Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

May 19, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance: 26

Eldon Baber, Chris Bieber, Dr. Sharon Boles, Lisa Burke, Karen Christensen, Betsy DeGarmoe, Kim Goll, Ken Grebel, Dr. Eric Handler, Judge Maria Hernandez, Jana Hoffman, Gene Howard, Dr. Anne Light, Cheryl Meronk, Denise MacAllister, Janina Miller, Katheryn Ngo, Lawren Ramos, Amber Rivera, Mike Ryan, Linda Smith, Martin Schwartz, Gary Taylor, Janis White, Carol Wiseman, Victor Chavez

Introductions / Announcements:

Introductions were made.

Announcements as follows:

Mike Ryan introduced Katheryn Ngo who was observing the meeting in consideration of becoming the Former Foster Youth representative. Kim Goll introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

State Legislation/Budget:

Mike Ryan stated the Orange County Grand Jury had issued a report titled *Fostering a Better Foster Care System* on May 11, 2016. The report includes 17 recommendations. The Social Services Agency has ninety days to respond and will work with the County's Executive Office to submit a response. Mike stated that SSA is very involved and has assigned staff to research and develop responses.

ACTION ITEM: Review and Approve minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting. Approved.

ACTION ITEM: Removal of the Quick Guide from the Annual Report of the Conditions of Children. Approved.

OCCP Strategic Planning:

Lisa Burke facilitated the OCCP Strategic Planning session. Notes from the session are attached.

General Committee Member Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: June 16, 2016