

**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, September 16, 2015  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. GUEST SPEAKERS – Resource Family Approval Program  
Joanne Munro, PsyD MFT, Deputy Director  
Family Assessment and Shelter Services  
Veronica Zuniga, Placement Coordination Services Manager**
- 4. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
September 16, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Boortz. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Schumacher. 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:** Patricia Boortz, Chair  
Ben de Mayo, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Hart  
Susan Leibel  
Steve Livingston  
Rick Martinez  
Susan Mays  
Eula Nelson  
Kathleen Nordin  
James Riley  
Michael Schumacher  
Connor Traut  
Carlos Zelaya  
Judy Zorrilla

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT: None**

**STAFF:** Beverly MacLaren, Administrative Officer  
Vanessa Martinez, Office Specialist  
Hilary Jung A. Kim, Legal Processing Specialist

**GUESTS:** Joanne Munro, PsyD MFT, Deputy Director, Social Services Agency (SSA)  
Veronica Zuniga, Placement Coordination Services Manager, SSA

Resource Family Approval (RFA) is a new process for foster parents, relatives, non-relative extended family members, or adoptive families to complete and be considered for potential placement of the youth. Families will no longer be referred to as “foster families,” but “resource families.” The new streamlined process will include one application, one criminal background check, combined home environment and psychosocial assessment, and training for all families. Emergency clearances can be done immediately by the Social Services Agency staff. The goal is to have fewer placements, reduce placement disruptions, greater stability and safety, increase support, standardize the approval process, and permanency. The main goal is the reunification of the children with their biological parents and provide greater support to the children and their caregiver families. A discussion was held regarding the rates paid to Approved Relative Caregivers (ARC). The Social Services Agency will be utilizing more Foster Family Agency homes in the next five to ten years as they move away from group home placements. The Chair thanked Dr. Munro and Ms. Zuniga for their very informative presentation.

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held September 2, 2015, as written. **MSC Commissioners Livingston/Mays to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting, as written.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Orange County System Improvement Plan was tabled to the October 7, 2015 JJC meeting for discussion.

The Anaheim Police Department Inspection report was tabled to the October 7, 2015 JJC meeting for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Human Trafficking General Task Force meeting report was tabled to the October 7, 2015 JJC meeting for discussion.

The Continuum of Care Reform meeting report was tabled to the October 7, 2015 JJC meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Boortz gave a report on the statistical information contained in the Orange County Community Indicators 2015 report.

**LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

**Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership**

The Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting held on September 3, 2015 was tabled to the October 7, 2015 JJC meeting for discussion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislation**

Youth Commissioner Traut provided an update on AB 403 and AB 899. Commissioner de Mayo reported on the status of SB 124.

**Law Enforcement**

Commissioner Martinez provided an update of the surveys sent to the Orange County Sheriff's Department. It was determined all of the Orange County Sheriff's Department facilities will be inspected this year.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Executive Committee is meeting with Judge Hernandez today after the JJC meeting.

Commissioner Leibel will be attending the Orange County Children's Partnership meeting on September 17, 2015.

Commissioners Hart, Livingston, Riley, Zelaya and Zorrilla are planning to attend The Academy Open House on September 17, 2015.

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Commissioner Schumacher will be attending the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Association (CCPCA) training on September 17, 2015.

Commissioners Hart, Livingston, Nelson, Zelaya, Zorrilla and Youth Commissioner Traut are planning to attend the School Discipline, Suspension & Expulsion Law training on September 21, 2015.

Commissioner Nelson is planning to attend the Foster Care Advisory Board (FCAB) meeting on September 23, 2015.

Commissioner Leibel is planning to attend the CAST meeting on September 23, 2015.

Commissioners Hart and Schumacher will be attending the MHPA Steering Committee on October 5, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, Nelson, Zorrilla and the Administrative Officer will tour the Youth Resource Center (YRC) in Santa Ana on October 20, 2015.

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**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 10:32 a.m. until 10:59 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The members of various JJC committees remained and held separate committee meetings after the formal adjournment.

*Patricia Boortz*

Patricia Boortz, Chair