

ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & COMMENTS**
 - JUVENILE COURT
 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 - PUBLIC DEFENDER (DELINQUENCY UNIT)
 - PUBLIC DEFENDER (DEPENDENCY UNIT)
 - COUNTY COUNSEL
 - PROBATION DEPARTMENT
 - ORANGE COUNTY CHIEFS & SHERIFF ASSOCIATION
 - ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
 - SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
 - HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
 - HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES
 - CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING
 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS
 - REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY
 - PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5) OLD BUSINESS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 7) REPORTS FROM IN-PERSON INSPECTIONS**
- 8) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 9) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 10) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 11) EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 12) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
November 3, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Sturla. The meeting was held remotely via video conference.

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Amy Crowley
Benjamin deMayo
Cheryl Hart
Judy Johnson
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring, Vice Chair
Robin Rounaghi
Michael Schumacher
Jan Sturla, Chair
MaryLou Vachet

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Marcy Garfias
Dolores Yost

STAFF: Susan Korean, Executive Administrative Assistant
Jessica Esquivel, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Joanne Motoike, Juvenile Presiding Judge
Craig Arthur, Assistant Juvenile Presiding Judge
Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, Juvenile Court
Jeff Kirk, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Sanford Rose, Director, Probation Department
Commander Jerrod Dahl, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Cheryl Alexander, Administrative Manager Children and Family Services, SSA
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, Children & Youth Behavioral Health
Stacy Northcutt, Program Manager, Health Care Agency, Juvenile Health Services
Ann Valenzuela, Program Manager, California Community Care Licensing
Natasha Dunlap, Licensing Program Mgr, California Community Care Licensing
Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools
Raina Lee, Coordinator, Youth Services, Department of Education
Alison Jacques, Supervisor, Waymakers
Hether Benjamin, Chief Program Officer, Waymakers
Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer, CASA
Jami DeChaney, Director, Youth Connected Program, Orangewood Foundation
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Project Youth Orange County Bar Foundation

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE PRESIDING JUDGE

Judge Motoike, Juvenile Presiding Judge, introduced Craig Arthur as the new Juvenile Presiding Judge starting January 2022.

COMMENTS BY ASSISTANT JUVENILE PRESIDING JUDGE

Judge Arthur, Assistant Juvenile Presiding Judge, thanked Judge Motoike for her guidance throughout the transition.

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, provided an update on the new judge in Department 34.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jeff Kirk, Senior Deputy District Attorney, provided an update on the two new Deputies District Attorney from Tulare County.

COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Sanford Rose, Director, provided an update on the current projects of the Probation Department.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commander Jerrod Dahl, Orange County Sheriff's Department, provided an update on the revamping of the current drug prevention program for youth.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SSA)

Cheryl Alexander, Administrative Manager, reported that Orangewood has brought back some of their volunteer services such as in-person outdoor church services on Sundays and outdoor field trips for youth in the facility.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Stacy Northcutt, Program Manager, reported in-person visiting has resumed, thus resulting in weekly swab COVID testing in all units and cottages.

COMMENTS BY CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

Ann Valenzuela, Licensing Program Manager, provided an update on CCL activities

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, provided an update on the current Tiny House Project to benefit youth in local communities.

Raina Lee, OCDOE Coordinator, provided an update on the upcoming college fair in March 2022 involving career skills and a workshop for foster youth educational rights.

WAYMAKERS

Alison Jacques, Supervisor, reported no new updates. Hether Benjamin, Chief Program Officer, was also in attendance.

CASA

Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer, reported on the increase of volunteers on their waitlist.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Jami DeChaney, Director, Youth Connected Program, provided an update on the Lion Workforce Academy.

PROJECT YOUTH – ORANGE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION (OCBF)

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, provided an update on a new program for youth on vocational trades.

J. MICHAEL HUGHES, ATTORNEY AT LAW

J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law, provided an update on resuming in-person attendance in the courtroom.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The October 20, 2021 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE.

All correspondence reports are tabled to the JJC meeting on November 17, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Vachet provided an update on the Annual Essay Contest and presentation of awards.

Chair Sturla and Commissioner deMayo provided a review of the Amended Policies & Procedures. **The Changes to the Policies & Procedures were approved by unanimous consent.**

Commissioner Crowley provided an update on the Away from Care Tracking Discussion with SSA.

Vice Chair Perring provided an update on the FFA Discussion with Ann Valenzuela of California Community Care Licensing.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Sturla announced the selection of the 2022 Nominating Committee: Amy Crowley, Ben deMayo and Wyatt McClean.

After a brief discussion regarding resumption of in-person JJC meetings, Chair Sturla advised that the topic be tabled to the November 17 JJC meeting.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP

Commissioners Crowley and Hart provided an overview of the Institution Youth Focus Groups.

REPORTS FROM IN-PERSON INSPECTIONS

Vice Chair Perring and Commissioners Hart and Johnson provided an overview of the South Coast Children's Society (SCCS) – Dahlia inspection on October 21, 2021.

Vice Chair Perring and Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the WebEx meeting with Hart Homes Youth.

Vice Chair Perring and Commissioner Johnson provided an overview of the Sails facility inspection on October 28, 2021.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Court Improvement Meeting – Dependency

Chair Sturla provided an overview of the Court Improvement Committee virtual meeting on Dependency held on October 12, 2021.

Families First (FFPSA)

The Families First FFPSA Drop-In meeting is tabled to the JJC meeting on November 17, 2021.

Court Improvement Meeting – Juvenile Justice

The Court Improvement Committee meeting on Juvenile Justice is tabled to the JJC meeting on November 17, 2021.

Child Abuse Services Team (CAST)

The CAST Policy Board meeting is tabled to the JJC meeting on November 17, 2021.

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Steering Committee

Commissioner Crowley provided an overview of the CCR Steering Committee video conference held on October 28, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) video conference on November 4, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Crowley and Vachet.

The Juvenile Hall Focus Group meeting on November 9, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Crowley and Hart.

The HIRE Subcommittee meeting on November 9, 2021 will be attended by Commissioner Vachet.

The Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) video conference on November 10, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners Crowley, Rounaghi and Vachet.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Subcommittee Informational video conference on November 15, 2021 attendance will be confirmed with Commissioner Garfias.

The Breaking Down Barriers webinar on November 16, 2021 attendance will be confirmed with Vice Chair Perring.

The Foster Family Agency (FFA) Forum meeting on November 16, 2021 will be attended by Commissioners deMayo, Vachet and McClean.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission discussed various topics of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened from 11:45 a.m. until 12:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Jan Sturla

Jan Sturla, Chair