AGENDA

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4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND COMMENTS
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   • PUBLIC DEFENDER (DEPENDENCY UNIT)
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   • DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS
   • STATE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING
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“The Mission of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission is to inquire into the administration of juvenile court law in this county and to ensure that the highest standards of care and services are maintained for the youth within the juvenile justice system.”
The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Hart. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Boortz. 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: Patricia Boortz
Amy Crowley
Benjamin de Mayo
Cheryl Hart, Chair
Susan Leibel
Rick Martinez, Vice Chair
Eula Nelson
Kathleen Nordin
Israel Sandez, Jr.
Jan Sturla
John Youngblood
Judy Zorrilla

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: Lynda Perring
James Riley

STAFF: Beverley MacLaren, Administrative Officer
Hilary Kim, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Kimberly Doyle, Assistant Head of Court, District Attorney’s Office
Kenneth Norelli, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, County Counsel
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA
Brandy Miller, Legislative Analyst, Social Services Agency
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA
Laura Strachan, Assistant Superintendent, Alternative Education
Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program
Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, CASA
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law

INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
Commissioner Cheryl Hart announced she is the new Chair of the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) for 2017 and Commissioner Rick Martinez is the Vice Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONER JOHN YOUNGBLOOD
Chair Hart introduced Commissioner John Youngblood who was sworn in this morning to serve on the JJC. Commissioner Youngblood gave a brief description of his background.

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COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT
Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, was unable to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) meeting. Chair Hart read the written report submitted by Ms. Beltran. The Court is continuing to work through the logistics around implementing the new laws resulting from the passage of Proposition 57, which repealed the DA’s authority to directly file certain felony offenses involving a juvenile with the adult criminal court. A Juvenile Court judicial officer will determine if the case is to be heard in the juvenile or adult court. The first transfer hearing will be on January 30, 2017. The Judicial Council has posted an invitation for public comment on the rules and forms related to Proposition 57 laws. Ms. Beltran sent information to the JJC regarding the changes to legislation and California rules and forms.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Kimberly Doyle, Assistant Head of Court, reported the District Attorney’s Office is working on the enactment of Proposition 57. The new 707 cases that are filed will be brought to juvenile court. Ms. Doyle announced Jim Tanizaki has been appointed to the position of Chief Assistant District Attorney.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER
Kenneth Norelli, Assistant Public Defender, announced the California Public Defenders Association (CPDA) annual statewide training will be in Monterey on January 19 and 20th.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, announced there are two upcoming trainings. Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, will give a presentation regarding fetal alcohol syndrome and Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, will cover the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). Mr. Stits will provide specific dates to the JJC when the details are finalized.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, reported Proposition 57 will impact the Probation Department. Doug Sanger, Chief Deputy of Operations, will be attending the JJC meeting in February. Stepping Up is a national initiative to reduce the number of adults with mental illnesses in jails. Judge Hernandez has given the Probation Department a directive to mirror the initiative for juveniles and reduce the number of minors in juvenile hall with mental health issues.

Chief Sentman thanked the Commissioners for attending the graduation ceremony at the Youth Guidance Center (YGC). Chief Sentman congratulated John Youngblood on becoming a Juvenile Justice Commissioner. Every year Chief Sentman works at Juvenile Hall on Christmas and New Year’s Day. The youth at Juvenile Hall performed in a Christmas show for their parents and the other youth.

The Commissioners select an agency to receive a personal donation from the Commissioners. This year the New Beginnings program at the Youth Guidance Center was selected. Commissioners de Mayo and Nordin delivered the donation to the Youth Guidance Center.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, thanked the Commission and guests for attending the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) Holiday Tea/Open House on December 8, 2016.
Commissioner Boortz asked Ms. Churchill to thank her staff and the children for the outstanding job they did decorating the cottages. There were 362 people at the Holiday Tea and touring the cottages.

The Orangewood Children and Family Center has a population of 52 youth today. The population is generally lower during the holidays. OCFC staff is working on writing a new program statement for the facility.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, reported that since the purchase of the EKG machine, the number of youth needing to be taken to the emergency room has decreased significantly. The Health Care Agency (HCA) is developing plans to administer IV fluids onsite in certain situations, thereby eliminating the need for transportation to a hospital. HCA has collaborated with Orange County Acceptance through Compassionate Care, Empowerment, and Positive Transformation (OC ACCEPT) to have a training on January 12, 2017 regarding the needs of transgender youth.

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Laura Strachan, Assistant Superintendent, reported the Otto A. Fischer School will undergo federal program monitoring on January 17, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
CASA
Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, reported CASA has 276 youth waiting to be paired with an advocate. There are currently 478 active CASA cases. CASA continues to put their efforts into recruitment. There will be a new advocate training session starting next week and 71 potential advocates have enrolled.

Orangewood Foundation
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, reported that many emancipated youth spent a lot of time at the Resource Center during the holidays. Orangewood Foundation was successful in providing gifts for children from adolescents to young adults.

Mr. Theemling reported The Samuei Academy is in its fourth year of operation and was ranked in the top six percent in the state.

Boys Town
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, reported Boys Town created an Amazon Wish list for the foster youth this Christmas. By creating a wish list, donors are able to make a donation from the list that will be delivered. Boys Town is very busy working to implement the Continuum of Care Reforms. It is Boys Town 100th Anniversary year, so a celebration is being planned.

J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law, provided insight into some of the challenges with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) process. The interstate compact allows a relative in another state to apply to foster the youth. The state where the relative lives must evaluate and supervise the home for the placement of the youth. The entire process can take six to nine months.
GUEST SPEAKER
Brandy Miller, Legislation Analyst, provided an overview of legislation that impacts children regarding education, foster youth rights and protections, mental health and Continuum of Care Reform and dual status minors.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE
The correspondence was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 14, 2016, as written.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

2017 Action Plan
An in-depth review of the revised 2017 Action Plan was completed. Standing Committee Chairs and members were selected. Each Committee Chair will develop the Action Items for the committee. Representatives and alternates were selected for the various liaison activities. The Administrative Officer will update the 2017 Action Plan and provide copies to the Commissioners for review.

NEW BUSINESS
Youth Commissioner Sandez will contact each Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) in Orange County and report back on the status of prescription drug drop off boxes and the number of School Resource Officers (SROs).

The Administrative Officer announced there is a sign-up sheet being circulated to schedule the LEA inspections and encouraged the Commissioners to participate.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Commissioners Crowley and Nelson are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on January 5, 2017.

Chair Hart is planning to attend the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) meeting on January 10, 2017.

Commissioners Nelson, Sandez, and Zorrilla are planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on January 11, 2017.

Commissioner Zorrilla is planning to attend the Trauma Informed Practices Steering Committee (TIPS-C) meeting on January 11, 2017.

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Commissioner Leibel is planning to attend the Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition meeting on January 12, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**
The regular session was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
An executive session was convened from 11:36 a.m. until 11:50 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*Cheryl Hart*
Cheryl Hart, Chair