

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: August 19, 2021

Location: Zoom meeting

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Hon. Judge Arthur, Eldon Baber, Debra Baetz, Lisa Burke, Karen Christensen, Dennis Cole, Heidi Garrel, Paula Gray, Daniel Hernandez, Melanie Hertig, Mary Izadi, Debra Kegel, Rae Lynn Nelson, Lynda Perring, Bryan Prieto, Denise Schleicher, Dawn Smith, Christine Snapper, Darren Thompson, John Zeimantz

Non-Committee Attendees:

Kellen Aguilar, Michael Arnodt, Kelli Beltran, Val Brauks, Tami Di Paolo, Robert Muschler, Robyn Odendahl, Kristina Traw, Laura Turtzer

1. Introductions / Announcements - Self-introductions were made

2. Action Items –

- a) Meeting minutes from June 17, 2021 were approved.
- b) Review and Approve Conditions of Children's Report Steering Committee recommendations.

The Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee approved the following recommendations:

- i) Include equity ratio elements to allow continued reporting on indicators that lack data for update due to COVID-19 reporting disruptions. Benefits: identify racial disparities and promote/track equity in child health and well-being.
- ii) Revise behavioral health indicator to include behavioral health need, health care access and child and youth outcomes. Benefits: better understanding of children's behavioral health needs specific resources/services that best support our youth.
- iii) Provide draft of the Annual Conditions of Children's Report to OCCP week of August 30, 2021 with comments due end of 2nd week in September.

3. 2021 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

- a) OCCP Ad Hoc Committee Updates

OCCP ad hoc subcommittee designees provided brief updates. All committees are meeting, discussing strategies and working on proposed vision statement.

Good Health Pillar

Designated chair: Dawn Smith
Co-chair: Lisa Burke

Economic Well-Being Pillar

Designated chair: Debra Baetz

Educational Achievement Pillar

Designated chair: Dennis Cole
Co-chair: Daniel Hernandez

Safe Homes and Communities Pillar

Designated chair: Hon. Judge Motoike

b) Legislative Updates – Kristina Traw/Debra Baetz

Legislature is in recess and there are no additional updates. The California budget was enacted in late June and the trailer bills were not enacted until mid-July. The bills are currently being reviewed to determine impacts. The CalFresh Program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) was increased by USDA-Food and Nutrition Service.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will begin providing agencies with direction on how to implement the Families First Prevention Services Act. This bill will allow the state to draw federal funds to support child welfare.

Debra recommended a Families First legislation overview at next meeting.

4. General Committee Member Comments

Debra Kegel shared information regarding CalOptima's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic and Back-to-School Resource Fair scheduled August 28, 2021. Flyer will be distributed to the OCCP committee.

Public Comments

Michael Arnodt thanked OCCP partnership for approving the equity measures to the Annual Conditions of Children's Report.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 16, 2021 9:00 a.m. ZOOM meeting

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez