

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

November 19, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance:

Alexis Abbott, Christina Altmayer, Eldon Baber, Karen Christensen, Ken Grebel, Susan Leibel, Denise MacAllister, Rick Martin, Paula Noden, Mike Ryan, Martin Schwarz, Linda Smith, David Wesson, Betsy DeGarmoe, David Nunez, Carol Wiseman, Sharon Boles, Lisa Burke, Gene Howard, Janina Miller, Josie Roemhild, Melanie To, Victor Chavez.

Introductions / Announcements:

Introductions were made. Announcements as follows:

Martin Schwarz announced that Orange County Public Defender Frank Ospino is to be sworn in as an Orange County Superior Court judge as will be Deputy Public Defender Mary Kreber Varipapa. Frank's replacement has not been determined.

Christina Altmayer announced that prior to the December 2, 2015 Children and Families Commission of Orange County meeting, which will be held in the same Hall of Administration conference room as OCCP meetings, a reception will be held to recognize Alyce Mastrianni and celebrate her retirement. The reception will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow immediately after the meeting.

State Legislation/Budget: No Update.

ACTION ITEM: Review and Approve minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting. Minutes were approved after correction made to remove Christina Altmayer from list of attendees.

21th Annual Report on Conditions of Children – Lisa Burke announced that copies of the report are available online in PDF format. Lisa stated that the 1st community forum on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, sponsored by Supervisor Do and the First District, was held on October 29, 2015 at the Hall of Administration. 85 people were in attendance to hear speakers address Childhood Obesity. The next forum will be held on December 1, 2015 in Rancho Santa Margarita, followed by forums on December 11, 2015 at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), on January 13, 2016 at California State University, Fullerton, and January 27, 2016 at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center. As of today signups are 69 people for Rancho Santa Margarita, 44 for UCI, 61 for Fullerton, and 31 for Costa Mesa. Lisa requested suggestions for reaching out to the community. Mike Ryan suggested placing forum flyers at the Orange County Juvenile Justice Summit to be held on November 20, 2015. He will also make an announcement during the summit's panel discussion. Mike will have Victor Chavez work with Dr. Light for distribution to her colleagues. Eldon Baber suggested reaching out to the faith-based network and Saddleback Church. Victor will make arrangement for distribution. Eldon also suggested reaching out to the Orange County Psychological Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and local law enforcement. Rick Martin suggested reaching out to school districts. Christina requested that the communication strategy for the Condition of Children be add to the

January 2016 OCCP agenda. Mike commented that feedback has been very positive as people find the report easy to read and carry. Sharon Boles announced that a survey would be distributed to OCCP and the report data pool requesting feedback on the process and outcome. Preliminary results of the survey will be presented at January 2016 meeting. Lisa requested members inform her if additional report copies are required. Sharon asked that overstock copies be return to her, including overstock from previous years.

2015 OCCP Areas of Focus

Commercial Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) – No Update.

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities – Gene Howard stated that all partners are actively engaged in identifying facilities.

Immunization Rates – No Update.

Christina announced that a summit to address school readiness was being developed with an anticipated date of late April or early May 2016. She would provide additional information at a later date. Christina requested Prenatal Care be added to January's agenda. David Nunez commented on the implementation of Senate Bill 277 which removes the personal belief vaccine exemption for children attending daycare and public and private schools. A parent can file an exception before December 31, 2015 which will apply until the next grade span.

Early Childhood Development – Gene stated that the Early Childhood Development Conference held on November 4, 2015 was well received with 80 attendees and that Supervisor Do provided an engaging, effective talk. Gene stated that the attendees included many people from the field, few legal staff and no business experts; and that the attendees provided much feedback. Gene stated that a two page list of to do items was created, approximately a dozen attendees filled out a form wanting to be more involved, and that it was anticipated a subcommittee would reconvene.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. **Annual Report Redesign Subcommittee** – No Update.

Mike requested, and the membership agreed, to have "Redesign" be removed from the *Annual Report Redesign Subcommittee* title.

2. **Infant Safe Sleep Collaborative** – David announced that a report regarding crib distribution is not yet available. He stated that the bedside assessment survey results should be available the week on November 23, 2015 and that he would report on the results at the next OCCP Meeting. David stated that the parent brochure has been well received by the public especially the Vietnamese community.

3. **High School Completion/Educational Resources** – Mike voiced his appreciation for the great job the subcommittee has done over the last six year and requested the committee be discontinued from monthly reporting for now. The request will be placed as an Action Item for next OCCP meeting.

General Committee Member Comments:

Mike requested, and the membership agreed, to cancel the December 17, 2015, meeting. The next OCCP meeting will be held on January 21, 2016. Linda Smith requested Julie Poulos be recognized for her support and effort as the OCCP meeting coordinator. The membership and participants were unanimous in the recognition. Linda stated that the quarterly updates from Wraparound Orange County would be useful and they should resume. Mike agreed and directed Victor contact the representatives for Wraparound Orange County, Child Abuse Services Team, Foster Youth Services Program and Independent Living Program and invite them to the January OCCP meeting where they will provide updates. Christina requested a review of OCCP membership and re-appointing the Orange County United Way. Mike suggested the membership consider other groups which are not represented and have those reviewed by County Counsel. The membership agreed to have the item placed on a future agenda. Karen Christensen stated that unrepresented groups could attend the OCCP meetings as members of the public.

Public Comments: None

NEXT MEETING: January 21, 2016