Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)

August 15, 2013 Minutes

In Attendance:

Mike Ryan, Frances Cadenas (D1), Rick Martin, David Wesson, Linda Smith, Dr. Handler, Janis White, Eldon Baber, Dan Cook, Chris Bieber, Sharon Boles, Tricia Smith, MaryAnn Soden, Michelle Berelowitz, Julie Poulos, Dr. Nunez, Karen Christensen, Betsy DeGarmoe, Ken Grebel, Marta Davis, Lawren Ramos, Alicia Recob, Jennie Zamora, Carrie O'Malley (D3), Letitia Clark George, Melinda Konoske

Introductions / Announcements: Introductions were made.

State legislation/budget: None.

ACTION ITEM: Review and approve minutes from the July 18, 2013 meeting. Approved with the addition of Ken Grebel and Betsy DeGarmoe in the attendance section.

2013/14 Annual Report on the Conditions of Children: Mary Ann Soden handed out final drafts of the Annual Report. Comments are due by August 26, 2013. In addition, the Contributor's list was circulated for feedback/updating.

Dr. Nunez expressed that input was provided to CSUF on the last draft and the changes were not made. There was discussion with CSUF staff. Michelle Berelowitz will meet/talk with Dr. Nunez to ensure all revisions are captured.

Marta Ortegon handed out drafts of the Special Section and Discussion Topics. Carrie O'Malley (District 3), Supervisor Spitzer's office, was present and spoke regarding the DUI Discussion Topic.

Michelle passed out the revised Annual Report cover.

MaryAnn stated that the initial Community Forum will be in District 1 on November 13, 2013 at the Delhi Center. It is anticipated that all Community Forums will be scheduled in the next 2-3 weeks.

It is anticipated that the Annual Report will go to the Board of Supervisors on either October 22 or 29, 2013. Frances Cadenas (D1) will keep the OCCP informed. The Report will be presented to the CFCOC at the November meeting.

OCCP Subcommittees:

- **Annual Report Recommendations –** The subcommittee has not met since that last OCCP meeting. The next meeting is on September 5, 2013. The consultants are reaching out to stakeholders for input. Additional information will be provided at the September 2013 OCCP meeting.

- **Infant Safe Sleep Collaborative –** Dr. Nunez stated that data from the Coroner's Office indicates that there have been 41 infant deaths during the last 6 years related to unsafe sleeping practices. The trend has been increasing. Santa Ana has the highest number followed by Garden Grove and Anaheim. They are looking at targeting risk factors. The data is not complete, i.e. it does not include alcohol, drugs, smoking information. First 5 LA has a current campaign focused on infant safe sleeping. They have expressed that they are willing to share resources. The next steps for the subcommittee – they will meet again in September. They are exploring a Forum in the Fall 2013. New members are welcome to participate.

  Dr. Handler said the subcommittee is looking at targeting a specific area to determine if there is an impact in a period of 6 months to a year. If so, it may be replicated in other areas.

  There was a discussion that the data only captures fatalities and not near fatalities or injuries related to unsafe sleeping. Tricia Smith will check with CFS' Quality Assurance to see if Near Fatalities are reported.

  There was a discussion regarding mixed messages in the medical community related to co sleeping. It is important to establish a unified message.

- **High School Completion/Educational Resources –** Rick Martin stated that the subcommittee met July 30, 2013 (follow up to the June 2013 meeting) and August 13, 2013 (began planning in the Anaheim School District). Anaheim Union School District spoke with the Assistant Superintendent about attending the next meeting to explore how to connect families with resources. They would like to pilot the project and later replicate in other school districts. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Rick.

General Committee Member Comments: The website address for food banks in OC is: Wastenotoc.com.

Linda Smith inquired about the available MHSA funding. According to Ken Grebel, some of the money is being used to expand current programs. There, however, will also be long term, 3 year plan, funding available. HCA will conduct focus groups to obtain input from the community. The dates have not yet been set. There was a discussion of possibly using an OCCP meeting as a stakeholder/focus group.

Dr. Handler stated he is looking into piloting mental health screenings beginning at 11 years old.
Dr. Handler spoke about other agencies and organizations who are participating in the ending Hunger Campaign. It continues to expand.

MaryAnn Soden stated that the Orangewood Academy will be opening and targeting 130 foster and at risk youth.

Betsy DeGarmoe stated that there is a Youth College Fair on September 21, 2013 and they still need career booth, contact her if interested.

Public Comments: None.

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2013