

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: September 20, 2018
Location: Probation Grand Avenue Office Building
1001 South Grand Avenue, Santa Ana 92705

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Anne Bloxom, Douglas Sanger, Eldon Baber, Karen Christensen, Kim Doyle, Kim Goll, Matt Haines, Eric Handler, Melanie Hertig, Rae Lynn Nelson, Rick Martin, Susan Leibel, Tracy LeSage

Non-Committee Attendees:

Alicia Lemire, Claudia S., Curtis Condon, Denise Churchill, Jackelyne Sanchez, Kristina Traw, Lisa Burke, Lori Maze, Nichole Quick, Raina Lee, Valerie Brauks

1. Introductions / Announcements

Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Budget Update – Anne Bloxom

No updates available on the State budget.

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

Deadline to make changes to report is September 21, 2018. The report will be presented to the OC Board of Supervisors for approval on October 16, 2018. The next step will be to host community forums. Final report will be shared at the next OCCP meeting.

5. Presentation: Children & Families Commission for the Early Development Index – Kim Goll

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County has been around for over 20 years. Proposition 10 created a program in CA to promote, support and improve the early development of children from prenatal to five years, which has been the main source of funding for the Commission. Since the Commission's origination in 1998, \$778 Million has been invested in community programs. The Commission has comprehensive data about children readiness when they enter Kindergarten. Orange County is the only county that has a universal assessment on kindergarten readiness. A Kindergarten Readiness handout was distributed and data was discussed. The Early Development Index (EDI) is a valid and reliable school readiness measurement tool that provides community-level data on the strengths and vulnerabilities of children. The EDI provides information about children in five developmental areas that are known to affect well-being and school performance, including: physical health and well-being, emotional maturity, communication skills and general knowledge, language and cognitive

development, and social competence. The kindergarten readiness data confirms that many Orange County children are not developmentally on-track when they enter kindergarten. The Commission is using the data to educate parents and communities about how they can provide services and environments in which children and parents can learn and play together to foster healthy development. The Commission also focuses on early childhood mental health. They have an early childhood mental health collaborative, co-chair the Prevention Early Intervention Group, provide funding to support a clinician to work collaboratively with community partners to heighten awareness of Perinatal Mental Health and identify opportunities to strengthen supports, and receives and distributes governmental funding of designated funds to CHOC inpatient and for community support. Attendees were invited to attend a Strategic Plan Open House for the Commission on Wednesday, November 7 from 8:00a.m. to noon at the Delhi Center in Santa Ana.

6. OCDE Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program 2017-2018 Highlights – Raina Lee

The Orange County Department of Education Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) was established in 1999 to focus on improving educational needs for foster youth. FYSCP is funded through federal, state and private funding. The 2017-18 End of Year Highlights data was presented as follows:

- 1944 number of unduplicated foster youth was served by the FYSCP including youth ages 2 to 25 and Family Maintenance Cases.
- 1163 unduplicated foster youth ages 5 to 19 in out of home care were served by FYSCP.
- 1369 foster youth in Out-of-Home Care during 2017-18 school year. Out of the 1369, 85 percent (1163) of the foster youth ages 5 – 19 were served by FYSCP.
- 2455 Educational Progress Reports were created and shared for 1662 unduplicated foster youth.
- 342 youth ages 3 to 5 received school readiness services. 53 percent of them were enrolled in preschool.
- 61 Foster Youth attended the 9th Annual College and Career Fair at Saddleback Community College, along with 31 caregivers/CASA/Mentors, 29 volunteers, and 43 resource booths.
- 58 trainings were facilitated with over 1,231 participants (30 local educational agencies, 16 child welfare, 1 caregiver, 1 probation, 3 wrap around providers, and 7 others).
- 128 Foster Youth completed high school, which amounts to 71 percent of graduation rate for youth with an active case at any point in the year.

7. 2018 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

a) Legislative Updates - Kristina Traw

A Legislative Update handout was distributed and discussed as follows:

- [SB 1004](#) *Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention* was sent to the Governor. This version of the bill added language regarding strategies to address the mental health needs of older adults to declarations and statutes, including suicide prevention.

- [AB 2207](#) *Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)* was sent to the Governor. This bill was amended and no longer focuses on determining whether restraining orders are useful for CSEC and instead focuses on requiring the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop the model policies, procedures, and protocols described above no later than January 1, 2020. On September 14, 2018, CDSS posted [ACIN I-59-18](#) Introduction To The Harm Reduction Strategies Series Regarding Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.
- [AB 1868](#) *Pupil Instruction, Sexual Health Education, Sexually Suggestive or Sexually Explicit Materials* was signed by the Governor. The bill explicitly authorizes a school district to provide optional instruction regarding the potential risks and consequences of creating and sharing sexually suggestive or sexually explicit materials through cellular telephones, social networking internet web sites, computer networks, or other digital media, as part of the required comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. The bill also requires information on how social media and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking to be included when discussing sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and human trafficking.
- [AB 2119](#) *Foster Care: gender affirming health care and mental health care* was signed by the Governor. The bill states that minors and nonminors in foster care have the right to be involved in the development of case plan elements related to placement and gender affirming health care, with consideration of their gender identity, and the right to gender affirming health care and mental health care. These rights specifically include individuals who are transgender or gender nonconforming (TGNC). CDSS to issue guidance by January 1, 2020, and it will include best practices.

Dead Bills:

- [AB 1754](#) *State Full Day Preschool Program* died in the Senate.
- [AB 2183](#) *Foster Care Resource Family* died in the Assembly.

b) Secured Facility Committee Updates - Anne Bloxom

- The Committee met to discuss where the greatest need for a secured facility is. There are eight organizations that will begin to provide STRTP services soon. The Committee is researching if there are any organizations that specialize in providing services to CSEC and substance abuse youth. The Committee is considering using the unused space in Probation by OCFC to provide more intensive services.

c) OCCP Future Goals

Discussed potential new goals for OCCP as follows:

- Dr. Handler – discussed suicide prevention, fourth sided pool fencing, and mental health screening for 11 year olds. Dr. Handler suggested inviting Dr. Alan Cortez to discuss mental health screening for all 11 year olds to a future OCCP meeting. Dr. Handler participates in the CCLA subcommittee and offered the opportunity to elevate legislation to that committee, if desired.
- Kim Goll – discussed focusing on 0-5 year old and declining revenue for the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

d) General Committee Member Comments -

- Dr. Handler invited high level personnel who are interested to participate in a stakeholder group to discuss youth suicide prevention to email him.

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The OCCP meeting is scheduled on October 18, 2018.

Minutes taken by Jackie Sanchez