

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

February 19, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance:

Carol Wiseman, Alyce Mastrianni, Eldon Baber, Karen Christensen, Judge Maria Hernandez, Susan Leibel, Yana Kennedy, Rick Martin, Martin Schwarz, Ken Grebel, Marcy Garfias, Chris Bieber, Linda Smith, Janis White, Betsy DeGarmoe, David Nunez, Thanh-Tam Nguyen, Gene Howard, Julie Poulos, MaryAnn Soden, Allison Maxon, Janine Miller, Catherine Striver, Stephanie Schneider.

Introductions / Announcements:

Introductions were made. Announcements: Alyce Mastrianni announced that, at their February 3rd meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the Chairman appointments of Board members to various Boards and Committees including Andrew Do, First District, to the Orange County Children's Partnership and Michelle Steel, Second District, as Commissioner to the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

State legislation/budget: No update

ACTION ITEM: Approve minutes from the January 15, 2015 meeting. Approved.

Presentation –Catherine Stiver, Division Director of Juvenile Court Services, completed a presentation on Trauma Informed Care. The presentation included a Power Point presentation and a video entitled: Toxic Stress Levels Derails Healthy Development. The presentation focused on how trauma impacts brain development and subsequent responses to future events/experiences during childhood and adolescence. The presentation also covered secondary trauma often experienced by helping professionals. The Orange County Probation Department is currently providing Trauma Informed Care training to staff working within institutions and also in the field/community.

Chris Bieber of the Orange County Department of Probation stated that it is important for professionals to understand the impact of trauma on child development and learn how to effectively minimize its effects without causing additional trauma. When youth are in or out of custody they may have triggers and memories of trauma. This will impact their behaviors. Staff that understand trauma are able to more sensitively respond to/deal with the youth experiencing it. It is a mindset and more effective way to help and support youth/outcomes.

Alyce Mastrianni reported that Nadine Burke-Harris gave an outstanding presentation on Trauma Informed Practice and childhood trauma at the recent California 2015 Child Health, Education, and Care Summit. A brief preview of the presentation is available via "Ted Talks" (Ted.com) which focuses on how childhood trauma affects health across a lifetime.

20th Annual Report On Conditions of Children – Mary Ann Soden provided a summary of the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Distribution Report. The supply is down to 50 copies. MaryAnn is making efforts to ensure that the new Supervisors will have an understanding of the Annual Report. MaryAnn has a meeting set with Supervisor Steel to go over the Conditions of Children report.

Alyce Mastrianni thanked MaryAnn Soden, the Orangewood Foundation and members from the University of Cal State Fullerton for their extensive contributions in producing the Conditions of Children Annual Reports, across many years. Alyce indicated that the quality of the report moved to its current level, due to these efforts. Alyce stated that the Children and Families Commission of Orange County (CFCOC) is taking the lead on producing the 21st Annual Report and it will continue to be a very collaborative effort.

2015 OCCP Areas of Focus- Commercial Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and Mental Health Transition beds/substance abuse topics were briefly discussed. Discussion ensued over whether these two topics are distinct or should be combined into one topic. Judge Hernandez and Gene Howard communicated that these topics are not distinct. There is frequent overlap with the CSEC population and the need for mental health/substance abuse treatment facilities, as many of the youth have co-occurring issues. This could feasibly be considered one area of focus. Gene Howard explained that the Foster Youth Outcomes (FYO) has formed a subcommittee to address the service needs and gaps related to the high risk youth, including needed facilities, placements and assessments. Gene is able to keep the OCCP informed of these efforts. Gene communicated that OCCP could move needed actions forward by supporting the work of the existing subcommittee.

Safe Sleep Collaborative - Dr. Nunez presented on the progress and needs of the Safe Sleep Collaborative. A site visit will be conducted today at St. Joseph's Hospital of Orange (where the Safe Sleep/Cribs for Kids pilot is being conducted) in the mother and baby unit. Tools have been developed such as the infant sleep survey and parent education materials. Staff training is also in development. The project is moving along. There continues to be a need for cribs. Dr. Nunez will remain the point person and provide updates on the Safe Sleep Collaborative to the OCCP, with the goal of moving the project forward and expanding it beyond Orange County.

Alyce Mastrianni stated that the CFCOC's contribution of funds for the project was focused on the implementation of the pilot with St. Joseph's Hospital rather than purchasing the cribs. Project partners will look for other agency contributions or foundation funds to purchase the cribs. The pilot is implemented in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics' and the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network.

Linda Smith stated the Family Support Network (FSN) has cribs available. Linda invited hospitals and other agencies that identify the need for a crib, to make referrals to the FSN.

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 distributed summaries of the Anaheim City School District and Access Alternative Programs Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP). Rick provided overviews of each LCAP including goals, actions and services.

Rick stated that all schools will be required to provide an update to their plan, including the progress that they made by May 2015. These updates will be submitted to the School District by June 2015, followed by the County and then State. The budgets will not be approved until the LCAP is approved.

General Committee Member Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2015