

**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 7, 2015  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND COMMENTS**
  - **JUVENILE COURT**
  - **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
  - **PUBLIC DEFENDER (DELINQUENCY UNIT)**
  - **PUBLIC DEFENDER (DEPENDENCY UNIT)**
  - **COUNTY COUNSEL**
  - **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
  - **SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**
  - **HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
  - **HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**
  - **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**
  - **STATE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**
  - **CHIEFS OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS**
  - **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
  - **REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY**
  - **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. GUEST SPEAKERS – JOANNE MUNRO, PsyD MFT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
BETSY DEGARMOE, FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES – TRAUMA INFORMED CARE**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
October 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Chair Boortz. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Riley. 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  
Benjamin de Mayo, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Hart  
Susan Leibel  
Rick Martinez  
Eula Nelson  
Kathleen Nordin  
James Riley  
Michael Schumacher  
Carlos Zelaya  
Judy Zorrilla

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Stephen N. Livingston  
Susan Mays  
Connor Traut

**STAFF:** Beverly MacLaren, Administrative Officer  
Hilary Kim, Legal Processing Specialist

**GUESTS:** Carol Henson, Assistant District Attorney  
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit  
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, County Counsel  
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer  
Dr. Anne Light, Medical Director, WE CAN Coalition, SSA  
Dr. Joanne Munro, Deputy Director, Family Assessment and Shelter Services, SSA  
Cheryl Alexander, Administrative Manager I, Social Services Agency  
Marcy Garfias, Division Manager, Children & Youth Behavioral Health, HCA  
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA  
Betsy DeGarmoe, Manager, Foster Youth Services, OCDE  
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD  
Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, CASA  
Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orange County Alliance for Children and Families  
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Orange County Bar Foundation  
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town  
Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, New Alternatives

**COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT**

Kelli Beltran was unable to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) meeting today. Chair Boortz read the written report submitted by Ms. Beltran. Registration for the Juvenile Justice Summit is now available online. The event is by invitation only. The Odyssey case management system will be implemented on December 7, 2015. The Juvenile Court will utilize electronic case files. Many conversion readiness activities are occurring. The court will set the calendars light on December 3, 4, and 7, 2015 to prevent high backlogs at the onset of implementation.

**COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Carol Henson, Assistant District Attorney, stated an attorney from the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) unit will be participating on a panel at the Orange County Juvenile Justice Summit to discuss child exploitation issues.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, attended the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) forum. Each county discussed their policies, worked to identify gaps and ways to improve the services to these children. Ms. Jose also discussed housing challenges for these children. When a case is transferred between counties, there becomes a gap in services to the child. Forum participants discussed this problem and worked to identify solutions. The primary concern in Orange County is the safety and stabilization of the children by connecting them to services.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, thanked Betsy DeGarmoe and the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) for assisting with the training on school discipline procedures. Mr. Stits requested that if anyone had any ideas for future trainings to please contact him.

**COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, reported on the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Conference. The focus topics were the racial/ethnic disparity of incarcerated youth, minimizing detention of youth, and closing youth prisons. The Orange County Probation Department completes a risk/needs assessment before booking a youth into Juvenile Hall.

Chief Sentman identified the need to increase local placements for mentally ill minors, rather than having out-of-county placements. There is a Joint Powers Agreement between five counties. San Bernardino is no longer involved in the agreement. The issue was brought to the Orange County Board of Supervisors on September 22, 2015 to have Orange County opt out of the agreement as well. When minors are placed outside of their county of residence, it makes it more difficult for the parents to visit the child. It is important to have parent engagement for these youth.

The Probation Department is moving forward with the planning of the multipurpose center at Juvenile Hall. An architect has been hired.

**COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES**

Dr. Joanne Munro, Deputy Director, discussed how Orange County is a corridor for youth who are victims of human trafficking. The Social Services Agency has a protocol to assist CSEC youth that involves using specialized staff, emergency response services, and court services.

Dr. Munro reported there has been an increase in the number of youth at the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC). The average monthly population has been 50-60 children, but now that has increased to about 75 children. The length of stay is also increasing. This will create a problem when the new legislation goes into effect limiting the length of stay to 10 days at OCFC. The number of child abuse reports has been trending up as well.

