

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday June 05, 2024
9:01 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) KEY STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) OLD BUSINESS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIVES**
- 7) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 8) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 9) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 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: Judy Johnson, Chair
Wyatt McClean
Nicholas Moreno
Lynda Perring
Ryan Rising
Madelyn Rodriguez
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Denise Churchill
Marcy Garfias
Silvestre Lopez
Connie Marshall

GUESTS: Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)
Maureen Mutch, Project Manager (Social Service Agency)
Mo Sapiga, Deputy Director (Social Service Agency)
Analee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services (Orange County Department of Education)
Dr. Ramon Miramontes, Deputy Superintendent (Orange County Department of Education)
Dr. Katy Ramezani, Ed. D. Director (Orange County Department of Education)
Alicia Lemire, Division Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health (Health Care Agency)

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

KEY STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES

A. Social Services Agency

Mo Sapiga, Deputy Director, reported an approval for a 5-year plan which include a self-assessment program that will fund placements, agency collaboration, staff, and training.

B. Department of Education

Dr. Katy Ramezani, Ed. D., Director of Orange County Department of Education, gave a brief update on a pending grant that will allow Juvenile Hall to hire staff for an Art class that will start next school year. She reported Summer at the Center will take place in August. This program is designed to empower high risk students to actively participate in a two-week program of musical theater classes concluding with several performances for the public and honored guests. Access school graduation will be on June 26, 2024, at Mariners church.

C. Health Care Agency

Alicia Lemire, Division Manager of Health Care Agency, reported probation approved funding for substance use training that will begin this week. Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) will commence at a later time. She gave a brief description of AB-1051 and the goal for Orange County to establish MOUs with other counties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 15, 2024 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Sonoma County/NY Times article

Commissioner Johnson gave a brief description on the article. She reported that Commissioner Churchill shared her thoughts on the article with the Commission via email.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported Dr. Miramontes is one of the six candidates for the Interim Superintendent position at the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). It was made known that the Interim Superintendent will be selected at the end of June. The working group reviewed educational concerns with administrators, Dr. Katy Ramezani and Analee Kredel.

a) OCDE Monthly Meeting

Commissioner Johnson suggested the Orange County Department of Education have a representative at the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee meeting. Executive Administrative Assistant will email the CSEC committee meeting calendar and contact information to OCDE.

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. Annual Report

No updates to report.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

No updates to report.

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

Commissioner Johnson reported Wel-Mor tour will be on June 19, 2024. EAA informed the working group the Twin Town Treatment Center tour will be on July 17, 2024, at 1:30pm.

I. Away from Care

Commissioner Winder reported that the practice of no longer escorting youth after curfew has decreased the number of away from care incidences at Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC).

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. LEA Inspection – Buena Park

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Vachet and Winder visited the Buena Park Police Department for an inspection on May 22, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported it was a good inspection. He reported that Buena Police Department has in house training for officers, 2 school resource officers, and participates in the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) with middle schools. He also reported that Buena Park has no active CSEC cases.

B. New Alternatives SAF

Commissioners Johnson, Moreno, Rising and Rodriguez visited the New Alternatives SAF for an inspection on May 22, 2024. Commissioner Moreno reported that the facility currently houses 5 youth (4 from Orange County, 1 outside Orange County). A corrective action notice will be sent to the facility to address several items of concern which include upgrades to the facility (replacement and painting).

C. Orangewood Children and Family Center

Commissioners Marshall, Moreno, Rodriguez, Vachet and Winder visited the Orangewood Children and Family Center for an inspection on May 24, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported the tour was led by a social worker who offered valuable context and perspective on the services provided. CEGU was onsite and available on call 24/7. No corrective action notice was needed.

D. Juvenile Hall

Commissioners Lopez, McClean, Moreno, Rodriguez, Vachet, and Winder visited Juvenile Hall for an inspection on May 30, 2024. Commissioner Vachet reported there are currently 146 youth in the facility (133 male, 13 female) and the average stay is 72 days. Construction at Juvenile Hall has been temporarily paused due to limitations on available space. No correction action notice was needed.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Ward Death Review Meeting

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet, and Yost attended the Ward Death Review meeting on May 15, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported on the three deaths that were reviewed by the committee.

Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory Committee Meeting

Tabled to next JJC meeting on June 12, 2024.

Foster Family Agency (FFA/RFA) Forum

Tabled to next JJC meeting on June 12, 2024.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee Meeting

Commissioners Vachet, Winder, and Yost attended the CSEC Steering Committee meeting on May 23, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported Social Services had 10-15 referrals for the month of May and Waymakers had 16 new referrals. Three families have been identified to work closely with youth in foster care.

Juvenile Hall Car Show

Tabled to next JJC meeting on June 12, 2024.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar: Keeping Youth at the Center

Tabled to next JJC meeting on June 12, 2024.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Perring, Rising, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Youth Guidance Center (YGC) inspection on June 5, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice Committee meeting on June 5, 2024.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) on June 6, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Perring, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Otto Fischer Graduation on June 7, 2024.

Commissioner Garfias is planning to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting on June 10, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson, Perring, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation on June 13, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention & Awareness Subcommittee on June 13, 2024.

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CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:11 a.m. – 11:23 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair