

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: June 18, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Debra Baetz, Eldon Baber, Anne Bloxom, Lisa Burke, Veronica Carpenter, Dr. Clayton Chau, Karen Christensen, Betsy DeGarmoe, Heidi Garrel, Candace Gomez, Mary Izadi, Laura Jose, Debra Kegel, Lori Maze, Jeffrey Nagel, Rae Lynn Nelson, Paula Noden, Lynda Perring, Chief Sentman, Denise Schleicher

Non-Committee Attendees: Raina Lee, An Tran, Kristina Traw

1. **Introductions / Announcements** - Self-introductions were made
2. **Action Item: Approval of Minutes** - Meeting minutes from May 21, 2020 were approved

3. Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Offsite Meeting

The Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) planning group met and discussed the prework necessary to facilitate a meaningful offsite meeting. The planning group agreed that the prework would be best accomplished by breaking up into various workgroups. These workgroups would take on a pillar, map out services currently provided, and identify gaps. An overview of the prework will then be presented at the OCCP offsite, for the committee to focus on strategic objectives on those identified gaps. However, this amount of prework is going to take time to develop robust working groups. The planning group recognizes that the timing is not ideal for the development of these workgroups, given the fact that most partners are still responding to COVID or in recovery phase. As a result, the planning group recommends placing offsite on hold. OCCP Committee agreed that due to the stressors placed on the community, it is impractical to move forward. Responding to needs of the community is a priority.

In addition, the OCCP Committee reflected on the many impacts COVID is having on our children and families, such as social well-being, emotional and behavioral health. Collectively OCCP should be discussing and agreed to a dedicated roundtable discussion to focus on gaps, strategies, and community responses. Discussion to take place at next month's meeting.

The planning committee also discussed the several initiatives that are currently underway in the community that support OCCP's pillars such as WECAN Coalition, First 5 Commission, and the Child Abuse Prevention Council led by the Raise Foundation. OCCP agreed that the committee would benefit from understanding their current practices. The planning committee also suggested inviting other organizations outside of OCCP membership to broaden objectives and ideas. The planning committee will also research existing framework models to assist with the facilitation of OCCP's work group's discussion.

ACTION: Schedule committee partnership overviews with WECAN Coalition, First 5 Commission, and the Raise Foundation.

4. Annual Conditions of Children Report – Robyn Odendahl/Michelle Parra

The development of the 26th Annual Conditions of Children Report is going well. The report has 27 indicators; Robyn anticipates having 25 indicators developed and included in the first draft of the report which the OCCP Steering Committee will review mid-July. Content of the report will be sent to the designer at the end of June.

Michelle shared that most of report will address data from 2019 and will not display as much impact from COVID-19. However, the report will acknowledge COVID-19 more of a response mode vs. how COVID-19 has impacted our on-going data elements. In an effort to obtain first hand input from our community partners relative to services, and how it may impact the report both this year and next year, the OCCP Steering Committee will be distributing a questionnaire to partners to better understand barriers and challenges that have been experienced since the beginning of the year. It is also important to reflect on the tremendous effort, activities, and programs that were initiated to assist families.

OCCP Committee recommended having a broader discussion with key informants to discuss priority items to highlight in the Conditions of Children Report.

5. 2020 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

a) Legislative Updates – Debra Baetz / Kristina Traw

The Legislature reached an agreement, which does not align with the Governor's May Revision to his Proposed Budget from January. The Governor's budget includes up front trigger cuts that would be reversed if federal funding is received and the Legislature has opted for the trigger cuts to occur later if federal funding is not received. The Legislature continues to negotiate with the Administration and a consensus has not been reached yet. The Governor has three options for dealing with the Legislature's budget bill, which could involve using line-item vetoes to strike through the areas he wishes to omit, veto the entire budget package and force the Legislature to continue with negotiations or he can sign the bill. A compromise agreement is anticipated, but it may not be representative of the entire budget package for the upcoming fiscal year. The Legislature is expected to revisit the budget in August and there is a chance the Legislature may be called in for a special session in the fall.

Debra also shared that AB2083 requires staff to draft and submit a memorandum of understanding on how services to our foster youth will be facilitated. Anne Bloxom from SSA is taking lead and initiating committees. Various updates will be provided.

b) Secured Facility Committee Updates – Anne Bloxom

No additional updates. The OCCP Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to meet June 22, 2020.

c) Foster Youth Resources – All

No additional updates. As Makaelah Perkins has ended her membership with OCCP, this discussion item will be placed on hold pending Foster Youth replacement.

6. General Committee Member Comments

None

Public Comments

Received one public comment through Zoom chat requesting that the Raise Foundation be the first to provide an overview on community partnerships.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is July 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez