Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

August 18, 2011 Minutes

In Attendance:

Mike Ryan, Janice White, Gene Howard, David Wesson, Alyce Mastrianni, Linda Smith, Dana Stits, Chris Bieber, Maria Hernandez, David Nunez, Frances Cadenas, Frank Ospino, Eric Handler, Kevin Haskins, Ray Gallagher, Tricia Smith, Perlee Trout, Mary Ann Soden, Marty Ortegon, Michelle Berelowitz, Torhan Barnes, Victoria Garcia, Marcy Garfias, Tracy Rinauro, Rob Richardson, Cathie Olsky, Randy Barth, Jenel Prenonvost, Maria Reiche

Introductions / Announcements – Introductions were made.

ACTION ITEM: Review and approve minutes from the July 21, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved as written.

ACTION ITEM: Approve to discontinue the OCCP Perinatal Substance Abuse Committee. Approved. The item will be placed on the agenda in one year (August 2012) to discuss how we can still monitor and if the study should be re-done in the future.

Annual Report on the Conditions of Children – Drafts of the Annual Report were handed out to all members. The only missing data is education. All agencies should review the topics, their sections, statistics, and the contributor's list. Changes are due to Victoria Garcia by September 1, 2011. At the September 15, 2011 OCCP meeting the members will vote to approve the report for printing.

The revised cover was handed out. Mary Ann Soden will check on adding an OC monument to the cover.

The Forum is confirmed for November 16, 2011.

Dr. Handler is going to look at adding Child Death Review Team statistics as an indicator in next years report and will look at the feasible of adding any information to the current "Infant Mortality" indicator.

HS Completion Subcommittee – Rick Martin handed out an OC Register article that stated the graduation rate is 81.7% (this is 2007 incoming 9th graders and the percentage that graduated with a diploma in 2010.) The article also provides the link to view the rate for all districts.

Rick also handed out the revised Matrix in the new format. Each agency should review and we will discuss it at the September 2011 meeting. The Subcommittee will also draft a survey for the OCCP to approve.

OCCP Retreat Recap – Mike Ryan stated that at the June 2011 Retreat we invited department heads and a few attended. We completed a SWOT Analysis, discussed the Promise Neighborhood model to engage a community in educational attainment for all students and ended the meeting with the question – What are we moving forward on?

A second retreat was added for the July 2011 meeting. Dana Stits provided County Counsel Opinion regarding seeking donations to support OCCP projects. It was confirmed the goal of the OCCP is high school completion. The meeting ended with the request to learn more about what practices/programs are currently supporting high school completion in Orange County. We will invite guests for presentations and then make a decision on how to move forward.

GRIP Presentation – Tracy Rinauro, Deputy DA, conducted a presentation on Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP).

THINK Together Presentation – Children and Families Commission of Orange County, Santa Ana Unified School District, and THINK Together presented on a Santa Ana Promise Neighborhoods Project. They are partnering on a Federal Grant application. Handout of the presentation was provided.

General Committee Member Comments – It was suggested that the new OCDE Medical Officer be added as an OCCP member. The protocol is for the person to attend a couple of meetings to make sure they are interested, have the OCCP vote, and if approved, to request BOS approval. We must justify the need for the new member.

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: September 15, 2011