The more difficult placements are for children with disabilities and autism. It is very challenging to find placements that can provide the services these children need.

Cheryl Alexander, Administrative Manager, reported the number of children running away from OCFC has significantly decreased. SSA is working to provide more activities for the youth to keep them engaged. Ms. Alexander announced the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Holiday Tea will be on December 10, 2015.

Dr. Anne Light, Medical Director, announced the Center of Excellence has changed its name to Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition. The coalition will address child abuse and neglect.

#### **COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**

Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, attended the CSEC meeting. There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines the responsibilities of each agency to assist the CSEC youth. The medical unit obtains consent from the parents for treatment of the youth. Without the consent of a parent, the youth may be seen by a doctor, but no medication will be dispensed for the youth. For youth at the Orangewood Children and Family Center, the Social Services Agency provides consent for medical treatment.

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

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, announced the Sheriff's Department is distributing red ribbons throughout the county. During the month of October, 400 businesses are offering discounts and free food to children participating in the program.

On January 7, 2016, there will be a Marijuana Summit held at the Sheriff's Department Training Facility. There will be a discussion of the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) report. There has been a significant increase in marijuana usage among minors. Hospitalizations from ingestible marijuana products has increased 300%.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

##### **CASA**

Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, reported that a new class of advocates will be sworn in. This particular class is small with only 18 graduates, four are male. The average class is about 40 people. Recently 54 people attended an information session to become advocates. There will be a holiday party for the CASA foster youth and their advocates at Mariner's Church on December 12, 2015.

#### **ORANGE COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Gene Howard, Executive Director, noted that not only is there an increase in the number of children at OCFC, but there is an increase in the number of foster youth nationally. Mr. Howard discussed the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership meetings and the goals to improve the foster care system.

SSA has a new pilot program utilizing visitation coaches. The coaches will conduct a pre-visit meeting with the parents. The coaches will work with the parents throughout the visit to assist them in engaging and interacting with their child.

There will be a pre-screening of "Raising of America" for Orange County politicians and the business community. It will also be shown on PBS. The documentary shows how as a nation we can do better in raising our children.

Mr. Howard stated CHOC hospital is the lead agency on the Orange County Pediatric Health Care Task Force. The task force will be looking at issues regarding mental health treatment for children that are not involved in the court system.

#### **ORANGE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION**

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, announced they recently received new funding from the federal government to provide a comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS awareness program. She provided a profile of the CA Prep program.

#### **BOYS TOWN**

Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, recognized and thanked Mr. Gene Howard for organizing executives and creating the Orange County Alliance for Children and Families.

#### **NEW ALTERNATIVES**

Bonnie Miller, Assistant Program Manager, announced they have created a new family center at the Court Replacement Facility (CRF). It will provide privacy for family visitations, activities for the families to enhance interaction with their children, and a homework room.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dr. Joanne Munro, Deputy Director, Family Assessment and Shelter Services, and Betsy DeGarmoe, Manager, Foster Youth Services, conducted a joint presentation on Trauma Informed Practice. Trauma Informed Care (TIC) is a way to engage people who have a history of trauma. It teaches them to recognize and acknowledge the role trauma has played in their lives and the symptoms of trauma. Dr. Munro and Ms. DeGarmoe expressed that the TIC approach is important when working in foster care, because it helps children and parents to build trust with the staff and social workers.

Dr. Munro showed a video entitled, "Trauma and Brain Development" wherein Laura Phipps, MSW, explains the impact trauma has on the brain and how it affects children and their behavior. The trauma releases stress hormones and can create a hyper vigilant state for the children. This can lead to cognitive delays, such as lower IQs, problems with decision making, and issues with attachment. The foundation for future relationships can become impaired. It is important to understand trauma triggers in children.

The Chair thanked Dr. Munro and Ms. DeGarmoe for their very enlightening presentation.

