

**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, February 3, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
- 4. 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**
- 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  
February 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair de Mayo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hart. 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  
Amy Crowley  
Benjamin de Mayo, Chair  
Cheryl Hart, Vice Chair  
Susan Leibel  
Rick Martinez  
Eula Nelson  
Kathleen Nordin  
James Riley  
Michael Schumacher  
Jan Sturla  
Connor Traut  
Carlos Zelaya  
Judy Zorrilla

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Alex Rounaghi

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

**GUESTS:** Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, Juvenile Court  
Jana Hoffmann, Senior Deputy District Attorney  
Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit  
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit  
Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy County Counsel  
Samara Belgarde, Deputy County Counsel  
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer  
Gary Taylor, Division Director, Children and Family Services, SSA  
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA  
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, Children and Youth Behavioral Health, HCA  
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA  
Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, Community Care Licensing (CCL)  
Ann Valenzuela, Licensing Program Analyst, Community Care Licensing  
Sherene Hawkins, Licensing Program Analyst, Community Care Licensing  
Maggie Corbin, Supervisor, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program  
Hether Benjamin, Director of Youth Development, Community Service Programs  
Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, CASA  
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation  
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Orange County Bar Foundation  
Laurel Cook, Chairperson; Robert Lippert, Vice-Chair; Carla Leung-Wo, Secretary  
Riverside County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
Deirdre Burnett, Director, Orange County Mentors for Youth

**COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT**

Kelli Beltran, Unit Manager, reported the efforts are ongoing to work through the Odyssey case management system implementation. The agencies and staff have been very supportive. The implementation issues are expected to continue for the next couple of months.

**COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Jana Hoffmann, Senior Deputy District Attorney, announced they are in the process of interviewing applicants to become deputies. There were approximately 400 applications submitted and interviews will be scheduled for about half of the applicants.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL**

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, introduced Deputy County Counsel Samara Belgarde. The next cross-training speaker will be Dr. Mark Daniels, Endocrinologist, CHOC Hospital. The topic will be Teen Diabetes. The training will be in March or April in Department L-21.

**COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, announced the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) inspections of the Probation Department institutions will take place next week. The policies will be reviewed to ensure the regulations are being met. The population at the Joplin Youth Center has decreased. The Probation Department is developing a plan to repurpose the facility.

The Probation Department held a graduation ceremony for the parents who participated in the Padres Unidos program. The Deputy Probation Officer academy has 22 candidates enrolled for the upcoming class. Chief Sentman stated there is a DVD regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) efforts. He will send the information to the Administrative Officer.

**COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SSA)**

Gary Taylor, Division Director, stated there are approximately 50 people enrolled in the Social Services Agency academy. Saddleback Church hosted a Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) symposium last Saturday. SSA continues to reach out to the community for assistance in finding appropriate housing for these children.

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, stated there has been an increase in admissions to the Orangewood Children and Family Center compared to the discharges of the children. Commissioner Nordin inquired if there is a brochure with information about becoming a foster parent. Ms. Churchill will send the brochures to the Administrative Officer.

**COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, informed the Commission that Dr. George Pascarzi passed away Sunday night. Dr. Pascarzi reviewed the psychotropic medication requests.

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

Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, stated the Juvenile Health Services along with the Probation Department conducted an emergency drill for responding to suicides. The drill was reviewed by an outside nurse and will be conducted quarterly.

**COMMENTS BY CALIFORNIA, COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING (CCL)**

Shelly Grace, Licensing Program Analyst, introduced two new Licensing Program Analysts, Sherene Hawkins and Ann Valenzuela. They are fully staffed now. Ms. Grace commended the Orangewood

Foundation for holding the CSEC forums. Research has found that 85% of CSEC victims had been involved at some point with the foster care system. CCL will be training investigators on how identify and approach these children.

Many group homes have not applied for accreditation. Four smaller group homes have surrendered their licenses. CCL and the Social Services Agency have been participating in webinars regarding how to implement all the new policies and regulations. It is recommended the Commissioners remind the group homes about the accreditation process during their inspections.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSP)**

Hether Benjamin, Director of Youth Development, thanked Commissioners Hart and Zorrilla for attending Peer Court at Newport Harbor High School. The next Peer Court will be held at Loara High School in Anaheim on February 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

### **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)**

Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, reported the CASA Educational Representative Program will be collapsed into the Advocate Program. The advocates are being trained to take on the role of holding the education rights on behalf of a child. The January training class has 39 volunteers enrolled. Currently there are 585 CASA advocates in Orange County.

### **ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION**

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, announced the CSEC forums are held the second Monday of the month. The Foundation is in escrow on a property to house CSEC victims over the age of 18 years old.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Youth College and Career Fair will be held on February 20, 2016 at Santiago Canyon College. The Foundation is preparing for the annual Belle of the Ball event at Orange Coast College. This event provides free prom shopping for low-income, at risk teens, and foster youth.

The Samueli Academy is accepting applications for enrollment for the next school year. They have received 160 applications for 130 student openings. Foster youth are placed at the top of the list and do not have to participate in the lottery to enroll. The Orangewood Foundation is seeking a waiver for a modified foster family agency model for a residential campus component.

### **ORANGE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION**

Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, announced that Public Health is providing funding to the Orange County Bar Foundation to provide a comprehensive sex education program to youth in Orange County.

### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION (JJDP)**

The Chair of the Riverside County JJDP thanked the JJC for allowing them to attend the meeting. The Riverside JJDP is visiting other counties to observe how the Juvenile Justice Commissions and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions conduct business.

### **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2016, as written. **MSC Commissioners Nelson/Boortz to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting, as written.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Vision Statement**

Commissioner Boortz distributed a few sample Vision Statements for review by the JJC. The Vision Statement Committee will be meeting to refine the Vision Statement before presentation to the JJC for approval.

**Action Plan**

The Commissioners reviewed the Action Plan developed at the January 20, 2016 meeting. **MSC Commissioners de Mayo/Nelson to approve the Action Plan, as written.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Zelaya reported on the Conditions of Children Forum held on December 11, 2015. Commissioner Crowley also attended. Supervisor Todd Spitzer proposed a new initiative to assess county buildings and train staff for an active shooter emergency response.

Commissioners Hart and Zorrilla attended Peer Court at Newport Harbor High School which was held on February 2, 2016. Peer Court is a diversion program that allows youth to be judged by their peers. If they successfully complete the terms of the negotiated disposition, no petition will be filed in Juvenile Court.

**LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

**Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)**

Commissioner Leibel reported on the meeting held on January 21, 2016. Some of the topics discussed at the meeting were: Family Support Network, AB 403, Conditions of Children report, and Independent Living Programs.

**Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) Policy Board**

Commissioner Leibel reported on the meeting held on January 27, 2016. The new CAST Program Manager is Julie Poulos and the new CAST Director is Stephanie Ricker. A new Spanish speaking therapist has been hired.

**Foster Care Advisory Board (FCAB)/QPI (Quality Parenting Initiative)**

Commissioner Riley reported on the meeting held on January 27, 2016. Commissioner Nelson also attended the meeting. There was a discussion to allow foster families to bring their other children to attend events along with their foster children. They would like to attend as a whole family and include the biological children.

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee Meeting**

Commissioners Hart and Schumacher attended the MHSA Steering Committee Meeting on February 1, 2016. Presentations for five of the nine Innovation projects were given by Peer Specialists who participated in the programs. The other four projects were discontinued. The Peer Specialists who participated in the discontinued programs will be assigned to other mental health programs.

Ms. Mary Hale announced the revenue from the MHSA tax for fiscal year 15/16 has been increased \$3.5 million, which is recommended to supplement the housing allocation. Ms. Hale went over the funds to be allocated to the Full Service Partners, Urgent Care Centers, and Integrated Care.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson plans to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Committee on February 4, 2016.

Commissioner Hart plans to tour the Community Counseling and Supportive Clinic on February 4, 2016.

Commissioner de Mayo plans to attend the Blue Ribbon Commission meeting on February 9, 2016.

Commissioners Leibel and Zorrilla plan to attend the Trauma Informed Practices Steering Committee (TIPS-C) meeting on February 10, 2016.

Commissioners Nordin, Zelaya, and Zorrilla are planning to attend Peer Court at Loara High School on February 11, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley, Martinez, and Zorrilla are planning to observe Recovery Court on February 11, 2016.

Commissioner Sturla plans to attend the LJC Stakeholders meeting on February 11, 2016.

Commissioners Nelson and Riley are planning to attend the Foster Family Agency (FFA) Forum on February 16, 2016.

Commissioner Leibel plans to attend the Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition Prevention Subcommittee meeting on February 18, 2016.

Commissioner Traut plans to attend the Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast on February 19, 2016.

Commissioners de Mayo, Martinez, Nelson, Riley, Sturla, Zelaya, and Zorrilla are planning to attend the Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy Tour on February 19, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley, Leibel, Nelson, Sturla, and Zorrilla are planning to observe Boys Court on February 26, 2016.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 11:42 a.m. until 12:02 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

*Benjamin de Mayo*

Benjamin de Mayo, Chair