

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

**Date:** February 18, 2021

**Location:** Zoom meeting

**Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:**

Eldon Baber, Debra Baetz, Lisa Burke, Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee, Karen Christensen, Dennis Cole, Heidi Garrel, Daniel Hernandez, Melanie Hertig, Laura Jose, Amber Lua, Hon. Judge Motoike, Rae Lynn Nelson, Lynda Perring, Bryan Prieto, Dawn Smith

**Non-Committee Attendees:** Valerie Brauks, Raina Lee, Claudia Magee, Steve McNally, Robyn Odendaul, Kim Ragen, Kristina Traw, Laura Turtzer

- **Introductions / Announcements** - Self-introductions were made
  - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee will serve as Orange County Board of Supervisor representative.
  - Daniel Hernandez will serve as the Probation Department's alternate representative.
- **Action Items –**
  - a. Meeting minutes from January 21, 2021 were approved
  - b. Review and approve OCCP Website Content - Laura Turtzer  
Transition of the OCCP web content from the Health Care Agency to Social Services Agency's website was approved by the members. The OCCP web content will be available for public viewing at <https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/about/media/occp>.
- **2021 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal**

**Legislative Updates** – Kristina Traw/Debra Baetz  
Deadline for introduction of bills is February 19, 2021. Emergency budget package is moving forward. Critical financial support is on the way. No additional updates.
- **General Committee Member Comments**

The OCCP members provided informational updates.

  - Bryan Prieto: Integrated Services Strategy for Community Corrections update. Beginning February 22, 2021, a new subcommittee led by Judge Motoike will be assessing the needs of youth under all five pillars. The subcommittee's primary focus is prevention efforts specially for youth under the age of 23. The Probation Department will provide OCCP members with periodic updates.
  - Dawn Smith: OC Links (855-625-4657) has expanded hours of operation to 24/7. OC Links can now be utilized to access the Crisis Assessment Team as well as programs at the Be Well North Campus in Orange. The Adolescent Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) opened February 1. At this time the CSU is able to take voluntary clients (i.e., those not on a 5150/5585 legal hold) and we anticipate that they will be able to take involuntary clients in the near future.
  - Lisa Burke: First 5 OC along with the United Way has been promoting and developed a tool kit for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). An online platform for free tax services. Please contact Lisa Burke for additional information. <http://occhildrenandfamilies.com/eitc/>
  - Eldon Baber: The Raise Foundation continues to offer community wide trainings. Trainings are free to all. Please contact Eldon to be added to the distribution list. CEUs are available. Community food distributions continue.
  - Debra Baetz: In partnership with local stakeholders, we are strategizing on addressing food insecurity and the underutilization of CalFresh to those that are eligible throughout

the County of Orange. The group's focus is to increase public assistance awareness and address barriers. The group is looking towards increasing stakeholder's participation as well. Debra will provide OCCP members with periodic updates.

- Brief discussion regarding OCCP's strategic goals and vision. The committee agreed to revisit and move forward with planning the Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) offsite meeting. OCCP will begin with scheduling an ad hoc planning meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Raina Lee shared that the annual foster youth college career fair will be held virtually. The Orange County Department of Education and Orangewood Foundation has scheduled the virtual career fair for March 27, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Public comment made by Steve McNally regarding mental health services throughout the county. Due to the subject being outside of OCCP's purview, Laura Jose will follow up with Mr. McNally.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is March 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez