

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday April 17, 2024
9:02 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) GUEST SPEAKER**
 - a. DAWN SMITH, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) NEW 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 April 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:02 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
Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson, Chair
Silvestre Lopez
Connie Marshall
Wyatt McClean
Nicholas Moreno
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Ryan Rising

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

GUEST: Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director, Children and Youth Services Behavioral Health Services

Guest speaker Dawn Smith from Children and Youth Services Behavioral Health Service distributed booklets with CalAIM information to the Commission. She discussed in detail the positive impacts Medi-Cal's behavioral health initiatives will have to guarantee improve access to mental health and substance use disorder services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 03, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Evaluators for RFP

Commissioner Johnson informed the Commission that Commissioner Vachet and Amy Crow Crowley, Lead Advocate Supervisor, CASA, will participate in the review process of RFP's for probation.

B. Youth Bill of Rights

Commissioner Johnson reported Youth Bill of Right wallet size booklet is being updated and a request for copies has been made. She mentioned that the Youth Bill of Rights should be available to every youth.

C. Inspections/Review Schedule with Team Leads

Commissioner Johnson continued to encourage to Commission to sign up for upcoming inspections. The schedule was reviewed with the Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) to select a team lead for each group.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported subcommittee will meet on the last Thursday of each month beginning in June. The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2024 with Katy Ramezani, Ed. D Director, from Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) and other administrators.

B. Non-Institutional Placements

No updates to report.

C. Law Enforcement Agency

No updates to report.

D. Legislation

No updates to report.

E. Essay and Art Contest

No updates to report.

F. SB-823-Realignment

No updates to report.

G. Annual Report

Commissioner Johnson reported the subcommittee met directly following the April 3, 2024 Juvenile Justice Commission meeting to discuss what items are to be included in the 2023 annual report. She reminded the Commission to turn in all accomplishments and highlights by the end of April.

H. JJC/Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez reported the book club is finishing the book "Atomic Habits" by James Clear. Themes from the book include teaching a person how to make small changes that will transform habits and deliver amazing results. He informed the Commission that the book club meets every other Monday from 4:45pm to 6:15pm. Commissioner Perring spoke to Ms. Crowley who suggested a second Commissioner be added to facilitate the book club.

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

Commissioner Johnson reported Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) observation was cancelled and will schedule next month's observation with Commissioner Garfias. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) is in contact with Twin Town to schedule a tour for subcommittee. EAA awaits response from Phoenix House and Wel Mor for tour requests.

J. Away from Care

Commissioner Churchill reported working group met with Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children and Family Service and Maureen Mutch, Project Manager from Social Services Agency. They discussed the idea of bringing the 12 steps meeting program onsite and a temporary release program which will give minors approved time to be offsite.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)

Commissioner Churchill attended the CWSIP meeting on April 4, 2024. She reported their goal is to work closely with partners for placement stability and development strategies.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) webinar

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Vachet, and Winder attended the OYCR webinar on April 8, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported that the event was successful. A topic of discussion was the impact stereotyping minorities has on youth development.

Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Children and Youth Committee

Commissioner Garfias attended the BHAB Children and Youth Committee on April 8, 2024. She reported topics discussed included access to care for youth and kids in clinics including the wait time to obtain an appointment.

Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) Advisory Board

Commissioner Vachet attended the ERDD Advisory Board meeting on April 10, 2024. It was reported that the board finalized surveys and is in the beginning phase of developing a strategic plan.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee

Commissioners Vachet and Yost attended the CSEC Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee on April 11, 2024. Commissioner Yost reported that the meeting was very short and gave a brief overview of upcoming events. She informed the Commission that the Know More Do Better video is now available for public viewing. Commissioner Yost will email video link to EAA for distribution to the Commission.

Quarterly Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Forum

Commissioners Moreno, Perring, Rising, and Winder attended the Quarterly STRTP forum on April 16, 2024. Commissioner Perring reported that currently there is no youth treatment center for boys.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Johnson, Perring, and Winder are planning to attend the Juvenile Justice Executive Committee (JJC) meeting on April 17, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy Committee meeting on April 17, 2024.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on April 18, 2024.

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Coordination Steering Committee (CCR SOC) meeting on April 25, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Placement Subcommittee meeting on April 25, 2024.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the JBAY Webinar Removing Obstacles: Implementing AB 789 Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements on April 30, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on May 2, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson shared a news article with the Commission about the State of California allowing Los Angeles Juvenile Detention Centers to remain open. She also informed the Commission the importance of using the Executive Administrative Assistant as the point of contact for all communication the Juvenile Justice Commission has with agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair