

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday July 3, 2024
9:01 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 7) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 9) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday July 3, 2024**

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: Denise Churchill
Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson, Chair
Silvestre Lopez
Connie Marshall
Wyatt McClean
Nicholas Moreno
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez
Mary Lou Vachet
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Ryan Rising
Steve Winder, Vice Chair

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 12, 2024 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Vachet reported Dr. Stefan Bean was appointed as the new Orange County Interim Superintendent. Dr. Ramon Miramontes will continue to serve as Deputy Superintendent for the Orange County Department of Education (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

Commissioner Lopez will collaborate with Commissioner Vachet to review details of the essay and art contest. Commissioner Lopez will seek essay prompt recommendations from the book club.

F. Annual Report

No updates to report.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez reported that the book club was completing the book "Atomic Habits." He also indicated that the book club would soon begin reading "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins. The youth are thrilled to read the book, knowing there's a movie that they can look forward to watching.

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

Commissioner Johnson reminded the commission that the Twin Town Treatment Center is scheduled for July 17, 2024. Juvenile Recovery Court staffing and observation is scheduled for July 25, 2024.

I. Away from Care

No update to report.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Olive Crest Saylor & Malena

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet visited Olive Crest Saylor and Malena for an inspection on June 12, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported there are some staff issues due to the pay rate being low, and she also reported that Malena was issuing temporary passes for the youth to be offsite. A corrective action notice will be sent to the facility to address an item of concern which includes upgrades to the facility (painting). Commissioner Johnson reported that Olive Crest currently accommodates 6 beds. She noted that clinicians offer various programs for the girls, such as beauty and yoga. Additionally, Johnson stated that a huddle meeting with administrators is in place to address concerns and develop a strategic plan.

B. Youth Reporting Center (YRC) North Tour & Visit

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet, and Yost visited the Youth Reporting Center on June 18, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported staffing issues due to low pay rates and newly open positions for the health care agency (HCA). She also mentioned the introduction of new after-school programs for the youth. No corrective action notice was needed.

C. Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) Inspection

Commissioners Johnson, Rising, Rodriguez, Vachet, and Winder visited Youth Leadership Academy for an inspection on June 20, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported that the youth reviewed a Narcan video provided by public health. She also mentioned that Santiago College would be offering an open catalog of classes for the youth. No corrective action notice was needed.

D. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Inspection Placentia Police Department & Brea Police Department

Commissioners McClean, Vachet, and Winder visited Placentia Police Department and Brea Police Department for an inspection on June 27, 2024. Commissioner McClean reported that Brea PD currently assigns one School Resource Officer (SRO) to cover all 10 schools, with 26 non-detained cases last year. They continue monitoring hotels and motels. Commissioner Vachet reported that Placentia has two SROs covering two high schools. She also reported issues with drugs including marijuana and vapes, and minimal gang activities.

E. LEA Inspection La Habra Police Department & Fullerton Police Department

Commissioners Marshall and Yost visited La Habra PD and Fullerton PD for an inspection on June 28, 2024. Commissioner Yost reported that Fullerton PD has no gang unit. Also, they have 4 School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to schools. Commissioner Marshall reported that La Habra PD receives 50 hours of training annually. They introduced a new educational program for the youth. La Habra PD detained a total of 66 individuals and reported no overdoses this year.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

MATCONNECT Workgroup Meeting

Commissioners Garfias, and Vachet attended the MATCONNECT Workgroup Meeting on June 12, 2024. Commissioner Garfias reported that Anna McCarthy, Chief Clinical Officer of Thru Telehealth Recovery Programs, presented a PowerPoint on mental health and substance abuse. She highlighted six treatment approaches discussed in the presentation: Step one focuses on acceptance and understanding of mental health; Step two involves adjunct support; Step three emphasizes physical health improvements; Step four centers around behavioral activation; Step five encourages identifying and challenging cognitive distortions; and Step six focuses on self-esteem building. EAA will forward the PowerPoint to the commissioners.

Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation

Commissioners Johnson, Perring, Vachet, and Winder attended the Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation on June 13, 2024. Commissioner Perring commended the program for its exceptional organization and efficiency. Commissioner Johnson echoed this sentiment, describing the program as impressive and wonderful, and reported that the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) attended the event as well.

Wel-Mor Tour & Visit

Commissioners Johnson, Moreno, Vachet, Winder, and Yost attended the Wel-Mor Tour & Visit on June 19, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported that David Welch addressed underlying issues with substance use and highlighted the availability of recovery services for aftercare. Additionally, she mentioned the introduction of Modvicare, an app aimed at assisting youth with transportation needs. EAA will forward handouts from Wel-mor Tour to the commissioners.

CAST Policy Board

Commissioner Johnson attended the CAST Policy Board on June 19, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported that a new facility sign, funded by Priority Center, is scheduled for installation. She also noted that the medical doctors from UCI have renewed their contract for the next three years.

ACCESS graduation

Commissioners Johnson, and Yost attended the ACCESS graduation on June 26, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported that the program was successful, celebrating 350 graduates with 150 attendees. She also mentioned the presence of the new superintendent, Dr. Bean, who expressed interest in scheduling a meeting with JJC education subcommittee group.

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

Commissioner Churchill attended the CCR SOC Coordination Meeting on June 27, 2024. She reported that Probation has hired two new Placement Supervisors. Additionally, she mentioned that the education department's grant for educational case management was revoked, necessitating the use of their LCAP funds to keep their services in place for youth at Orangewood Children & Family Center, the STRTP's, and their participation in SSA's Population Management

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Placement Subcommittee

Commissioner Vachet and Yost attended the CSEC Placement Subcommittee on June 27, 2024. Commissioner Yost reported there was an open forum discussion. She also mentioned that Analee Kredel was in attendance and confirmed she will attend the prevention meetings.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar – Advancing Diversion

Commissioner Vachet and Yost attended the Office of Youth and Community Restoration Webinar on July 1, 2024. Commissioner Vachet reported that youth are learning about diversion, including letter writing and grammar efficiency. She also mentioned that a restitution program demonstrated that youth involved in diversion completed six times more service hours due to the inclusion of relationship-building.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Lopez and Vachet are planning to attend the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) Inspection-Anaheim PD on July 3, 2024.

Commissioner Garfias is planning to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting on July 8, 2024.

Commissioners Lopez, Moreno, Rising, Rodriguez, and Vachet are planning to attend the LEA Inspection-Santa Ana PD & Costa Mesa PD on July 10, 2024.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) Meeting on July 11, 2024.

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

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson, Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Twin Town Treatment Center Tour on July 17, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson and Perring are planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee Juvenile Justice on July 18, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Vachet shared an article about LA County Probation staffing issues and how they effect institution population. Commissioner Johnson will forward the electronic version of the article to the commissioners.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:39 a.m. – 11:46 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair