

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: June 17, 2021

Location: Zoom meeting

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Eldon Baber, Debra Baetz, Torhon Barnes, Lisa Burke, Karen Christensen, Dennis Cole, Kim Doyle, Daniel Hernandez, Melanie Hertig, Mary Izadi, Debra Kegel, Amber Lua, Paula Noden, Lynda Perring, Bryan Prieto, Dawn Smith, Darren Thompson, John Zeimantz

Non-Committee Attendees: Denise Churchill, Tami Di Paolo, Raina Lee, Lee Lombardo, Shay Sorrells, An Tran, Kristina Traw, Laura Turtzer

1. Introductions / Announcements - Self-introductions were made

2. Action Items –

- a) Meeting minutes from April 15, 2021 were approved.
- b) Review and approve OCCP Ad Hoc Committee recommendation.

Discussed and approved the formation of the following ad hoc subcommittees:

Good Health Pillar

Designated chair: Dawn Smith
Cochair: Lisa Burke

Economic Well-Being Pillar

Designated chair: Debra Baetz

Educational Achievement Pillar

Designated chair: Dennis Cole
Cochair: Daniel Hernandez

Safe Homes and Communities Pillar

Designated chair: Hon. Judge Motoike

3. 2021 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

a) **Legislative Updates** – Kristina Traw/Debra Baetz

The California budget has been passed, but trailer bills are still being finalized. For one of the trailer bills, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is working closely with county welfare departments and stakeholders to incorporate statutory changes that will facilitate the implementation of Families First Prevention Services Act requirements as of October 1, 2021. The County of Orange has participated in the process and has provided feedback to CDSS and the Judicial Council. In addition, there is also a bill that would allow counties to redetermine the financial eligibility of foster youth as they are aging out. If passed this bill will allow the state to draw down more federal funds to support child welfare.

4. General Committee Member Comments

The OCCP Committee agreed to cancel July 15, 2021 meeting.

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 19, 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez