

## Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

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### July 18, 2013 Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Mike Ryan, Frances Cadenas (D1), Rick Martin, Christina Altmayer, Howard Gundy, Alyce Mastrianni, Dr. Handler, Janis White, Eldon Baber, Dan Cook, Chris Bieber, Yana Kennedy, Dolly Lomeli, Sharon Boles, Susan Leibel, Stephanie Schneider, Tricia Smith, MaryAnn Soden, Julie Poulos, Karen Christensen, Betsy DeGarmoe, Ken Grebel, Marta Davis, Gary Taylor, Lawren Ramos, Alexis Abbott, Alicia Recob, Lexie Nguyen, Jennie Zamora

**Introductions / Announcements:** Introductions were made. Dr. Handler announced that Richard Sanchez is the Assistant Director of HCA.

**Annual Report Recommendations Subcommittee:** Christina Altmayer handed out the Scope of Work (SOW) for the Annual Report Recommendations Subcommittee. The next meeting is on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 2pm. The Subcommittee includes consultants Kari Parsons and Lisa Burke. Christina highlighted the points in the SOW including the timeline for the Subcommittee to finalize recommendations for the OCCP.

**State legislation/budget** – Betsy DeGarmoe stated that Foster Youth Services is included in the State budget. Gary Taylor stated that the initial meeting with the State Auditors for the CFS Audit is on August 19, 2013. Chris Bieber announced that 15 new Probation Officers are beginning their Basic Core Academy in August 2013.

**ACTION ITEM** - Review and approve minutes from the June 20, 2013 meeting. Approved.

**2013/14 Annual Report on the Conditions of Children** – Mary Ann Soden provided a handout on data collection. Please remind the appropriate staff of the importance of updating the 'What's Happening' sections. Tricia Smith will email the drafts of the Special Section and Discussion Topics. Comments are due to Marta Ortegon by August 9, 2013.

Mary Ann showed the proposed covers. Based on the input from the OCCP, revised drafts will be provided at the August 15, 2013 meeting.

**Future Direction of the OCCP** – Mike Ryan stated that the three new Subcommittees are moving forward - Annual Report Recommendations Subcommittee, Infant Safe Sleep Collaborative, and the High School Completion/Education Resource Subcommittee. They will be added as a standing item to the OCCP Agenda for updates.

**Center for Child Abuse, Neglect, and Trauma** – Mike Ryan stated the efforts are moving forward with the SSA Medical Director position and anticipates recruit will begin soon.

**High School Completion Committee** –Rick Martin stated that the Subcommittee met to discuss educational resources available to help support schools. Approximately 25 – 30 people attended. Feedback from the schools was that knowing resources isn't the primarily issue, it's getting families to the resources. They talked about connecting families to resources at the school site. The two educational subcommittees will be combined to form the High School Completion/Education Resource Subcommittee.

**General Committee Member Comments** – Dr. Handler talked about the Ending Hunger Campaign. He asked how many agencies ask their families if they are hungry, have food insecurity. The question was raised about how to ask the questions and Dr. Handler suggested "Do you have difficulty feeding your family?" There was a discussion regarding food banks, food pantries, and resources available through FRCs.

**Public Comments** – Eldon Baber was introduced as the new Executive Director for the Raise Foundation

**NEXT MEETING: August 15, 2013**