

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

**Date:** April 15, 2021

**Location:** Zoom meeting

## **Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:**

Debra Baetz, Torhon Barnes, Anne Bloxom, Lisa Burke, Paulette Chaffee, Karen Christensen, Dennis Cole, Heidi Garrel, Daniel Hernandez, Melanie Hertig, Mary Izadi, Debra Kegel, Amber Lua, Hon. Judge Motoike, Bryan Prieto, Denise Schleicher, Dawn Smith

**Non-Committee Attendees:** Michael Arnot, Kelli Beltran, Valerie Brauks, Denise Churchill, Tami Di Paolo, Frances Garfias, Raina Lee, An Tran, Kristina Traw

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

**2. Action Items** – Meeting minutes from March 18, 2021 were approved

## **3. 2021 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal**

### **a) Legislative Updates** – Kristina Traw/Debra Baetz

Continuous activity within the State Legislature. The current policy and budget activity is focusing on child poverty, family support, nutrition and extending lunch programs for children. The California Department of Social Services is currently developing language to incorporate Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) requirements into relevant state laws. Implementation of FFPSA requirements is required by October 1, 2021 in order to continue receiving federal funding. Members of the Assembly and Senate have been asked to limit the number of bills they prioritize, given the protracted session. No federal updates.

### **b) OCCP Ad Hoc Committee Update** – Debra Baetz

The ad hoc committee met and revised vision statement and the identified goals. The OCCP Committee had a thorough discussion on refinement of the revised vision statement and the identified goals. The OCCP Committee agreed to the following next steps: The ad hoc committee will meet and identify subcommittees and subject matter experts; Subcommittees will identify actionable items based on goals, outcomes measures, the Conditions of Children's Report and develop objectives; Ad hoc committee to report back to OCCP to approve modified goals. The Debra requested volunteers to chair the subcommittees and assist with the kickoff meetings. Please contact Debra Baetz and Judge Motoike if interested.

## **4. General Committee Member Comments**

Lisa Burke provided an update on the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conditions of Children Report. Data collection for this year's report will launch in April. Staff will be notified by the Health Management Associates (HMA) team. HMA is requesting all data points, or to indicate if there is no updated data or if there was a disruption to data due to COVID. HMA is also collecting community responses to COVID. The OCCP members can expect to review a draft of the report between August 30 and September 10, with the goal of providing the final report to the Board of Supervisors by October 2021.

## **Public Comments**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is May 20, 2021, 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez