

Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

September 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

County Administration South, Conference Center

MEETING MINUTES

Attending Voting Council Members

Chair Doug Chaffee (Fourth District)

Todd Spitzer (District Attorney)

Sara Nakada (Public Defender)

Daniel Hernandez (Probation)

Sheriff Don Barnes (Sheriff-Coroner)

Honorable Maria Hernandez (Superior Court)

Michelle Aguirre (County Executive Office)

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Chaffee at 9:30am. Judge Maria Hernandez announced the addition of transitional housing to the Young Adult Court that will house six men who will now be employed and housed. Data is being tracked and will be shared when ready.
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2025, were approved. The motion was made by Sheriff Don Barnes and seconded by District Attorney Todd Spitzer. Approved unanimously.
- III. **Adult Reentry Division Presentation:** Probation provided an overview of their new Adult Reentry Division that will focus on all dynamics of reentry for all individuals in the justice system, regardless of probationary status. Programs discussed include electronic monitoring to allow for rehabilitation within in the community, pretrial assessment and release system (PARS), housing, in-reach in the jails, mobile units, and the multi-disciplinary team addressing the needs of the high utilizers.
- IV. **Recidivism Analysis & Inmate Survey:** OCSD provided recidivism metrics they tracked on their participants in their various programs going back to 2021. It was noted that the tracking is limited only to those individuals returning to County jails as information outside of Orange County is not readily available. Overall, the rates for all programs were significantly lower than the average recidivism rate for the County. Individuals in the jails were also surveyed to help develop new programs which showed most wanted to learn new skills for life after release and other programs that led to certificates or job opportunities. Based on survey results, OCSD shared the new programs being implemented which included a deputy led peer mentoring program (PIVOT), Thinking for a Change (T4C), college credit courses, and resource fairs. Overall, OCSD has over 50 programs in place.
- V. **Prop 36 Ad Hoc Update:** Data for the period of January to June was presented that showed 4,324 bookings, 2,829 cases filed, and 4,774 arraignments where about 130 individuals chose to seek treatment options and over 1,000 were placed on probation. Gaps were identified in the time assessments are made and are being addressed by the

Health Care Agency. Other related financial and workload impacts are also being tracked and monitored.

- VI. Prop 47 Grant Update:** The Board of State and Community Corrections received 67 applications requesting \$379 million whereas the total funding available was closer to \$127 million. Of the 67 applications, 23 were recommended which did not include the two project proposals shared at the June 20, 2025, OCCJCC meeting. Departments will continue to seek funding opportunities to continue to move projects forward.

- VII. OC CARES Updates:** Several milestones were met during the last quarter including the completion and opening of the second Regional Reentry Success Center at the Manchester Office Building. The County also participated in the HIRE OC Reentry Fair and continues to seek opportunities with Community-Based Organizations working with the same populations. The next meeting will focus on the Juvenile and TAY Pillar of the 2025 Vision.

- VIII. OCCJCC Comments:** There were no committee comments.

- IX. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2025, at 9:30 am at the County Administration South, Conference Center.