

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: August 16, 2018

Location: Probation Grand Avenue Office Building
1001 South Grand Avenue, Santa Ana 92705

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Anne Bloxom, Cheryl Meronk, Denise Schleicher, Douglas Sanger, Eldon Baber, Joanne Motoike, Karen Christensen, Kim Doyle, Matt Haines, Patrick Rich, Paula Noden, Rae Lynn Nelson, Rick Martin, Sharon Boles, Susan Leibel, Tracy LeSage

Non-Committee Attendees:

Carol Wiseman, Curtis Condon, Denise Churchill, Jackelyne Sanchez, Kristina Traw, Lisa Burke, Raina Lee

1. Introductions / Announcements

Self-introductions were made.

County of Orange Social Services Agency has a new Director, Debra Baetz.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 21, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Budget Update – Anne Bloxom

Anne Bloxom reported that the budget is expected to be in a better place than anticipated, but there are still a lot of unknowns.

4. Annual Conditions of Children's Report – Lisa Burke

Steering Committee has been meeting. First draft of report will be distributed tomorrow. Lisa Burke requested that members review draft report and provide feedback. Second version of report with materials included will be distributed in early September, 2018. Report will be released to OC Board of Supervisors in October, 2018. Discussed digital report survey results and cost associated with printing report. This year's report's index and supplemental pages will be searchable/linked and potentially searchable by geography in future years.

5. Continuum of Care (CCR) Steering Committee Update – Denise Churchill

OCFC received provisional license as of August 3, 2018. There is a new requirement from the state to submit daily and weekly Overstay Reports for any child with over a 10 day length of stay. Discussed youth that run away and how they are documented.

CCR Steering Committee continues to meet. OCFC continues to implement changes of CCR. SSA has created other subcommittees to help with implementation and needs at the shelter. There are six county operated shelters and two counties that contract out their shelter operations in California.

Orange County group homes transitioning to a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) have submitted their application to the state. Approximately two-three have obtained a provisional license. The deadline is December 31, 2018. The state is allowing some extension to their deadlines, but not necessarily for shelters. The County has invited the Family Care Network, Inc., an agency from San Luis Obispo, that offers intensive services foster care to provide a comprehensive, all-day Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) implementation training workshop for foster families and agency partners mainly for family based care.

6. 2018 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

a) Legislative Updates - Kristina Traw

- AB 1754 State Full Day Preschool Program: eligibility for enrollment for low income schools. Hearing scheduled today. No new amendments.
- SB 1004 Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention: Hearing today. Establishing priorities by January 1, 2019. No new amendments.
- AB 2183 Foster Care Resource Family: This program was not funded in the budget bill. No new amendments. Bill is not expected to move forward. No scheduled hearings. The bill is alive now, but do not expect it to stay.
- AB 2207 Commercially Exploited Children: Hearing scheduled today. No new amendment. Consensus agreement that restraining order would not be helpful.

b) Secured Facility Committee Updates - Anne Bloxom

Committee met on August 6, 2018. Committee discussed different options for locked facilities to provide treatment for youth that have substance abuse issues, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), or serious mental health needs. The issue is not being able to keep this population for long enough periods to provide treatment. The Family Care Network, Inc. will come to OC to provide information on intensive services they provide. Currently, there are two known locked treatment facilities in LA. CWDA recently mentioned during a conference that it would be okay for a county to develop a program like this. Committee is still in the investigation stage. Committee has discussed: CSEC Placement alternatives, expansion of TIFCO (wraparound) services, exploring agency in San Luis Obispo, considering doing something specific at OCFC for STRTP, and looking at different options for housing through Probation. The Committee is determining what the biggest need is for this population. Currently, it is estimated that there are about 20 kids under this category. Other meetings to discuss high needs youths at OCFC are ongoing.

c) OCCP Future Goals

Discussed potential new goals for OCCP as follows:

- A focus on the 0-5 year old population – Sharon Boles
 - Potential presentation on the Early Development Index as it relates to children's developmental readiness and its implications for children as they age (possibly September/October).
 - Discussion on expulsion rates in preschool.
 - Rae Lynn Nelson was interested in receiving more information on the expulsion rate study and whether study was for private or public preschools. Her agency can provide support to preschools that may need it.

- Early childhood mental health – Lisa Burke
 - Potential presentation by CSUF on Train the Trainer on how to address mental health issues (possibly September/October).
 - A sub group of the We Can Coalition is working on a product for parents to help identify mental health issues. Karen Christensen will share brochure with committee.

Anne Bloxom requested that OCCP members bring ideas on new goals to next month's OCCP meeting.

7. General Committee Member Comments

- Cheryl Meronk – CalOptima completed health needs assessment study. Allocated millions of dollars for grants: \$1 million grant to address mental health needs for 0-5 year olds; \$1 million to expand services for child obesity; and \$2 million addressing food insecurity – food access for families with children and elderly people. Anticipated RFP release in October, 2018. Cheryl will share grant announcement with committee.
- Foster Youth Vacancies – there is currently a new recruitment for a foster youth representative. Hopefully a foster youth can participate in OCCP Committee soon.
- Karen Christensen suggested breaking down parts of Condition of Children's Report Steering Committee to smaller specialized groups and create an adhoc committee for specialized tasks next year. OCCP members would need to authorize the Condition of Children's Steering Committee to form adhoc committees (anticipated in November).
- Discussion on status of recruitment for OCCP membership. Bylaws are on hold and therefore recruitment cannot move forward.

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The OCCP meeting is scheduled on September 20, 2018.

Minutes taken by Jackie Sanchez