

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

## **AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) GUEST**
  - a. Aubree Childs, CEO/Founder, Fight Therapy Foundation**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) OLD BUSINESS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS**
- 7) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 8) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 9) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 10) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday October 2, 2024**

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  
Marcy Garfias  
Judy Johnson, Chair  
Silvestre Lopez  
Wyatt McClean  
Lynda Perring  
Ryan Rising (Teams)  
Madelyn Rodriguez  
Dorothy Stafford  
Mary Lou Vachet  
Dolores Yost

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Connie Marshall  
Nicholas Moreno  
Steven Winder, Vice Chair

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

**GUEST:** Aubree Childs, CEO/Founder, Fight Therapy Foundation

Guest speaker, Aubree Childs, from Fight Therapy Foundation gave a brief introduction. She shared that their goal is to see Jiu Jitsu acknowledged as a form of therapy and offered in every recovery center/re-entry program for youth.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The September 18, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Oranewood at a Glance report – August 2024**

Away from care incidences have decreased since April 2024. The average length of stay is 20 days with the longest stay being 4 months. It was also shared with the Commission that the number of mental health crisis calls have increased.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Johnson reported that there were no class closures. She also mentioned that ACCESS schools were granted approval to hire an assistant principal. ACCESS schools is in the process of recruiting teachers to fill vacancies.

**B. Non-Institutional Placements**

No updates to report.

**C. Law Enforcement Agency**

No updates to report.

**D. Legislation**

**i. New Laws**

Commissioner Johnson reviewed several articles that addressed new laws that affect youth in Orange County.

**E. Essay and Art Contest**

The Essay and Art ceremony is scheduled to take place on November 21, 2024 and the unit celebrations on November 22, 2024. The event will be streaming online for family members to view. The prompt selected for this year's Essay and Art Contest is "Looking Forward."

**F. Annual Report**

Commissioner Perring reported that the Annual Report is in the design and layout phase with the county representative.

**G. JJC/ Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Lopez reported the Book Club participants watched the documentary "They Called us Monsters" in preparation for the guest speakers from the documentary.

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

Commissioner Garfias reported that Phoenix House has an outpatient program for youth that can accommodate 30 youth. They are funded by Drug Medical, and they provide all levels of services as needed. The standing committee will meet to discuss the next steps.

**I. Away from Care**

The standing committee met on September 18, 2024, and agreed to reach out to SSA, Kristi Fiskum, for a follow up meeting at the end of October. They are interested in receiving additional data from Social Services Agency (SSA).

**REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS**

**A. Vera's Sanctuary**

Commissioners McClean, Moreno, and Rodriguez visited Vera's Sanctuary on September 20, 2024. Commissioner McClean reported the facility is for girls 13-18 years old. Commissioner Rodriguez reported Narcan and Foster Bill of Rights posters are posted at the entrance doors. In terms of the curriculum, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) topics are discussed with the girls.

**B. Mary's Path**

Commissioners Churchill and Vachet visited Mary's Path for a review on September 25, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported that there are currently 10 young mothers at Mary's Path. They serve girls from Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties. They are referred by SSA and the Probation Department. Mary's Path has 3 clinicians, 3 mental health counselors, and a public health nurse that provide 24/7 care.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)**

Commissioner Garfias attended the BHAB meeting on September 9, 2024. She reported that the discussion centered on the timing of scheduling an appointment to determine the mental health services a youth would need. Statistics surrounding suicide rates were also mentioned by Heath Care Agency (HCA) and a PowerPoint with these figures was made available.

**Complex Care Webinar**

Commissioner Vachet attended the Complex Care webinar on September 23, 2024. The presenter of the webinar was Anthony Pineda from University of California, Davis. Commissioner Vachet shared with the Commission how informative the webinar was and how music can be used in a therapeutic way.

**Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar on Substance Use Disorder**

Commissioner Johnson attended the OYCR webinar on substance use disorder on September 25, 2024. She reported the guest speaker was a Judicial Officer from the state of Missouri. The main discussion was the importance of identifying substance use disorder early.

**2024 Orange County Public Safety & Re-Entry Conference**

Commissioners Vachet and Winder attended the Orange County Public Safety & Re-Entry Conference on September 26, 2024. The event brought together experts and community members to discuss topics regarding at-risk youth.

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee Meeting**

Commissioner Johnson attended the SUD committee meeting on October 1, 2024. She reported that SSA will require a mandatory training on SUD for all staff. They look forward for the new Be Well- Irvine Campus to be opened next year.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) on October 3, 2024.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on October 9, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee on October 10, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Forum meeting on October 15, 2024.

Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will reschedule the Juvenile Justice Commission Executive Committee Meeting for October 16, 2024 as Commissioners Perring and Winder are unavailable to attend.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy Board meeting on October 16, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee Dependency on October 17, 2024.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

The local OYCR representative will join the next Juvenile Justice Commission meeting on October 16, 2024 to observe.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 11:07 a.m. – 11:11 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Judy Johnson*

Judy Johnson, Chair