

**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 May 1, 2024  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & COMMENTS**
  - a. JUVENILE COURT**
  - b. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
  - c. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)**
  - d. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)**
  - e. COUNTY COUNSEL**
  - f. PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
  - g. SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**
  - h. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**
  - i. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**
  - j. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**
  - k. ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
  - l. POLICE REPRESENTATIVE**
  - m. LAW OFFICE OF HAROLD LAFLAMME**
  - n. CASA**
  - o. PROJECT YOUTH OCBF**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 6) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 7) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 8) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday November 6, 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  
Judy Johnson, Chair  
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)  
Connie Marshall  
Wyatt McClean  
Lynda Perring  
Ryan Rising  
Madelyn Rodriguez  
Dorothy Stafford (Teams)  
Steve Winder, Vice Chair

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Marcy Garfias  
Nicholas Moreno  
Mary Lou Vachet  
Dolores Yost

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

**GUESTS:** Adriane Garcia, Courtroom Operations Supervisor, Juvenile Court  
Katie David, District Attorney  
Richard Cheung, Public Defender (Juvenile Dependency)  
Dana Stits, County Counsel  
Priscilla Suzuki, Division Director of Juvenile Hall, (Probation Department)  
Isabel Gutierrez, Director of Juvenil Court Services (Probation Department)  
Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services (Social Service Agency)  
Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Service (Social Service Agency)  
Alicia Lemire, Division Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health (Health Care Agency)  
Grace Lizardo, Project Manager, HCA Juvenile Health Services  
Analee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services (Orange County Department of Education)  
Jeff Jacques, Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department  
Robert Rodriguez, Acting Chief, Santa Ana Police Department  
Martha Franco, Attorney, Juvenile Defenders  
Mari Duque, Executive Director, Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme (Minors Counsel)  
Matthew Wadlinger, Chief Brand Officer, CASA  
Hether Benjamin, Chief of Program Office Youth Development Programs, Waymakers

**COMMENTS BY THE JUVENILE COURT**

Adriane Garcia, Courtroom Operations Supervisor, reported Kristal Valencia is the new Court Operations Manager of Juvenile Court. She also gave a brief description on a Court Interpreter Program that will provide courtrooms with interpreters virtually when needed.

**COMMENTS BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Katie David, District Attorney, reported the hiring of new attorneys.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)**

Public Defender's office is looking forward to working with the Court's interpreter program.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)**

Richard Cheung, Public Defender, reported placing minors with relatives is going well.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, gave a brief introduction and reported of upcoming training with Victim Witness on services Waymakers provide.

**COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Priscilla Suzuki, Division Director of Juvenile Hall, reported that Probation and the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) is working on the Essay and Art Contest. The build out for the youth transitional center (YTC) is slightly delayed to February 2025. Isabella Gutierrez, Probation Director of Juvenile Court Services, reported the number of sealed record petitions have increased.

**COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

Jyothi Atluri, Director of Children & Family Services, reported Social Service Agency (SSA), Probation, and OCDE continue to work on a system improvement plan. Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Directory of Children & Family Services, reported Orangewood currently houses 69 youth. She also reported all the Halloween activities the youth attended. The staff are currently attending Right Response Training.

**COMMENTS BY HCA, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Alicia Lemire, Division Manager, reported upcoming training on suicide prevention. Their focus is on payment reform that begins in July 2025 which includes a Cal-AIM component.

**COMMENTS BY HCA, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**

Grace Lizardo, Project Manager of HCA, reported Fentanyl strips are now provided to youth at Juvenile Hall upon discharge and at Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) to help with harm reduction.

**COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**

Analee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services, reported that the Foster Youth Services is working with Orangewood to strengthen their partnership. She also mentioned that presentations have been given to students to educate them on the services available to them. ACCESS is currently in the process of hiring a new assistant principal.

**COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Sergeant Jeff Jacques reported an increase in "ideology" cases in youth. Their goal is to work with partners and acquire resources in mental health. He also reported that a School Resource Officer (SRO) training will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

**COMMENTS BY SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Acting Chief Robert Rodriguez reported no updates.

**COMMENTS BY LAW OFFICE OF HAROLD LAFLAMME (MINORS COUNSEL)**

Mari Duque, Executive Director, reported the office is fully staffed.

**COMMENTS BY CASA**

Matthew Wadlinger, Chief Brand Officer, reported that they have served 988 youth. They will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the upcoming year. He also reported that their goal is to acquire more volunteers.

