

# Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

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March 16, 2017 Minutes

## **In Attendance: 23**

Eldon Baber, America Bracho, Anne Bloxom, Sharon Boles, Patricia Boortz, Lisa Burke, Karen Christensen, Curtis Condon, Kim Doyle, Kim Goll, Ken Grebel, Eric Handler, Maria Hernandez, Raina Lee, Tracy LeSage, Rick Martin, Cheryl Meronk, Lawren Ramos, Loreta Ruiz, Mike Ryan, Doug Sanger, Janis White, Linda Smith, Victor Chavez

## **Introductions / Announcements:**

Introductions were made.

## **State Legislation/Budget:**

Mike Ryan reported that the California State Assembly Speaker will be introducing a proposal to address the increasing In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) costs. The speaker's proposal includes returning to a maintenance of effort (MOE) formula, with the \$623 million being added to the statewide base. Included is a "patch" that would have the State cover/float the increasing IHSS costs. 1991 Realignment funding growth would be used to repay the "patch". This proposal is being reviewed to determine if the "patch" would be considered a loan to the counties and if so, what impact this could have on counties.

**ACTION ITEM:** Review and Approve minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting. Approved.

## **Presentation: Latino Health Access - Dr. America Bracho**

Dr. Bracho provided a presentation on Latino over-representation in the child welfare system, particularly in Orange County, and Latino Health Access' campaign to educate and engage local Latino communities.

## **Annual Conditions of Children's Report**

Lisa Burke reported that approximately 200 people attended the Conditions of Children in Orange County Community Forum and Report event which was held on Friday, February 17, 2017 and hosted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Lisa said the 2017 Annual Report steering committee will be starting up. Mike Ryan said the steering committee will include the same members as last year's committee and asked anyone interested in participating to contact Lisa. Lisa also reported that an ad hoc committee was in development to address new report indicators. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Mike informed attendees that the first meeting for the OCCP ad-hoc Committee on Community Support for High Needs Youth is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017, at SSA headquarters. The meeting will seek to start the conversation on resource and placement needs, the identification of unmet and unidentified needs and resources, and how the Continuum of Care Reform impacts the population.

## **OCCP Areas of Focus:**

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 403:**  
Anne Bloxom reported efforts continue with group home providers as they transition from traditional group homes to Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP)s. All but two of the providers have sought extensions. The State has reportedly returned program statements back to those providers that have submitted for lack of clarity of their STRTP model. Mike Ryan added that SSA continues its efforts to transition Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) to a 10-day shelter. Once the State has decided on the process, SSA will have 45 days to develop and submit a transition plan. With an anticipated statewide implementation start of January 2018, SSA will have ten months to develop a plan, and identify and commit resources.
- **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC):** No Update.
- **Child Abuse / Neglect – WE CAN Coalition:**  
Veronica Carpenter reported eight cases have been identified and approved for a child treatment study. An update will be provided to OCCP in the future.
- **Early Childhood Development:**  
Kim Goll reported the development of a partnership continues with Orange County Department of Education and a meeting is pending. She will provide an update at a future meeting.
- **Food Security:**  
Dr. Eric Handler reported a pilot project was being developed for the fall in which Waste Not OC will partner with the Orange County Youth Probation Department to create a culinary certification program for at-risk youth. The program would work with six initial youth, two nights a week for six weeks, and result with a certification for the youth. Once proven successful the project would expand.
- **Mental Health Advocacy for Adolescents:** No Update.

**General Committee Member Comments:**

Eldon Baber reported that the 2017 Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick Off ceremony is scheduled for April 5, 2017 at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. This is to be followed by the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Conference at the University of Irvine on April 27, 2017.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting to be April 20, 2017

\* Meeting will be held at the Probation Grand Avenue Office Building  
1001 South Grand Avenue, Santa Ana 92705