## **Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)**

January 20, 2011 Minutes

## In Attendance:

Mike Ryan, Philip Norton (D1), Marri Derby, Pat Clancy, Karen Cianfrani, Rick Martin, Bill Steiner, Randy Pawloski, Alyce Mastrianni, Shawne Marsh, Linda Smith, Maria Hernandez, Dana Stits, Ken Grebel, Chris Bieber, Russell Brammer, David Wesson, Mary Ann Soden, Tricia Smith, Gary Taylor, Ray Gallagher, Hellen Howe, Raquel Amezcua, Anne Bloxom, Bob Malmberg, Perlee Trout, Betsy DeGarmoe

- 1. **Introductions / Announcements:** Mike Ryan introduced David Wesson, the new OCCP FFA representative. He is replacing Clete Menke.
- 2. **Legislation/ budget update:** There was a discussion regarding proposed budget reductions and the anticipated impact on the various departments/agencies.
- 3. **ACTION ITEM**: Review and approve minutes from the October 21, 2010 meeting. Minutes approved.
- 4. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children: Mary Ann Soden distributed copies of the Quick Guides. She also passed around a distribution list to ensure all agencies/organizations have received their reports. There was a discussion regarding the keynote speaker for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Report Community Forum. It was decided that we would request Hon. Yvette Verasteugi.

Rick Martin stated that it is going to be a challenge obtaining educational data by August 2011.

Alyce Mastrianni stated that Michelle Berelowitz provided a presentation on the Conditions of Children Report data for the Children and Families Commission. The Commissioners expressed concern on the lack of timely and specific data in some areas. Gallop is currently seeking partners to expand their real-time survey of well-being to include local communities such as an Orange County Index. Commission staff along with members of the Health Funders Partnership and the Orange County Forum will pursue additional information about this possible partnership to obtain more timely data. Also, an area of concern for the Commission is the data on low birth weight babies. To address this condition of children, the Commission along with UCI, CHOC and other partners develop a grant related to health science research and included addressing this data issue as part of the project. Project funding has been awarded which will allow the community to work on this area of concern this coming year. Mike requested she keep the OCCP updated on the project.

Mike Ryan stated that the Board of Supervisors presentation and Community Forum went well. However, there was an error found in the Gang Membership data. It is very important for all agencies/departments to check their data for the last ten years to ensure accuracy. There was a discussion and it was decided that Mary Ann would send the data out for each agency/department to review by the end of February 2011.

5. High School Completion Committee: Rick Martin stated his subcommittee met with the Business Council. Rick is going to ask one of the Council members to attend either the February or March 2011 OCCP meeting. Rick provided the handout, *The High School Promise*. He is meeting with the Superintendent to see if he wants to endorse it and will keep the OCCP updated.

## 6. Program/Project Updates:

- ➤ Child Abuse Services Team Ray Gallagher stated in 2010 there were 539 forensic interviews, 115 medical exams, 89 sexual abuse exams, 447 referrals from Victim Witness, and 1578 children served. There is no update on the Medical Director position.
- ➤ Foster Youth Services Program Betsy DeGarmoe stated the College and Career Fair held in October 2010 had 122 youth and 30 caregivers attend. The next one will be on October 8, 2011 in Fullerton. At the upcoming State Summit they are anticipating over 500 attendees and Judge Hernandez is going to lead a workgroup. Betsy stated she has been appointed co-chair of the State Task Force. She is also pursuing several RFA and grant funding opportunities.
- ➤ Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) Ken Grebel stated the panel judging the proposals for the Children's and TAY Full Service Partnership has completed its evaluation of the proposals. The panel's recommendations for winning bidder(s) will be submitted to the Board for approval next month.
- Wraparound Hellen Howe stated Wraparound is celebrating ten years in Orange County. They have a new contract cycle this year with changes in providers. They are serving an average of 527 children per month, receive an average of 40 new referrals each month, since inception have received over 3000 referrals, and have an overall success rate of 80%. Mike Ryan requested that next time we have program updates, Hellen bring a document highlighting Wraparound outcomes.

## 7. Subcommittee Reports:

➤ Transitional Planning Services – Bob Malmberg stated there have been reductions to THP+. CFS will be able to keep all youth in placement through this year. However, next year, there will likely be a reduction to Scattered Site Apartments for youth. Bob stated that there are seven domains that are looked at to determine THP outcomes and Orange County is doing very well; youth are progressing in all areas.

- Child Welfare Services Redesign Planning Council Raquel Amezcua stated that CFS is in its second year of their System Improvement Plan (SIP) and continues to see positive outcomes. There continues to be an emphasis on recruiting parent mentors, who are also now involved with Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings. In addition, CFS continues to recognize the importance of celebrating families that successfully reunify and is working with community partners to hold Celebrating Family events to honor families and the people who have helped them.
- 8. **General Committee Member Comments:** Steve Livingston is the new chair for the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). Arlene Burt is retiring and Beverly Maclaren is replacing her.
- 9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** At this time members of the public were informed that they could address the Committee regarding any item within the subject matter of this committee's authority, provided that no action be taken on off agenda items unless authorized by law.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 17, 2011