

## Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

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### April 16, 2015 Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Alexis Abbot, Carol Wiseman, Christina Altmayer, Eldon Baber, Karen Christensen, Susan Leibel, Yana Kennedy, Rick Martin, Laura Jose, Marcy Garfias, Mike Ryan, Chris Bieber, David Wesson, Janis White, Ken Grebel, Helene Calvet, Lawren Ramos, Betsy DeGarmoe, David Nunez, Curtis Condon, Janice Chieffo, Julie Poulos, MaryAnn Soden, Alyson Loyd, Stephanie Schneider, Inna Liu, Lisa Burke, Sharon Boles.

#### **Introductions / Announcements:**

Introductions were made. Announcements: None

**State legislation/budget:** Mike Ryan referenced Assembly Bill (AB) 403. AB 403 includes a plan to phase out county operated shelters. Ten counties in California have shelters. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is making headway on the agreement to build in an individual plan for each county, to transition (from the use of shelters). Group homes will need to convert to short term residential centers and the maximum stay will be six months. Group homes and Foster Family Agencies will be to be accredited through mental health. There will be a "no reject or eject" policy. Orange County has been working on being less reliant on Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) for several years. A maximum stay of 10 days may be built into Orange County's transition plan. There are two primary groups at OCFC. The majority of the population at OCFC is sibling groups, who would otherwise need to be separated, based on limited placements. The other use of OCFC is to safely house high need teens. If the State can develop short term treatment facilities for teens, this will provide needed services and housing. There is a lot of pressure from advocates to eliminate shelters, much of which is coming from the Youth Law Center.

Betsy DeGarmoe indicated that there is a new Assembly Bill (AB 854) that will impact the Foster Youth Services program and OCCP with regards to the advisory role they have with FYS. Betsy will retrieve the bill such that it may be distributed to and reviewed by OCCP participants.

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting. Approved.

**Presentation –Dr. Jasjit Singh, M.D,** Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) completed a PowerPoint presentation entitled: Childhood Immunizations in Orange County, CA. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to OCCP participants, following the meeting.

Mike Ryan distributed copies of Senate Bill 277 to discuss whether the OCCP would like to submit a letter of support for this bill to the Board of Supervisors. This bill would eliminate the exemption from immunization based upon personal beliefs. Dr. Nunez

stated that SB 277 may not make it out of the education committee. Eldon Baber stated that he is in favor of making any effort to support this bill. Eldon referenced the google search engine and how many very educated people utilize this like it is science. There is a lot of misinformation on google. Eldon stated that there are ways to optimize the content of the google search to access reliable information.

**ACTION ITEM:** Discuss/authorize the Orange County Children’s Partnership’s position on Senate Bill 277; forward position onto the Board of Supervisors: Approved.

**21<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on Conditions of Children** – Lisa Burke announced that she will be the project manager over the Annual Report on the Conditions of Children. Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) will prepare the report and has already started the work. HMA is collecting data. Lisa requested that OCCP members respond quickly to HMA, when asked for data. Lisa indicated that HMA is on target to have data collected and analyzed by the end of May or early June. OCCP members and affiliates may call Lisa should they have any questions about this process. Lisa stated that her team has been getting/using feedback from the OCCP, such as looking into making the online version of the report interactive with more navigation capabilities. They are also looking into putting the online version on several different sites to make it more accessible.

Sharon Boles of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County (CFCOC) stated that several OCCP participants have volunteered to participate in Annual Report steering committee. Sharon is in the process of putting together a schedule for upcoming meetings.

**2015 OCCP Areas of Focus- Commercial Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and Mental Health Transition beds/substance abuse-** No update.

**Safe Sleep Collaborative** – No update.

**Immunization rates** –No update.

**Subcommittee reports** -

1. Annual Report Redesign Subcommittee –No update.
2. Infant Safe Sleep Collaborative-Please see above for update.
3. High School Completion/Educational Resources –Rick Martin stated that he is seeking direction from the OCCP regarding the focus of the subcommittee. Mike Ryan stated that this will be discussed further, at a future meeting.

**General Committee Member Comments:**

Betsy DeGarmoe announced that the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) is making progress in serving foster youth under the Local Control Funding Formula. Five districts have hired staff to work with foster youth. Eight districts have had training on foster youth. Ten districts are talking about having team meetings to focus on foster youth. The youth have shared that they are not feeling prepared for

college or careers; Foster Youth Outcomes is making this a primary focus to develop strategies within Orange County to make sure that all youth have the needed preparation. OCDE is looking at developing a countywide integrated data base that may be shared by the school districts. There was discussion about immunization records and it was communicated that all foster youth are given their immunization records, upon the termination of dependent proceedings.

Dr. Nunez announced that Dr. Handler is being recognized as the physician of the year.

MaryAnn Soden announced that the Fact Spring Symposium is set for May 29, 2015. She handed out fliers with more specific information regarding the event.

Mike Ryan announced that Dr. Light is now the SSA Medical Director. Dr. Light starts on May 1, 2015.

Stephanie Schneider reminded OCCP participants that today, April 16<sup>th</sup> is “Shine the light on child abuse day”, promoted by the Raise Foundation to bring more awareness to this important issue.

**Public Comments:** None.

**NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2015**