

Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

May 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

County Administration South, Conference Center

MEETING MINUTES

Attending Voting Council Members

Chair Doug Chaffee (Fourth District)

Supervisor Don Wagner (Third District)

Suzie Price (District Attorney)

Martin Schwarz (Public Defender)

Todd Graham (Probation)

Sheriff Don Barnes (Sheriff-Coroner)

Chief Rick Armendariz (Anaheim Police Department)

Honorable Maria Hernandez (Superior Court)

Honorable Craig Arthur (Juvenile Court)

Michelle Aguirre (County Executive Office)

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Chaffee with comments provided regarding the State's newest plan for homelessness which further validates the important work being done by the OCCJCC. The connection with homelessness, behavioral health and justice involvement was identified and the coordination required across the systems to address root causes which is the success model supported by the OCCJCC.
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2025, were approved. The motion was made by Chair Doug Chaffee and seconded by Martin Schwarz, Public Defender. Approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule:** Meeting schedule for 2025 will remain with monthly meetings with a new start time of 9:30 am and will maintain the current end time of 11:00 am. Motion was made by Chair Doug Chaffee and seconded by Supervisor Don Wagner.
- IV. **Discussion of Prop 36 Ad Hoc Update:** The Ad Hoc committee was introduced and an update provided regarding the legislation and the key data points identified to report on the impacts to the criminal justice system and individuals as well as with respect to the intended changes. Current issues exist with delays in getting participants through the assessment process and into treatments which may be alleviated when the Pre-Trial Intervention project is implemented. Discussions continued regarding participation levels, resources needed, and workload impacts. The Ad Hoc will continue to work to find ways to mitigate issues raised and provide an update at a future meeting.

V. **OC Same-Day Solutions Fair Update:** Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination, provided an update on the Same-Day Solution Fair that was held on March 27, 2025 in Santa Ana. County Partners provided services to approximately 170 unhoused individuals and provided services such as legal, court services, DMV, Public Defender filings, and even haircuts. The next one is being planned for July 2025 in South County with another in North County. Based on the success of the additional events, this may be implemented with a revolving schedule.

VI. **OC CARES Updates:**

Public Speaker: There was one public speaker (Kat Thomas) who thanked the committee for the Resource Fair and suggested oil changes be included as an option for the next one.

- a. Quarterly Reports: An update was provided that continued to show progress on the remaining projects. Sobering Stations are currently available through Phoenix House until current negotiations are completed for the Be Well Orange location. The marketing strategy was also shared that included the planned messaging for those to engage in the services, their support system, and also the community for awareness.
- b. Data & Metrics: An update was provided on the Recidivism Data Study and challenges with the current County definition.
- c. State & Federal Budget Updates: There were no new concerns identified in the State's May Revise Budget and a reminder was provided for the County's Public Budget Hearings for June 10, 2025.

VII. **OCCJCC Comments:** Closing comments were provided by Chair Chaffee and Michelle Aguirre, Interim County Executive Officer, acknowledging the many good things that have been completed because of the OCCJCC team.

VIII. **Public Comments:** There were no general public comments.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2025, 9:30 a.m.,
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