

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Monday February 1, 2023
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. OC SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
 - h. SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
 - i. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
 - j. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES
 - k. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING
 - l. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS
 - m. REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY
 - n. WAYMAKERS
 - o. CASA
 - p. ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION
 - q. PROJECT YOUTH
 - r. LAW OFFICES OF HAROLD LAFLAMME
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5) OLD BUSINESS**
- 6) NEW BUSINESS**
- 7) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 8) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 9) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 10) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
February 1, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Perring. 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: Amy Crowley
Marcy Garfias
Cheryl Hart
Judy Johnson
Silvestre Lopez
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring, Chair
Michael Schumacher
Jan Sturla
MaryLou Vachet
Steve Winder
Dolores Yost, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Robin Rounaghi

STAFF: Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant
Taeona Beechum, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Melissa Del Rio, Court Operations Manager, Juvenile Court
Jeff Kirk, District Attorney
Arleen Speiser, Public Defender (Juvenile Justice)
Seth Bank, Public Defender (Juvenile Dependency)
Dana Stits, County Counsel
Chief Daniel Hernandez, Probation Department
Commander Jerrod Dahl, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Mahonri Sapiga, Administrative Manager, Social Services Agency, OCFC
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health
Grace Lizardo, Program Manager, HCA, Juvenile Health Services
Ann Valenzuela, Licensing Program Analyst, California Community Care Licensing
Griselda Velasco, Program Specialist, OC Department of Education
Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools
Jack Stanton, Regional Center of Orange
Hether Benjamin, Chief Program Officer, Waymakers
Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer, CASA
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Project Youth Orange County
Mari Duque, Minor's Counsel, Law Offices of Harold Laflamme

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Melissa Del Rio, Court Operations Manager gave a brief introduction of the new Executive Administrative Assistant, Lii Toelupe, and the Legal Processing Specialist, Taeona Beechum who will be the support staff to the Juvenile Justice Commission. She also reported that Judge Swain is joining the Juvenile Panel and will be training with Judge Apkarian.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jeff Kirk, District Attorney, reported they are currently down 80% in truancy filings.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)

Arlene Speiser, Public Defender, reported there has been an increase in mental health filings.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)

Seth Bank, Public Defender reported there has been an increase in dependency filings.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, reported there has been a 3% increase in petition filings. He also shared that of the 12 attorneys in his office half of the attorneys have been in the office for less than one year.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation Chief, Daniel Hernandez, reported they are piloting a new emergency alert monitor that will alert staff when a youth's heart rate increases or decreases. Chief Daniel Hernandez also reported that all probation officers are trained and certified to carry Narcan, and Fentanyl testing is now part of their panel testing. He also shared that they have not yet filled the Deputy Chief of Probation position.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Commander Jerrod Dahl reported they had 1,729 5th and 6th grade students from 22 schools, graduate from their Above the Influence program. Commander Jerrod Dahl also reported that they held 13 Fentanyl awareness assemblies for over 14,000 students.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENT (SSA)

Mahonri Sapiga, Administrative Manager, Orangewood Children & Family Center (OCFC) reported that they are working towards decreasing the number of appeals they receive regarding ICWA findings. He reported that they have 70 vacancies in the social worker classification. They are recruiting using virtual hiring which has been quite successful.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, reported they opened their 7th outpatient treatment facility. Alicia Lemire also reported that Narcan is now available at all county facilities. They will continue to encourage NARCAN at the STRTPs.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Grace Lizardo, Program Manager, reported they have had a decline in the number of positive COVID cases. Grace Lizardo also reported that upon a youth's discharge, family members and caretakers are given two doses of Narcan and a two-minute instruction on how to administer Narcan.

COMMENTS BY CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

Ann Valenzuela, Licensing Program Analyst, provided a brief update on obtaining waivers to have Narcan in STRTPS.

COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Griselda Velasco, Program Specialist, reported they are working with four transitional liaisons to assist seniors with FAFSA. Griselda Velasco also reported that they are coordinating with the Law Offices of Harold Laflamme regarding truancy.

Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, Department of Education Institutional Schools provided an update on the new staff helping with in-custody classroom instruction including a tutor for students in the classroom.

COMMENTS BY REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jack Stanton, Regional of Orange reported they have had a decrease in child age children due to their population of children aging out of the specific services they provide.

COMMENTS BY WAYMAKERS

Hether Benjamin, Chief Program Officer reported they recently had their 50th anniversary and have recently been focusing on the Human Trafficking Task Force.

COMMENTS BY CASA

Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer reported for the year 2023 they are trying to reach a goal of servicing 950 youth. Jenny Leon also reported they currently have a waiting list of 270 youth. They are physically moving offices to the city of Orange.

COMMENTS BY PROJECT YOUTH – ORANGE COUNTY (OC)

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, reported that six youth who are in the ICAN! (Independence, Competence, Aptitudes Now!) workshop program have become employed. They reported serving 1,500 families.

COMMENTS BY LAW OFFICES OF HAROLD LAFLAMME (MINOR'S COUNSEL)

Mari Duque, Program Specialist reported they are having an upcoming meeting on February 8th, 2023, with the Department of Education to discuss how they can collaborate with each other on truancy issues. They noted that the youth filings are on the rise, but something they were expecting after COVID.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 18, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed the Olive Crest inquiry regarding privacy storage boxes. Commissioner Perring will further discuss with Ann Valenzuela.

Commissioners discussed the Probation food complaint and phone calls. Commissioner Perring is planning to gather more information regarding the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners Garfias, Perring, Sturla and Winder will take part in the annual report committee.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. EDUCATION

Commissioner Vachet and Lii will be meeting with Rich Berman to discuss the 2022 Essay Contest and plan for 2023 Essay Contest.

a. YGC Follow-up Meeting

Commissioner Johnson and Winder provided a brief update and are planning on meeting with Jim Perez and Connie Schonert for updates with the rest of the education committee.

B. SB823

Commissioners Crowley and Perring reported no update.

C. System Navigator/Peer Mentor/Credible Messenger/Re-Entry

Commissioners Perring and Schumacher had no updates.

D. JJC/ Probation Book Club Pilot Program

Commissioners Crowley and Lopez provided an overview of their meeting. Participants created their own master plan and created inspirational bookmarks.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

The Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Forum

The STRTP Forum video conference is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

Court Improvement Committee

The Court Improvement Committee meeting is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

The MHSA informational and Planning video conference is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

Juvenile Hall Career Fair

The Juvenile Hall Career Fair meeting is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

Foster Care Advisory Board Quality Parenting initiative (FCAB/QPI)

Commissioner Johnson provided a brief overview of the FCAB/QPI. Commissioner Johnson stated that Faith and Motion has changed its name to Hearts and Motion.

Continuum of Care Reform Steering Committee (CCR SOC)

The CCR SOC video conference is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee

Commissioner Vachet provided a brief overview of what was accomplished in 2022 and how the subcommittee plans to move forward.

Addressing the Opioid Crisis in OC Community Forum

The Opioid Crisis in OC Community Forum meeting is tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 15, 2023.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Crowley is planning on attending the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) video conference on February 2, 2023.

Commissioner Winder is planning on attending the Juvenile Justice Coordination Council (JJCC) ad hoc meeting on February 2, 2023.

Commissioner Johnson is planning on attending the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) video conference on February 7, 2023.

Commissioners Perring and Vachet are planning on attending the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on February 8, 2023.

Commissioners Garfias, Schumacher and Sturla are planning on attending the Ward Death Review meeting on February 15, 2023.

Commissioners Sturla is planning on attending the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) video conference on February 16, 2023.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission discussed various topics of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Lynda Perring

Lynda Perring, Chair