#### **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held September 16, 2015, as written.  
**MSC Commissioners de Mayo/Nelson to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting, as written.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Orange County System Improvement Plan**

Commissioner Boortz reported the main focus of the report is reunification and reducing the number of days it takes to unify families. The report is tabled to the October 21, 2015 JJC meeting for further discussion.

**Anaheim Police Department Inspection**

Commissioner Riley reported the results of the inspection of the Anaheim Police Department on September 2, 2015. Commissioners Boortz and Nordin were also present at the inspection. The Anaheim Police Department held no minors over six hours. The log was reviewed by the JJC. Anaheim Police Department is updating their log procedures. There were no other issues regarding the handling of juveniles at this facility.

**Social Services Response to Grand Jury Report**

A discussion was held regarding the response to the Grand Jury report by the Social Services Agency. The item is tabled to the October 21, 2015 JJC meeting for further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Zorrilla attended the Human Trafficking General Task Force meeting. The meeting is a forum for organizations to share information. Nicholas Brock, Manager, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was the guest speaker. The NCMEC tip line receives 750 calls per day. NCMEC has recovered 200,000 children.

Commissioner Riley attended the Continuum of Care Reform meeting. A discussion was held at the meeting regarding AB 403 and the Orangewood Children and Family Center becoming a ten-day facility.

Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the Olive Crest Malena group home inspection on September 16, 2015. Commissioners Leibel, Nordin, and the Administrative Officer were also present at the inspection. A motion was made to send a Corrective Action Notification (CAN) letter to the Olive Crest Malena group home. **MSC Leibel/Boortz to send a Corrective Action Notification letter to the Olive Crest Malena group home.**

Commissioner Zorrilla attended The Academy Open House on September 17, 2015. Commissioners Hart, Livingston, and Riley also attended. The Academy has been renamed to Samueli Academy. The facilities were very impressive.

Commissioner Schumacher attended the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Association (CCPCA) Training. There was a discussion at the training to improve the networking among Juvenile Justice Commissions and Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commissions throughout California.

Commissioner Hart reported on the "School Discipline, Suspension & Expulsion Law" training held on September 21, 2015 in Department L-21. Commissioners Livingston, Nelson, Traut, and Zelaya also were present. The training provided information on how to obtain academic records from other districts and the different tactics utilized for disciplining students.

The Orange County Mentors for Youth Riverboat group home inspection report is tabled to the October 21, 2015 JJC meeting.

The Orange County Mentors for Youth Vermont group home inspection report is tabled to the JJC meeting on October 21, 2015.

The report regarding the Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN) Showcase is tabled to the October 21, 2015 JJC meeting.

### **LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

The Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership, Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP), Foster Care Advisory Board (FCAB), Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee meeting reports are tabled to the JJC meeting on October 21, 2015.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

All Committee reports are tabled to the JJC meeting on October 21, 2015.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners de Mayo, Martinez, and Zelaya will be conducting the inspection of the Orange County Sheriff's Department Stanton facility today.

Commissioners de Mayo, Nelson, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer will be attending the Touchstones Open House on October 14, 2015.

Commissioner Zorrilla is planning to attend the Trauma Informed Practice Committee (TIPS-C) meeting on October 14, 2015.

Commissioner Leibel will be attending the Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) meeting on October 15, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, Nelson, Nordin, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer will be touring the Youth Reporting Centers in Santa Ana and Anaheim on October 20, 2015.

Dr. Anne Light, Medical Director, will be giving a presentation to the Juvenile Justice Commission at the October 21, 2015 meeting regarding the work being done by the WE CAN Coalition.

Commissioners Boortz, Livingston, Nelson, Riley, Zelaya, and the Administrative Officer will be touring the La Habra and Anaheim Teen Parenting ACCESS Schools on October 30, 2015.

Commissioners de Mayo, Nelson, Nordin, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer will be touring the Skyview Elementary school on November 16, 2015.

Commissioners Boortz, Hart, Leibel, Nelson, Riley, Zelaya, Zorrilla, and the Administrative Officer will be attending the Orange County Juvenile Justice Summit 2015 on November, 20, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 12:08 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The members of various JJC committees remained and held separate committee meetings after the formal adjournment.

*Patricia Boortz*

Patricia Boortz, Chair