

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday January 17, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) INTRODUCTIONS OF GUEST**
 - a. Dr. Jonathan Watson, Interim Deputy County Health Officer,
Correctional Health Services**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4) OLD BUSINESS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 7) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 9) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday January 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 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 (Teams)
Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson, Chair
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Connie Marshall
Wyatt McClean
Madelyn Rodriguez
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Lynda Perring
Dolores Yost

STAFF: Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant
Josue Rogel, Legal Processing Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 3, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Guest

Dr. Jonathan Watson, Interim Deputy County Health Officer, Correctional Health Services specializing in family and addiction medicine provided an overview of treatments to help with Opioid use disorder (OUD). The suggested treatments include therapy, medication, and support. The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) primarily used to treat OUD include: IM Naltrexone, Methadone and Buprenorphine. Dr. Watson works closely with the following MAT providers, Families Together of Orange County and Phoenix House.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update 2023 ByLaws, Policies and Procedures, Action Plan

The Commission reviewed, revised, and unanimously approved the changes to 2023 ByLaw, Policies and Procedures, and Action Plan. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will draft the changes and submit to Juvenile Presiding Judge, Judge Arthur for final approval.

B. Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)

Commissioner Johnson suggested a working group be formed to address the youth's concerns with food at the juvenile detention centers. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has a working group focused on nutrition regulations revision process. It was suggested that representatives from the JJC Review and Regulatory attend the next BSCC meeting to voice the youth's concerns about food. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will email the next BSCC meeting date to the Review and Regulatory working group.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson proposed topics of interest involving post-secondary education funding to be discussed in upcoming meeting with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) administrators 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. Commissioner Vachet reported the education committee's first meeting will be on January 26, 2024. Staffing issues remain a concern and updates will continue to be provided.

B. JJC/Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez reported the book club is halfway through "The Secret," by Rhonda Bryne, which is about the power of believing and manifesting goals. Commissioner Lopez asked the Commission for food/snack/tea recommendations to broaden palette aspect of the club.

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

Commissioner Johnson stated the working group will attend a Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) hearing to discuss challenges and solutions surrounding substance use disorder. The working group plans to visit Phoenix House, Twin Town, and Wel-Mor treatment centers.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Child Welfare System Improvement Partner (CWSIP)

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on January 4, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported CWSIP will begin to meet monthly at the Orangewood Foundation. Their goal is to move in a more action-oriented direction and share leadership with various agencies. They also discussed factors that can contribute to placement changes and stability, such as: a sense of belonging, confidence, and boundaries.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Youth Justice Webinar

Commissioners Marshall, Vachet, and Winder attended the OYCR's Youth Justice Action Webinar on January 8, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported the number of felony arrests have declined in the past decade. He also reported new laws and bills that may impact the Juvenile Justice system.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

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

Commissioners Churchill, Garfias, and Winder are planning to attend the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Forum meeting on January 17, 2024.

Commissioners Lopez, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Orangewood Foundation Open House on January 18, 2024.

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

Commissioners Garfias, Johnson, and Winder are planning to attend the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)-AB505: Background and Key Changes webinar on January 19, 2024.

Commissioners Marshall and Vachet are planning to attend the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory meeting on January 23, 2024.

Commissioner Garifas will attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) on January 25, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee meeting on January 25, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Marshall, Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Education Subcommittee meeting with Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent and Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) on January 26, 2024.

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Equity in Orange County (EIOC) webinar- Navigating Authentic Advocacy: Uplifting Black and Queer Communities on January 30, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Youth Justice Action webinar: Creditable Messenger Mentoring Movement on January 5, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee meeting on February 8, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Court-Ordered Parenting Classes in CA: LA Times article

Commissioner Churchill gave insight of the court-ordered parenting classes in Orange County. She discussed attending a court ordered parenting class itself does not determine the eligibility for a minor to return home, but different safety protective factors are also looked at.

B. County of Orange Tobacco Use Prevention Program Interest email

Commissioner Johnson reported that an invitation to participate in Tobacco Use Prevention Program was extended to the Commission. It was decided the Commission will not participate in the program. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will forward the invitation to the Department of Education.

C. 2024 New Legislation

Commissioner McClean shared a news article regarding new laws in 2024.

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CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:52 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair