JJC Meeting Schedule

The Commissioners discussed a few changes to the JJC calendar. For the month of June and December the JJC will meet on the first and second Wednesday of the month.

B. Confirm Health Care Agency, Social Services Agency, Probation, Education meetings with JJC.

The commissioners will begin to meet with the key stakeholders HCA, SSA, Probation and Education on March 6, 2024, June 5, 2024, and September 4, 2024.

C. Update Liaison activities and members list

EAA will email the updated liaison activities list to the commissioners for review. The commissioners will choose what liaison activities they would like to join and determine if any of the liaison activities no longer require attendance.

D. Update Working Groups (Annual Report, Legislation, Youth Advocacy Letter, etc.)

Commissioner Johnson discussed forming a working group to review some of the issues the youth expressed in their essays. Commissioner Churchill suggested reviewing the youth advocacy letter and discussing possible topics of concern at the key stakeholders meetings with HCA, SSA, Probation and Education.

E. Update ByLaws, Policies and Procedures, Action Plan

EAA will email last year's version of the ByLaws, Policies and Procedures and Action Plan to the commissioners for review. Any updates will be addressed at the next JJC meeting on January 17, 2024, for finalization.

F. Review Monthly Report procedures

The commissioners will take on an active role in reviewing reports provided by different agencies. Commissioner Churchill volunteered to review and facilitate discussion on reports received from Social Services Agency.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Vachet reported the education committee is planning to meet with Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools, Dr. Ramon Miramontes Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent, and Dr. Sonia Llamas, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services at the end of January. Staffing issues are still a concern and the education committee will continue to ask for updates.

B. JJC/Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez reported in two weeks the book club will begin to read a new book titled "The Secret," by Rhonda Bryne. The book is about law of attraction and the principles of manifesting your goals and dreams.

C. JJC Working Group re: substance abuse and mental health programs/services

Commissioner Johnson reported on the focus of the working groups which include the following three activities: 1. Attend Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) for observation and to discuss challenges and solutions, 2. Invite Dr. Johnathan Watson, Deputy County Health Officer, to the JJC meeting on January 17, 2024, and 3. Tour three Medical Assisted Programs (MAT): Wel-More, Twin Town and Phoenix House.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Child Welfare Council Youth Justice Committee

Commissioner Johnson gave an overview of the Child Welfare Council Youth Justice Committee meeting held on December 6, 2023. The meeting was run by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR). OYCRs goal is move in a more rehabilitative direction and end incarceration of girls. OYCR will also focus on screening youth for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD).

Orangewood Children's Holiday Open House

Commissioners Churchill and Winder attended the Orangewood Children's Holiday Open House on December 6, 2023. The commissioners shared that it was a great event. They enjoyed the cottage decorations, the dining hall renovations and the guided tours provided by the youth.

Project Youth Orange County Annual Event

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Perring, Rodriguez, and Yost attended Project Youth's Orange County Annual Event on December 6, 2023. Commissioner Yost reported it was a lovely event. The Presiding Judge of Superior Court, Judge Maria D. Hernandez received the 2023 Distinguished Society of Fellows Judicial Award.

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on December 7, 2023. Commissioner Churchill reported it was an in-person meeting hosted by Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Olive Crest. CWSIPs goal is to have a more action involved partnership.

Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) Graduation

Commissioners Marshall and Perring attended the JRC graduation on December 7, 2023. Commissioner Marshall reported the graduation consisted of one graduate. The graduate was well supported by his team, and they provided positive input.

Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality Advisory Board (ERDD)

Commissioner Vachet attended the ERDD meeting on December 13, 2023. Commissioner Vachet reported ERDD is continuing to work on the toolkit project. The toolkit project is designed to provide training to resource foster families on how to care for youth with different cultural backgrounds.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on January 4, 2024.

Commissioners Marshall, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) meeting on January 8, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson and Winder are planning to attend the Executive Committee meeting on January 17, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PAC meeting on January 18, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on January 18, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson plans to submit a few topics of interest to Orange County Youth and Restoration (OYCR) committee. She will send the email communication to the Executive Administration Assistant (EAA) for distribution.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:22 a.m. – 10:27 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair