

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday February 7, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & COMMENTS**
 - a. JUVENILE COURT**
 - b. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)**
 - c. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)**
 - d. COUNTY COUNSEL**
 - e. PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
 - f. SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**
 - g. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH**
 - h. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**
 - i. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**
 - j. ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
 - k. SANTA ANA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - l. LAW OFFICE OF HAROLD LAFLAMME**
 - m. CASA**
 - n. OTHER GUEST**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 6) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 7) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 8) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday February 7, 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
Connie Marshall
Wyatt McClean
Madelyn Rodriguez
Mary Lou Vachet (Teams)
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Lynda Perring

STAFF: Josue Rogel, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Stacy Ketell, Deputy Court Operations Manager, Juvenile Court
Arlene Speiser, Public Defender (Juvenile Justice)
Richard Cheung, Public Defender (Juvenile Dependency)
Dana Stits, County Counsel
Chief Daniel Hernandez, Probation Department
Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services
Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health
Joie Roe, Supervising CNN, HCA Juvenile Health Services
Dr. Ramon Miramontes Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent
Raina Lee, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services
Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools
Commander Kirsten Monteleone, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Robert Rodriguez, Acting Chief, Santa Ana Police Department
Mari Duque, Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme (Minors Counsel)
Amy Crowley, Lead Advocate Supervisor, CASA
Anton Osborne, Partnership Manager, American Community Correction Institute (ACCI)
Dr. Tina Arias Miller, Member, Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees
Ernie Gomez, Director of Criminal Justice Academies, Santa Ana College

COMMENTS BY THE JUVENILE COURT

Stacy Ketell, Deputy Court Operations Manager reported no official assignment for incoming Judicial Officer, Judge An.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)

Arlene Speiser, Public Defender, reported their goal is to continue to help the youth avoid entering the adult system.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)

Richard Cheung, Public Defender; reported dependency courtrooms are fully staffed.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, gave a brief update and reported staffing challenges due to retirements.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Chief Daniel Hernandez reported their goal is to provide a mentor/advocate role to juveniles. Construction for the new Youth Reporting Center (YRC) will begin in April of this year.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services, reported a new care reform that provides benefits to all foster care youth that are currently not provided by SSA. Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services, reported a new procedure when a youth is returning from being away from care for the safety of staff and other juveniles.

COMMENTS BY HCA, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health reported a new all male facility for ages 12-18 years, which is pending approval.

COMMENTS BY HCA, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Joie Roe, Supervising CCN, HCA Juvenile Health Services reported distribution of Narcan to youth upon discharge. Also, she reported the number of positive COVID cases for calendar year 2023.

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Dr. Ramon Miramontes Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent reported of weekly administrative meetings where topics of focus are safety, facility, and personnel. Raina Lee, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services reported that February 25, 2024, will be the last Foster College and Career Fair. They plan to partner with school for future years. Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools, reported 100 laptops were donated to Juvenile Hall.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commander Kirsten Monteleone reported 1,200 school administrators and personnel have been trained on how to respond to threat assessments through the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) program.

COMMENTS BY SANTA ANA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Acting Chief Robert Rodriguez gave a brief introduction and reported transitional changes.

COMMENTS BY LAW OFFICE OF HAROLD LAFLAMME (MINORS COUNSEL)

Mari Duque, Executive Director provided a brief update. Their goal is to keep youth out of the Juvenile Justice system.

COMMENTS BY CASA

Amy Crowley, Lead Advocate Supervisor gave a brief update. CASA was granted \$2 million for calendar year 2024. It was also indicated that 950 youth have been served through CASA.

OTHER GUESTS

Dr. Tina Arias Miller, Member, Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees gave a brief introduction.

Ernie Gomez, Director of Criminal Justice Academies, Santa Ana College gave a brief introduction. His goal for juveniles is to have a transition from incarceration to life after incarceration.

Anton Osborne, Partnership Manager, American Community Correction Institute (ACCI) a brief introduction. Their goal is to help individuals overcome the self-defeating thoughts and behaviors that can keep them from living a full and productive life without criminal justice involvement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 17, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported no class closure in Juvenile Hall for the month of January. Commissioner Vachet report staffing issues are still a concern and education committee will continue to ask for updates.

B. Non-Institutional Placements

Commissioner Garfias reported working list will be created in preparation for upcoming inspections. Working group has yet to meet.

C. Law Enforcement Agency

Commissioner McClean reported committee will reach out to agencies that have not been visited.

D. Legislation

Working group reported no updates.

E. Essay and Art Contest

Commissioner Vachet reported Juvenile Hall will host its 7th Essay contest combined with Art sometime in October. A rubric system will be used in the contest to review the essays.

F. SB - 823 – Realignment

No Updates

G. Annual Report

No Updates

H. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez reported the book club is almost finished with "The Secret," by Rhonda Byrne, which is about the power of believing and manifesting your goals. Commissioner Lopez will reach out to Juvenile Hall's librarian for book recommendations.

I. JJC Working Group re: substance use program/services

Commissioner Johnson reported the Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) will be attended this month.

J. Review of Regulations and Guidelines for Meals and Snacks at the Juvenile Detention Facilities

Commissioner Johnson reported the next Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) meeting will be February 28, 2024, via zoom and opened to the public. Goal is to have more food and better food at all juvenile detention facilities.

K. Away from Care

Commissioner Churchill reported no official meeting yet.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Executive Committee Meeting

Commissioners Johnson and Winder attended the Executive Committee meeting on January 17, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported Juvenile Presiding Judge, Judge Arthur will look into the two candidates currently in the recruitment process.

STRTP Forum Meeting

Commissioners Churchill, Garfias, and Winder attended the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) meeting on January 17, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported of a rate increase for foster care that will take effect in 2025. The rate assignment will shift from placement to child. Commissioner Garfias will ask for updates in the upcoming meeting.

Orangewood Foundation Open House

Commissioners Lopez, Winder and Yost attended the Orangewood Foundation Open House on January 18, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported that Orangewood Foundation is a beautiful facility for the youth.

Court Improvement Committee Meeting

Commissioner Johnson attended the Court Improvement Committee meeting on January 18, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported an increase in restitution from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for eligibility to probation.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar re: key changes to AB 505

Commissioners Garfias, Johnson, and Winder attended the OYCR's key changes to AB 505 webinar on January 19, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported updates in authority for an ombudsperson which include access to non-confidential records with no notice in advance.

Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory Committee Meeting

Commissioners Marshall and Vachet attended the FKCE Advisory Committee meeting on January 23, 2024. Commissioner Marshall reported upcoming changes to funding that will be effective in 2025. They are slowly incorporating in person classes, with Zoom still being the primary format.

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 21, 2024.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee Meeting

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 21, 2024.

Education Subcommittee Meeting with/Vern Burton and Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 21, 2024.

Equity in Orange County (EIOC) Webinar-Navigating Authentic Advocacy: Uplifting Black and Queer Communities

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 21, 2024.

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) Meeting

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 21, 2024.

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

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 21, 2024.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee on February 8, 2024.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality Advisory Board (ERDD) meeting on February 14, 2024.

Commissioner Winder is planning to attend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PAC meeting on February 15, 2024.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee on February 15, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill and Vachet are planning to attend the Foster Family Agency FFA/RFA Forum on February 20, 2024.

Commissioners Garfias, Johnson, Vachet, and Yost are planning to attend the Ward Death Review on February 21, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy Board meeting on February 21, 2024.

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Commissioners Churchill, Johnson, and Winder are planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Steering Committee (CCR SOC) Coordination meeting on February 22, 2024.

Commissioner Garfias is planning to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Youth and Committee meeting on February 22, 2024.

Commissioner Winder is planning to attend the JRC Graduation on February 22, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Placement Subcommittee meeting on February 22, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMENTS

- A. Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) SME Working Groups: Education, Medical and Mental Health, Nutrition and Environmental**
Previously discussed in working groups.

- B. Youth Bill of Right Brochures**
Previously discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:19 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair