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**Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)  
Off Site Retreat**

July 21, 2011 Minutes

**In Attendance:**

Michael Riley, Mike Ryan, Janice White, Marri Derby, Gene Howard, Russell Brammer, David Wesson, Bill Steiner, Alyce Mastrianni, Linda Smith, Dana Stits, Chris Bieber, Shawne Marsh, Betsy DeGarmoe, Eric Handler, Kevin Haskins, Nathan Nishimoto, Tricia Smith, Perlee Trout, Mary Ann Soden, Marty Ortegon, Michelle Berelowitz, Torhan Barnes

**Introductions / Announcements** – Introductions were made. Mike Ryan welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Marri Derby announced Frank Ospino is the Interim Public Defender replacing Deborah Kwast.

**ACTION ITEM:** Review and approve minutes from the June 16, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved as written.

**Annual Report on the Conditions of Children** – Michelle Berelowitz handed out the Annual Report Progress Report, dated June 15, 2011, showing what information has been received to date. Education data will be late again this year. Please remind agency contacts to submit any outstanding data and to update their "What's Happening" sections as soon as possible.

Marty Ortegon handed out a list of all discussion topic workgroups with current participants and the dates the groups met. Any one is welcome to participate on a subcommittee if they are interested in a topic or if they know someone who should participate, please let Marty know as soon as possible. In addition, the workgroups will be the ones reviewing the drafts of the Special Section and Discussion topics. Anyone who would like to be part of the review process should tell Marty so they can be added to the distribution list. Otherwise they will see the final drafts in August 2011 and vote to approve/send to print in September 2011.

Michelle displayed four potential covers for the Annual Report and the committee selected one. Dr Handler suggested adding an OC landmark to the selected cover. The font inside the report will be orange and black.

**OCCP goals/THINK Together/HS Completion Subcommittee** - Since the last meeting Dana Stits completed an overview of the OCCP including historical information. The document was emailed prior to the meeting. Dana was acknowledged for the thorough summary.

There was a discussion regarding how the OCCP could accept donations. One suggestion was to use an agency such as the Raise Foundation to collect donations and the OCCP will instruct how to spend. There was a discussion on the focus of the OCCP - Does the OCCP want to identify best practices and fund them as start ups with grants/corporate donations? Does the OCCP want to actively partner with

community stakeholders? Is the OCCP strictly an advisory board? If the focus shifted, would it require BOS approval? There was a discussion regarding how the OCCP could make an impact. Could organizations apply for grants/funding with OCCP support/oversight?

The group reviewed the THINK Together model and the Matrix of Services document the High School Completion Subcommittee developed. There was a discussion regarding establishing a Center of Excellence in OC.

It was decided that prior to making a decision on the direction of the OCCP, we should hear from organizations/programs/staff that are currently addressing the issue of high school completion. This should include presentations to the OCCP and a survey. Dr Handler suggested that the OCCP have its meetings offsite at other program locations with presentations whenever possible. In addition, it was decided that the meeting time should be extended to 10:30 a.m.

Once the OCCP has gathered common themes from individuals/groups addressing high school completion, identified what is working, identified where there are gaps, and identified what resources are needed, they will decide what to do to move forward to impact high school completion.

#### **Follow up Items –**

- High School Completion Subcommittee should add members – SSA, Public Defender, and Probation. Agencies should send the names of the representatives to Tricia who will forward to Rick Martin.
- High School Completion Subcommittee will put their information into a format similar to the THINK Together Outcome/Indicators model for the August 2011 meeting.
- High School Completion Subcommittee will have a sample survey for the OCCP to review at the September 2011 meeting.
- Alyce Mastrianni will ask THINK Together to present at the August 2011 meeting.
- OCCP meeting time will change to 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. beginning with the August 2011 meeting.
- OCCP meetings will be held in the community/organizations whenever possible with presentations. Tricia will work with Kevin Haskins and Chris Bieber on a presentation for the August 2011 meeting.
- OCCP Subcommittees will provide written updates to the OCCP rather than presenting at the meetings.

#### **General Committee Member Comments – None**

#### **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: August 18, 2011**