**COMMENTS BY PROJECT YOUTH OCBF**

Commissioner Rodriguez gave updates on behalf of Project Youth. She reported that their annual meeting and awards program will be on December 11, 2024 which includes the annual Toy Drive.

**COMMENTS BY WAYMAKERS**

Hether Benjamin, Chief of Program Office Youth Development Programs, gave a brief introduction and reported on the Light of Love parade that will be on December 8, 2024 in Huntington Beach.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The October 16, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Oranewood at a Glance**

Commissioner Churchill reported the away from care incidences have decreased.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2025 Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) meeting dates (stakeholders/key stakeholders)**

Juvenile Justice Commission meeting schedule for 2025 was reviewed and approved unanimously by the Commission. Executive Administrative Assistant will email schedule to stakeholders and key stakeholders.

**B. Nominations 2025 Chair/Vice Chair**

The Nomination Committee was formed, and Commissioner Vachet was selected as the chair of the committee. Recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair will be submitted at an upcoming meeting.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Johnson reported the next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024.

**B. Non-Institutional Placements**

No updates to report.

**C. Law Enforcement Agency**

No updates to report.

**D. Legislation**

Commissioner Johnson reported new laws which include law enforcement interviewing minors that are 17 years old or younger, rights to have access to education, and reduce credit program for minors in the juvenile system to receive their high school diplomas.

**E. Essay and Art Contest**

Commissioner Lopez reported committee will meet to discuss the ceremony details including setup, food and certificates.

**F. Annual Report**

Commissioner Perring reported that the Annual Report is complete and ready to print.

**G. JJC/ Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Lopez reported that the book club continues to read the "5am Club." He also mentioned that Northgate Market donated funds which provides snacks for the youth.

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

Commissioner Johnson reported a follow up meeting will be scheduled.

**I. Away from Care**

Commissioner Churchill reported curriculum activities are being created so that the minors can be involved and help with the reduction of away from care incidences. She also reported the hiring of additional social workers to assist with the minors. Disciplinary meetings with partners are held to explore various strategies that can be implemented to support the youth.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD)**

Commissioner Perring attended the ERDD meeting on October 9, 2024. She reported their goal is to gather and research to guide the youth.

**H.I.R.E Meeting and Webinar**

Commissioners Lopez and Perring attended the H.I.R.E webinar on October 9, 2024. Commissioner Perring reported Juvenile Presiding Judge Arthur gave a presentation on collaborative courts. She also mentioned topics of discussion included: family treatment court, substance exposed infants, hands-on with family, and constant support.

**CAST Policy Board Meeting**

Commissioner Johnson attended the CAST Policy Board meeting on October 16, 2024. She reported that Social Service Agency (SSA) did not renew their volunteer contract with the Priority Center.

**CAST Putting the Puzzle Together Event**

Commissioner Johnson attended the CAST Putting the Puzzle Together Event on October 18, 2024. She reported that a topic of discussion was the sharing of reports with investigators.

**Why Did They Do That? Understanding and Developing Trauma Informed Practices**

Commissioner Marshall attend the Why did They do That? Understanding and Developing Trauma Informed Practices webinar on October 22, 2024. She reported that Linda Brandly was the guest speaker who talked about dealing with trauma, how the brain works with trauma, and how staff can also deal with vicarious trauma.

**California Juvenile and Family Judicial Training on Substance Use Disorder**

Commissioner Johnson attended the California Juvenile and Family Judicial Training on Substance Use Disorder on October 23, 2024. She reported topics of discussion included: early identification and engagement, family treatment centers, trauma sensitive programs, and culturally responsive treatment.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet are planning to attend The Office of Youth and Community Restoration Youth Justice Summit on November 5 – 6, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on November 7, 2024.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on November 13, 2024.

Commissioner Garfias is planning to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Children and Youth Services Committee meeting on November 14, 2024.

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Commissioners Johnson, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Monthly Education Subcommittee meeting with OCDE administrators on November 14, 2024

Commissioner Churchill and Marshall are planning to attend the Foster Family Agency Quarterly Forum on November 20, 2024.

Commissioners Garfias and Johnson are planning to attend the Ward Death Review meeting on November 20, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, McClean, Marshall, Perring, Rodriguez, Rising, Stafford, Winder, and Vachet are planning to attend the Essay and Art Contest Ceremony on November 21, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson and Perring are planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee on November 21, 2024

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No Commissioner comments to report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 11:16 a.m. – 11:21 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

*Judy Johnson*

Judy Johnson, Chair