

Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) Committee Minutes

Date: July 18, 2019

Location: HOA Conference Room A
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Committee Members/Alternates Attendees:

Debra Baetz, Anne Bloxom, Karen Christensen, Tracy LeSage, Paula Noden, Kelly Pijl

Non-Committee Attendees:

Lisa Burke, Denise Churchill, Debra Kegel, Mark Lawrenz, Stephanie Maranji, Esther Marquez, Makaelah Perkins, Josie Roemhild, Kristina Traw, Carol Wiseman, Judy Johnson

1. Introductions / Announcements

Self-introductions were made.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes

No quorum – This item was not discussed.

3. Budget Update – Debra Baetz

Governor Newsom's 2019-2020 May revise aligns with the Governor's focus on reducing child poverty. The Governor restored previously cut child welfare funding, such as, Foster Family Recruitment, Retention and Training and Bringing Families Home. Group Homes have been given an additional one-year extension to convert to STRTP. Additional investment in CalWORKs programs.

4. Annual Conditions of Children's Report – Lisa Burke

Annual report preparation is in full swing. First draft has been presented to the OCCP Conditions of Children Steering Committee, with comments due July 26. Once Steering Committee edits are incorporated, the draft report will be presented to OCCP on August 19 for review and comments. Comments are requested by August 30. OCCP members are welcome to share the draft report with staff and others for input. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Conditions of Children's Report. The designer is working to incorporate the 25th anniversary into the cover design. Also, for the OC Snapshot, instead of showing a one-year snapshot of Orange County's profile, the report will include a comparison of key data points between now and 25 years ago.

The Steering Committee has received input from Orange County Department of Education and the OC Health Improvement Plan Obesity work group regarding topics of interest to be included in the annual report.

Areas of interest provided by Orange County Department of Education: include an indicator on Chronic Absenteeism.

Areas of interest provided by Obesity Work Group: Add data point on children's physical fitness indicator to include breakdown by economic status. Also, add data for overweight/obesity among younger children, ages 0-2. Committee agreed unable to include, as data is unavailable.

The Obesity Work Group also requested the addition of success stories. Steering Committee agreed not to add to printed report; include on web page.

In terms of the overlay maps, the Steering Committee considered three potential topics: the 2020 Census, highlighting the supplemental indicator tables, and Suicide Prevention. After consideration, the Steering Committee recommends highlighting the topic of Suicide Prevention for this year's overlay maps, with focus on risk factors and protective factors. Also, highlighting innovative programs in Orange County to address this need. The topics of the Census and supplemental indicator tables will be included in the cover letter from Supervisor Do, which will refresh its typical content.

Regarding Conditions of Children Annual Report community forums, an initial outreach to each Board of Supervisor's office suggests that there is interest in a forum from potentially every district.

Lisa also provided a Conditions of Children digital report update. A survey conducted by the Olin Group of power users, occasional users, and those who rarely or never used the report. The results provided the following recommendations:

Implement a digital report with clickable links

Pursue a digital PDF searchable by indicator and geography

Do not continue to pursue a platform with the ability to build comparison tables, or to produce data overlays and maps. Not cost effective.

Consider an option to create and download charts and graphs, similar to kidsdata.org.

The Steering Committee sought ballpark estimates from consultants who could create a digital PDF searchable by indicator and geography. The rough cost for this effort is estimated at about \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the first year. OCCP discussed pursuing further functionality for the digital report, which will require finding additional funding. Before taking any further action, the OCCP requested information about the current traffic the report gets on the county's website. They agreed that further functionality of a digital report could occur at any time during the year, including some time after the October release of the printed report – so there is time to review traffic data and continue to discuss options.

Action item: Lisa Burke to contact CEO IT traffic monitoring report

5. Presentations - Youth Suicide Prevention Programs – Mark Lawrenz

Mark presented a comprehensive approach to Suicide Prevention. Mark advised although the presentation will highlight specific programs, suicide prevention occurs throughout the continuum of care from Prevention to Crisis services. The goal is to provide the most appropriate level of care depending on the current need.

The following is the Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention:

- Upstream: Increase connectedness, life skills, resiliency, help-seeking
- Intervention: Identify and assist, respond to crises, care transitions/linkages, effective care and treatment
- Postvention and Support: after suicide deaths and attempts
- Reduce Access to Lethal Means

NOTE: incorporate throughout the other approaches

Upstream or Prevention Approaches seek to increase connectedness, life skills, resiliency, and help-seeking. These Public Education Campaigns seek to educate through positive messaging to increase help-seeking behaviors. Other sources include School-Based Programming, Parent Education & Family Strengthening Programming, Outreach & Engagement Services, and Warmline.

Mark provided a comprehensive list of educational resources:

www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org

www.livingworks.net

www.mhsoac.ca.gov

<http://ochealthinfo.com/oclinks>

www.eachmindmatters.org

www.directingchange.org

www.suicideispreventable.org

www.sprc.org

www.training.sprc.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255

Survivor Support Services: (714) 547-0885

Crisis Assessment Team: (866) 830-6011

WarmLine: (877) 910-9276

In March 2019, the BOS allocated \$600K to Be Well OC for coordinated suicide prevention efforts, which will include the development of a comprehensive suicide prevention plan. In addition, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 114, mandating that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission develop a statewide strategic suicide prevention plan. This plan includes the implementation of a State Office of Suicide Prevention. The first draft plan was released July 3rd for public comment.

Mark also noted Suicide Prevention Week is September 8-14, 2019 and provided the following link to the Activation Kit for increasing suicide prevention awareness

<https://www.eachmindmatters.org/SPW2019/>.

6. 2018 OCCP Areas of Focus/Goal

a) Legislative Updates – Kristina Traw

- [AB 413](#) would change the term “at-risk” to “at-promise” in various sections of the Education Code and Penal Code.
- [SB 445](#) would convene an expert panel prior to aid with the development of youth substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, early intervention, and prevention quality standards for individuals under 26 years of age.
- [AB 465](#) would replace the term “delinquency” with “juvenile justice” in all statutes addressing child welfare and juvenile justice and define various terms relating to dual status youth for tracking purposes.
- [AB 1004](#) would ensure that Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) screening services include developmental screening services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages zero to three.
- [AB 1031](#) would require DHCS, in collaboration with counties and providers of SUD services for youth under 21 years of age, to establish criteria for participation, programmatic requirements, treatment standards, and terms and conditions for funding
- [AB 1767](#) would require local educational agencies (LEAs) serving students in grades K-6 to adopt and periodically update a policy on student suicide prevention that is appropriate for that age group.

b) Secured Facility Committee Updates – Anne Bloxom

The Adhoc committee met last month and had further discussion regarding the development of a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) facility that can meet the needs of youth with the highest needs. The Adhoc committee discussed what this facility would provide that would be more than other STRTPs provide. The Adhoc committee continues to explore meeting these barriers.

Action: Review current facilities. Look at STRTP ratios.

c) Suicide Prevention Initiatives – Mark Lawrenz

Discussed in presentation

7. Open Discussion

Raina Lee was not in attendance to provide an update regarding the foster youth resource page platform. Makaelah Perkins, former foster youth, advised that Foster Youth Outcomes Committee suggested OCCP Committee partner with the organization “Know Before You Go”. Brief discussion regarding collaborating and maintaining logistics. OCCP Committee agreed to invite organization to August 15th meeting.

Debra Baetz asked the Committee to be prepared to discuss and strategize the direction and future of OCCP Committee at next meeting.

8. General Committee Member Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on August 15, 2019 at Hall of Administration

Minutes taken by Esther Marquez