

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday September 4, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- A. Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)
- B. Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)
- C. Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy of Children & Youth Services (Health Care Agency)
- D. Dr. Katy Ramezani, Ed. D. Director (Orange County Department of Education)
- E. Annalee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services Division (Orange County Department of Education)
- F. Priscilla Suzuki, Division Director of Juvenile Hall (Probation)

3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

4) CORRESPONDENCE

5) NEW BUSINESS

6) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

7) REPORTS FROM INPSECTIONS/REVIEWS

8) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

9) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

11) ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 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 (Teams)
Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson, Chair
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring
Ryan Rising
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Connie Marshall
Nicholas Moreno
Madelyn Rodriguez

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

GUEST: Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)
Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)
Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services (Health Care Agency)
Dr. Katy Ramezani, Ed. D. Director (Orange County Department of Education)
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KEY STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES

A. Social Services Agency

Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services, reported of upcoming events. Trunk or Trick will take place on October 24, 2024, a partnership between Orangewood and Social Service Agency (SSA). Orangewood Winter Tea will be on December 5, 2024.

B. Health Care Agency

Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services, reported that a 24/7 on-call service to de-escalate situations at Juvenile Hall was implemented on July 1, 2024.

C. Department of Education

Annalee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services, reported students continue to have classes while construction is ongoing at Juvenile Hall.

D. Probation

Priscilla Suzuki, Division Director of Juvenile Hall, reported units have moved into their new units while construction continues, and demolition will begin early October. She also reported that there were 3 cell dog graduates who received certificates provided by Rancho Alamitos High School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 21, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Trainings

a. 2024 OC Public Safety & Reentry Conference – September 26th & Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Summit – November 5th & 6th

Training information was reviewed with the Commission. Commissioners will inform Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) of interest in attending both conferences.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

a. Monthly Education Subcommittee Meeting

Commissioner Johnson reported Lyon school is filling vacancies. She also mentioned that there is a 2-year contract with Regional Occupation Program (ROP) which will provide teachers with trade teaching experience.

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 Vachet reported that the essay and art contest ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024. The subcommittee will meet on October 14, 2024, to begin planning the contest.

F. Annual Report

Commissioner Perring and EAA are working to have the annual report done by the end of the month.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez reported that the Book Club has begun reading "5am Club."

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

EAA is working to schedule a tour with Phoenix House.

I. Away from Care

Commissioner Churchill suggested that the subcommittee meet to discuss their next steps.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Rite of Passage (ROP) Tustin C & D

Commissioners Winder and Yost visited ROP Tustin C & D for an inspection on August 27, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported that the facility has a house parent 24/7. They are fully staffed and provide training to staff on policies and procedures. He also mentioned that the juveniles enjoy activities: movies, basketball, and bonfires. No CAN letter was required.

B. Rite of Passage (ROP) JoAnn & Baker

Commissioners Garfias, Perring, and Yost visited ROP JoAnn & Baker for an inspection on August 28, 2024. Commissioner Perring reported that the facilities are following the guidelines. She praised the staff and youth for the cleanliness of their facilities. No CAN letter was required.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Continuum of Care Reform Coordination (CCR SOC) Steering Committee

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on September 18, 2024.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on September 5, 2024.

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Commissioners Perring, Johnson, Winder, and Vachet are planning to attend the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Youth Justice Action Webinar on September 9, 2024.

Commissioner Garfias is planning to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting on September 9, 2024.

Commissioners Perring and Vachet are planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on September 11, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson and Perring are planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on September 19, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments to report.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:51 a.m. – 11:08 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair