Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

May 19, 2011 Minutes

In Attendance:

Mike Ryan, Frances Cadenas (D1), Janice White, Rick Martin, Frank Ospino, David Wesson, Patty Rogers, Karen Cianfrani, Bill Steiner, Alyce Mastrianni, Linda Smith, Dana Stits, Chris Bieber, Adam Powell, Shawne Marsh, Gary Taylor, Tricia Smith, Perlee Trout, Mary Ann Soden, Lawren Ramos

Introductions / Announcements – Adam Powell is the new OCCP member for the Sheriff Department. Congratulations to Patty Rogers on her retirement. Ken Grebel will be the new member attending the OCCP in her place.

ACTION ITEM: Review and approve minutes from the April 21, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved with minor revision that Dana Stits emailed to Tricia Smith.

ACTION ITEM: Approve Discussion Topics, and Special Section Topic for the 17th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children. The following topics were approved:

- Special Section Family Violence
- ➤ Health Mental health in youth
- Economy Workforce development in youth
- Education Positive impacts of mentoring
- Safe Homes Collaborative Courts

Annual Report on the Conditions of Children

- **1) Funding Subcommittee Report** Mike Ryan reported the following:
 - ➤ The Subcommittee met on May 11, 2011.
 - ➤ The County can accept donations from individuals and non-profits. If it's over \$10,000, we are required to go to the BOS for approval.
 - ➤ It is more complicated if we accept donations from commercial entities, but it can be done.
 - > Soliciting funds is difficult for government agencies, however, CBOs and our stakeholders can solicit for government agencies.
 - Dana Stits is going to write a county counsel opinion on this item and have it ready for the June 2011 OCCP Retreat. The OCCP will then decide how to proceed.

2) FY12/13 RFP Recommendations – Mike Ryan reported the following:

- The cost of Annual Report contract has been \$108,400.
- ➤ Printing costs are currently budgeted at \$15,000. Last year the Contractor spent \$12,523 for 4000 copies of the report.
- ➤ One recommendation is to decrease the number of printed reports and have people access the report on-line.
- ➤ Another recommendation is to possibly only print quick guides.
- ➤ It was recommended that several community forums be held throughout Orange County, instead of one forum at Cal State University Fullerton. This will encourage community participation, support, and buy in. There was a discussion regarding connecting with community leaders and the right people to ensure success.
- ➤ It was also recommended to coordinate the Annual Report with other community indicator reports. There was a discussion that the reports may not be compatible and it may be that the Annual Report needs to remain a separate report. This item will require further discussion/research. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future and any one interested is welcome to participate.

Mike Ryan reported that SSA Contracts is on a tight timeline to issue the new Annual Report RFP. If the OCCP is going to make significant changes to the Annual Report, it may be in our best interest to complete an RFP for only one year only. This will allow SSA award the contract by March 1, 2012 and have the 18th Annual Report available in November 2012. This will then allow the OCCP to determine what changes, if any, will be made to the Report/Forum for future years.

3) June 16th OCCP Retreat – Mike Ryan reported that a Planning Committee is being formed to develop the agenda for the OCCP Retreat that is being held at SSA Training and Career Development (TCD), 1928 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, June 11, 2011, 9am – noon.

The Planning Committee includes Mike Ryan, Alyce Mastrianni, and Mike Ruane. If anyone else is interested, please let Mike know.

Items that they anticipate putting on the agenda so far include:

- Fund raising activities
- ➤ Should OCCP pursue funds to support/develop programs or support agency efforts in pursuing grants (be an oversight committee of the program)?
- > Where do the funds go to support or how they are used?
- Dana's County Counsel opinion regarding fund raising
- Future design of the Annual Report

Educational Attainment – Rick Martin provided the following handouts:

- ➤ Matrix of Services to Support High School Completion agencies provided updates on services they had in place last year and the Matrix was completed.
- OCCP High School Completion Task Force Committee outlines the OCCP Mission and indicators of high school completion. OCDE has identified the following as indicators of high school completion:
 - Reading at grade level by 3rd grade
 - Scoring at grade level in math in the 4th grade
 - Highly positive attendance rate
 - Involved parents
 - o Zero F's on a report card
 - o Little to zero drug use
 - Few school placements
 - Positive connection to an adult
- ➤ High School Dropouts: Selected Facts Orange County had a 10.9% drop out rate in 2008. This was the lowest in California. Drop out rates are disproportionate by race/ethnicity with the State percentage at 32.9% for African American/Black students. We need to ensure we are talking to/targeting the right communities.
- ➤ High School Graduation Pledge sample

Rick requested that the OCCP 1) identify how each agency can target the identified indicators and 2) provide the High School Completion Subcommittee with direction.

There was a discussion regarding high school completion and the direction of the OCCP and the following points/suggestions/ideas were made:

- ➤ The OCCP should look at successful programs to see what they did, what was done differently, etc. Are there models that can be duplicated (Promising Neighborhoods)? This can also include successful programs within Orange County schools.
- Promising Neighborhoods identifies additional indicators of success which the Subcommittee will add to the list.
- ➤ Each OCCP agency should look at what they are currently doing to impact the indicators (outlined on the Matrix) and then identify what they aren't doing, identify gaps and things they can do/how they can have an influence on the indicators. The Sheriff Department needs to be added to the Matrix.
- ➤ The High School Subcommittee could bring information/best practices to the OCCP on a quarterly basis and individual agencies could decide what they can do to have an impact. For example, OCDE is going to follow through with the High School Promise, another agency may want to hand out the Ten Commandments, etc. The Subcommittee could update the Matrix on an annual basis.
- ➤ We should look at how to leverage each others resources, weave our assets together, and refer to each others programs.

- Marketing is key to get the word out that high school completion is a priority for the OCCP. How do we put the responsibility on the community? Does the community know about the OCCP and what its function is? Do grassroot organizations know what's important to the OCCP? How can the OCCP support grassroot organizations?
- ➤ The role of the OCCP is not to do something as a group, however, as individual agencies we can all contribute and have an impact on the indicators.
- Should the OCCP select one or two indicators to really focus on/impact?
- ➤ Should the OCCP conduct a "road show" and have a couple of members present this to organizations, hand out the Ten Commandments, give organizations examples of how they can become involved, etc.?

These ideas will all be presented at the OCCP Retreat and it will be determined how the OCCP will proceed.

General Committee Member Comments – Mary Ann Soden announced that they are setting up workgroups for the Special Section and Discussion Topics. Tricia will email the list. Please sign up and invite other individuals, agencies that you think should participate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public may 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: June 16, 2011