

# Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

**Date:** November 19, 2020

**Location:** Zoom meeting

**Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:**

Eldon Baber, Debra Baetz, Anne Bloxom, Lisa Burke, Veronica Carpenter, Karen Christensen, Heidi Garrel, Mary Izadi, Laura Jose, Debra Kegel, Amber Lua, Hon. Judge Motoike, Jeffrey Nagel, Paula Noden, Lynda Perring, Dawn Smith, Katherine Stiver

**Non-Committee Attendees:** Michael Arnot, Kelli Beltran, Valerie Brauks, Paula Chaffee, Denise Churchill, Dennis Cole, Raina Lee, Lee Lombardo, Robyn Odendahl, Shay Sorrells, Kristina Traw, Laura Turtzer

**1. Introductions / Announcements** - Self-introductions were made

**2. Action Items** -

- a. Meeting minutes from October 15, 2020 were approved
- b. Review and approve OCCP High Needs Youth Ad Hoc Committee recommendation - The recommendation of the OCCP High Needs Youth Ad Hoc Committee was discussed. The OCCP Committee approved the committee's recommendation to sunset the Ad Hoc Committee.

**3. Review of OCCP Website Content – Laura Turtzer**

Laura Turtzer shared that the County of Orange is currently going through a data migration project. It is recommended that the OCCP content presently on the Health Care Agency's website be migrated to the Social Services Agency website. The OCCP Committee reviewed the home page, discussed content and agreed to finalize at next meeting. Laura to draft a summary of changes and present to the committee for final approval. There was a brief discussion regarding the function of the Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (SIP) Committee, previously known as the Child Welfare Services Redesign Planning Council. OCCP recommended a brief overview of SIP. OCCP will then proceed with voting on the future of the committee.

Action Items:

- Laura to draft a summary of changes. OCCP will proceed with approving changes.
- Overview of Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (SIP) Committee.

**4. 2020 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal**

**Legislative Updates** – Kristina Traw

No additional updates. Pending results from the election. Diligently watching legislation. Current administration is meeting and moving forward with discussions. The focus is on foster youth and food insecurity.

Debra Baetz shared that the CalAIM waiver is still progressing forward. CWDA is in concurrence with the medical necessity, but there are challenges with standard core services such as mentoring, as they are not covered under Federal Medicaid.

Jeff Nagel added because Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services (EPSDT) is a broader scope that covers some prevention services, it is believed that the medical necessity criteria can be broadened to include a wider range of services. However, this will require approval by the Federal Government.

#### **5. General Committee Member Comments**

None

#### **Public Comments**

Michael Arnot with Children's Cause suggested that the County of Orange elevate the question of equity and proposed adding this discussion as a future agenda item.

The OCCP Committee acknowledged the need to mitigate disproportionality and inequity. Committee briefly discussed the internal work being done and the need for cross department collaboration in order to revisit current policies and practices. The OCCP Committee recommended inviting experts and community partners to a future meeting to discuss their programs.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is January 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez