

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: November 15, 2018

Location: Probation Grand Avenue Office Building
1001 South Grand Avenue, Santa Ana 92705

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Anne Bloxom, Kim Doyle, Kim Goll, Eric Handler, Susan Leibel, Tracy LeSage, Rick Martin, Paula Noden, Douglas Sanger, Dawn Smith

Non-Committee Attendees:

Samantha Calloway, Brenda Codispoti, Curtis Condon, Jackelyne Sanchez, Kristina Traw, Lisa Burke, Lori Maze, Nichole Quick Aurelio Torre, John Zeimantz

1. Introductions / Announcements

Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

Item moved to next meeting date.

3. Budget Update – Anne Bloxom

The statewide budget will be released in January. Funding for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) continues to be a concern and a long term solution has not been provided. The Gas Tax Proposition may generate more general fund money. Child welfare has been receiving additional allocations for the CCR and RFA approval process. Those funds are either being reduced each year or no longer funded.

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

The Conditions of Children's Report was presented to the OC Board of Supervisors for approval on October 16, 2018. The item was on the consent calendar, but was pulled by the public. Supervisor Do commented positively about the report and the work done by the Orange County Children's Partnership Committee. Important issues identified at the Board of Supervisors meeting were teen mental health and school connectedness/chronic sadness. The Board of Supervisors had an open discussion about page four of the Report, Overlaying Data, regarding teen suicide. There was also discussion regarding what agencies are doing to get ahead of the issue. An online version of the report is available. Social posts that can be shared will be sent to attendees. Fifth District is interested in hosting a forum to focus on mental health. Since there is no budget to mail reports, Lisa asked members of OCCP to help distribute the report in meetings or agencies with large groups. She has about 1500 copies. Dr. Handler asked what OCCP was going to do to impact the issue of teen mental health. He commented that OCCP can make a huge impact in the community. Anne Bloxom discussed things that the Secured Facility Committee is doing to help with placements of youth with mental health issues. Rick Martin mentioned that schools have to have a suicide prevention plan in place by January, 2019. Dr. Tracy Lesage mentioned that her son's school distributed active kindness notes to students and tasked them with

performing an act of kindness to another student. Dr. Handler mentioned that 35 stakeholders met recently at CHOC to discuss short term and long term goals for teen suicide prevention. Nicole Quick gave an overview of the meeting. A stakeholder group was created under Dr. Handler to deal with resiliency and ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) countywide since there is some pushback. Dawn Smith will reach out to Mark Lawrenz from Behavioral Health and ask him to share information about the suicide prevention efforts referenced by Dr. Handler at an upcoming OCCP meeting. Dr. Handler shared a slogan, "Hear Me, See Me" that he would like to promote. Rick Martin suggested tying it to the Kindness Campaign. Dr. Handler would like OCCP to merge resources. He suggested inviting staff who are passionate about the issue to the next meeting in January. There was a consensus to discuss what is already in place and map out what already exists at the next OCCP meeting. Dr. Handler suggested that Jackie Sanchez develop and distribute a list of questions to members to gather information regarding their agency's efforts on the issue, whether they are already collaborating with others or know of any mental health initiatives in the community. There was also discussion about which population to target. Aurelio Torre identified the different stages of the issue as detection, prevention and treatment, and suggested that OCCP focus on detection.

5. Action Item: Authorize the Conditions of Children Steering Committee to create ad hoc committees for the 2019 Conditions of Children Report

Item moved to next meeting date.

6. 2018 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

a) Legislative Updates - Kristina Traw

It was noted that the legislature and federal government is out on recess. A Legislative Update handout was distributed and discussed as follows:

- [SB 1004](#) *Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention* was chaptered.
- [AB 2207](#) *Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)* was chaptered.

b) Secured Facility Committee Updates - Anne Bloxom

- Anne Bloxom gave an update on STRTPs; half of them have their provisional license. The state is opposed to locked facilities. There is a need for placement between psychiatric care and the new STRTP type of placement. The committee has discussed what to do for youth that need a secure facility to fill the gap. In the past, the County had a facility that was heavily staffed, one to one, for services to Probation and Social Services' youth with a strong mental health component, and it worked well. The committee is looking at the same model to propose to Supervisor Do. There is property around Juvenile Hall that is not being used and a possible location. What is unknown at this time is how to fund it.

c) General Committee Member Comments -

- Debra Baetz is OC Social Services Agency's new director. Christine Snapper, was recently promoted to Director of Family Self-Sufficiency and Adult Services.
- The Director of Behavioral Health appointment is still pending.
- Anne Bloxom gave an update on the OCCP bylaws. The bylaws have been on hold pending a county template for all bylaws. Since the countywide bylaws template has not been developed, OCCP will move forward with the approval of the developed bylaws to the BOS. Anne will ask Victor Chavez to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the draft bylaws.
- Quorum rules and mandated Conflict of Interest Form 700 requirements for voting members were discussed briefly.
- Discussed the Hear Me, See Me campaign logo. Dr. Handler will bring the proposed logo to the January meeting.
- Nichole Quick will gather stakeholders to look at the opioids issue in Orange County.
- Lisa Burke asked for attendees to share ideas of ways to distribute the Condition of Children's Report.
- Anne Bloxom mentioned that SSA is doing a Self-Assessment, the first draft is ready.
- CalOptima provided a \$50 incentive to primary pediatricians for PHQ-9, 11-year-old and 12 year old mental health screenings. About 5,900 screenings were completed and about 37,000 kids still need it. Dr. Handler asked for this information to be sent to him for publishing in the OCMA newsletter.
- Dr. Handler mentioned that all Kaisers in California are now screening all 11 year olds by PHQ-9.
- Cheryl Meronk stated that the state implementation of Whole Child Model was initially to be implemented in Orange County on January 1, 2019, but has been delayed by six months and will now go live on July 1, 2019.

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The December meeting has been canceled. The next OCCP meeting is scheduled on January 17, 2019.

Minutes taken by Jackie Sanchez