

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868  
Wednesday March 6, 2024  
9:03 a.m.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) KEY STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES**
- 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 March 6, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:03 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  
Connie Marshall  
Wyatt McClean  
Lynda Perring  
Ryan Rising  
Madelyn Rodriguez  
Mary Lou Vachet  
Steve Winder, Vice Chair  
Dolores Yost

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Marcy Garfias

**GUESTS:** Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)  
Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)  
Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services (Health Care Agency)  
Priscilla Suzuki, Division Director of Juvenile Hall (Probation)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The February 21, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**KEY STAKEOLDERS UPDATES**

**A. Social Services Agency**

Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services, reported their goal is a prevention approach instead of protection. Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services, reported pending approval of vestibule for new intake process when a minor is returning from away from care.

**B. Health Care Agency**

Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services, reported a new boys and girls Be Well Irvine campus to open early 2025. The campus will have 16 beds and a prenatal unit.

**C. Probation**

Priscilla Suzuki, Division Director of Juvenile Hall, reported the college program had one juvenile graduate with an associate degree and received full scholarship to Cal State Long Beach.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Vachet will follow up with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) to schedule a meeting with education subcommittee. Staffing issues continue to be a concern.

**B. Non-Institutional Placements**

Commissioner Perring reported the subcommittee will meet after the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting today.

**C. Law Enforcement Agency**

Commissioner McClean reported 18 out of 30 Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) responded to the 2023 juvenile detention survey. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will follow up on the remaining LEA responses.

**D. Legislation**

Commissioner Winder reported Proposition 1 voting results are still in process.

**E. Essay and Art Contest**

Commissioner Vachet reported subcommittee will meet in August. She also reported the flyer and programing for the contest will be created at the meeting.

**F. SB-823-Realignment**

Commissioner Vachet reported the Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) will have their meeting on March 21.

**G. Annual Report**

No updates

**H. JJC/Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Lopez asked the commission for book recommendations to be used for the book club.

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

Commissioner Churchill reported that the subcommittee is awaiting a response to schedule a tour to Phoenix House, Twin Town, and Wel Mor.

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

Commissioner Vachet reported topics of focus were number of meals, servings of snacks, and time for consumption. Updates will be for coming.

**K. Away from Care**

Commissioner Churchill reported subcommittee will ask Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) to send an email to Social Service Agency about meeting with Juvenile Justice Commission subcommittee regarding away from care.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Ward Death Review**

Commissioners Garfias and Vachet attended the Ward Death Review on February 21. Commissioner Vachet reported details on two ward deaths.

**CAST Policy Board Meeting**

Tabled for next JJC meeting on March 20.

**Continuum of Care Reform Coordination Steering Committee (CCR SOC)**

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson and Winder attended the CCR SOC meeting on February 22. Commissioner Churchill reported a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) to open within 6-12 months, it will hold 18 beds. It was also mentioned that two Foster Family Agency (FFA) homes were closed.

**Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) staffing**

Commissioners Vachet and Winder attended the JRC staffing meeting on February 22. Commissioner Vachet reported meeting was positive and went very well with all staffing.

**Conditions of Children Community Forum**

Commissioner Churchill attended the Conditions of Children Forum on February 22. Commissioner Churchill reported areas of focus discussed were good health, economic well-being, educational achievement, and safe homes and communities. Commissioner Churchill distributed the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County booklet to the Commission.

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board Youth and Committee meeting**

Tabled for next JJC meeting on March 20.

**Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) calendar and graduation**

Commissioners Vachet and Winder attended the JRC calendar and graduation on February 22. Commissioner Winder reported the graduation was great.

**Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Placement Subcommittee meeting**

Commissioner Yost attended the CSEC Placement subcommittee meeting on February 22. Commissioner Yost reported placement issues are a concern. Their goal for recruitment is to better educate foster homes on what it entails to foster commercially sexually exploited children.

**Black History Month Celebration**

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the Black History Month Celebration on February 22. Commissioner Churchill reported the celebration was educational, well done, and had great food.

**Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) staffing**

Commissioner Church attended the JRC staffing on February 29.

**Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) calendar and graduation**

Commissioners Churchill, Marshall, and Perring attended the JRC calendar and graduation on February 29.

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting**

Commissioner Winder attended the JJCC meeting on February 29. Commissioner Winder reported a budget of \$18 million for calendar year 2024.

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

Commissioners Marshall, Perring and Vachet attended the OYCR Youth Justice Action Webinar on March 3. Commissioner Perring reported 90% of defendants experience trauma sometime in their lives. Their focus is treatment of trauma.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice Committee Meeting on March 6, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWISP) on March 7, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST reaccreditation team meeting on March 19, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the MHSA Planning meeting on March 21, 2024

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee on March 21, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the SB 823 subcommittee meeting on March 21, 2024

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**A. 2024 Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Guest Speakers**

The Commission suggested CalAIM, Anger Management, and Neutral Ground to be guest topics for calendar year 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

*Judy Johnson*

Judy Johnson, Chair