

# Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

**Date:** September 16, 2021

**Location:** Zoom meeting

## **Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:**

Hon. Craig Arthur, Eldon Baber, Debra Baetz, Lisa Burke, Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Karen Christensen, Kim Doyle, Daniel Hernandez, Mary Izadi, Laura Jose, Debra Kegel, Hon. Judge Motoike, Lynda Perring, Bryan Prieto, Dawn Smith, Christine Snapper, John Zeimantz

## **Non-Committee Attendees:**

Michael Arnot, Val Brauks, Scott Burdick, Sherry Clifford, Sara Croix, Tracy Garcia, Raina Lee, Steve McNally Michelle Parra, Jose Ramos, Martin Raya, An Tran, Laura Turtzer

**1. Introductions / Announcements** - Self-introductions were made

**2. Action Items** – Meeting minutes from August 16, 2021 were approved.

### **3. Foster Youth Education Outcomes 2020-21 Data - Raina Lee**

Raina Lee provided an update on the Foster Youth Educational Outcomes 2020-21 Data. Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) focuses on indirect services as well as coordination services with our partners and organizations that assist with supporting our Foster Youth. FYSCP services includes school meetings, child and family team meetings, transitional planning conferences, educational progress reports, service coordination between the Social Services Agency, Probation Department, school districts, juvenile court, and our community partners. For additional information on partnerships or to receive a copy of the 2020-21 Foster Youth Education Outcomes data, please contact Raina Lee at [rlee@ocde.us](mailto:rlee@ocde.us).

### **4. Families First Presentation – Martin Raya**

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed into federal law on February 9, 2018 and is intended to serve as a national child welfare reform effort. FFPSA supports prevention services, provides support for kinship (relative) caregivers, limits congregate care placements, and improves services to older youth. Important to note that there are both optional and mandatory components to FFPSA. The mandated provisions, which focus around changes to placement of youth in congregate care setting (i.e., Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs) become effective October 1, 2021.

The changes stemming from FFPSA will not only impact the operations of both child welfare and probation, but also our ability to claim IV-E funding for certain services and placements. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Judicial Council have started to make important decisions around how these changes will translate for counties. An All-County Information Notice was recently released summarizing key changes. Prior efforts achieved through Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) will assist in this transition. The following are Fundamental Principles of FFPSA:

- FFPSA imposes restrictions on use of congregate care (limits IV-E funding to qualified residential settings, and the funding is contingent upon new assessment and approval processes)
- FFPSA prioritizes family-based care
- FFPSA supports prevention efforts (newly available IV-E funding to support Secondary and Tertiary prevention efforts)

Martin Raya also discussed opt-in requirements related to prevention services activities, new national licensing standards for caregivers (which align with Resource Family Approval), potential eligibility for prevention services, and funding to achieve improved outcomes through evidenced-based prevention services. Guidance around the specific parameters for use of both federal and state funding is pending.

Lastly, Martin shared recent efforts underway. Given what we know about the impact and opportunities that FFPSA presents, FFPSA's success is going to rely on our partnerships with our stakeholders. As of August 25th, a Family First Implementation Steering Committee and Planning and Implementation Workgroups have been established. The development of a Prevention Planning workgroup is in progress. In addition, the committee has mobilized Subject Matter Experts among the Social Services Agency, Health Care Agency and the Probation Department. Please contact Martin Raya if interested in joining a workgroup.

## **5. 2021 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal**

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

With the election behind us, we anticipate the Governor will begin signing bills and will likely batch bills together based on overarching themes. Analysis of the legislation will begin once bills are signed.

## **6. General Committee Member Comments**

Ad hoc pillar updates to be discussed at next meeting.

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is October 21, 2021 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez