



CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE AGENDA
Thursday, September 27, 2007 4:00-5:30 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach / Civic Center – Lower Level Room B-8

- I. **Roll Call:** Alison Baskin; Adam Buttons; Stan Cohen; Ian Collins; Broc Coward; Robert Dettloff; Pat Guidotti; Robert Hart; Phyllis Lembke; Cathy McGough; Erica Salisbury; Nicolette Schindler; Kecia Van Mechelen
- II. **Presentations:** Laudenback welcomes new appointees to the CNTF.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** from the August 23, 2007 meeting.
- IV. **Public Comments:** (Three minutes per speaker)
Members of the public are invited to address the Task Force on items within its subject matter or jurisdiction. No action can be taken by the Task Force on this date unless agendaized.
- V. **Discussion Items:**

Grading Criteria for Youth Character Awards – Focus Group III presented options for grading criteria during the May 2007 meeting. Members completed an open discussion on the criteria presented and concluded that it would be continued at the next meeting. At the August 2007 meeting, members reviewed the minutes from May and discussion ensued on the criteria presented. It was agreed that the criteria would be presented to the members at the September meeting along with recommended actions and open to vote. The proposed criteria is as follows:

- a. The nominations must be by an adult but not an immediate family member.

Recommended Action: Motion to accept the grading criteria for the Youth Character awards to limit the acceptance of applications to those persons that are not family members.

- b. Although character takes a lifetime to develop, emphasis for selection will be placed on acts of good character displayed during the past year.

Recommended Action: Motion to accept that accomplishments of character for the current year be weighted with a higher emphasis.

c. Given that the nominee possesses the characteristics of good character, they should demonstrate an individual strength of character or deeds.

Recommended Action: Motion to accept that that an individual accomplishment or deed be weighted with a higher emphasis than a group or organized activity.

d. The nominees should be Third Grade through High School.

Recommended Action: Motion to accept that the Youth Character Award eligibility is limited to school years three through twelve.

e. Added: The number of inductees will vary from year to year, and will only be limited by the size of the plaque.

Recommended Action: Motion to accept that the Youth Character Award winners each year will be limited by the number of names allowed on the plaque.

Added: Youth Character Award Nominee's may only be inducted one time.

Recommended Action: Motion to limit the number of times a nominee can be inducted to one time.

Re-define Focus Groups – At the August meeting, the CNTF members agreed to present year end focus group reports at the September meeting and to re-define the focus groups for the 2007 / 2008 year.

The following focus groups, program description and member participation are for review and action:

Focus Group Name / Description
(Motion to Keep or Dissolve)

Member Participants
(Call for 3-4 Volunteers Each)

<p>#1 – Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues</p> <p>Description: Identify and advise City officials regarding the needs of children as planning and policy decisions are made by City Government</p> <p>Motion: Keep or Dissolve</p>	<p>Participants:</p>
<p>#2 – Support Families and Promote Independence</p> <p>Description: Support families by facilitating a coordinated system of resources to address physical, mental, social and financial challenges, while promoting independence and self-sufficiency. Facilitate access to physical and mental health care for children and families.</p> <p>Motion: Keep or Dissolve</p>	<p>Participants:</p>

<p>#3 – Children Recognized and Valued</p> <p>Description: Identify and select youth, grades K-12 who have demonstrated outstanding character during the past year so that their value to the community can be recognized through the Youth Character Awards Program.</p> <p>Motion: Keep or Dissolve</p>	<p>Participants:</p>
<p>#4 - Safety for Children and Families</p> <p>Description: Promote safe schools, secure neighborhoods, and interactive community climate through collaboration strategies. Foster positive community activities and positive role models for neighborhood youth.</p> <p>Motion: Keep or Dissolve</p>	<p>Participants:</p>
<p>#5 – Student Representative Issues</p> <p>Description: Work with Student Representatives to address the student related issues they identify as needing attention.</p>	<p>Participants:</p> <p>Student Reps: Stephanie Morley Erica Salisbury Nicolette Schindler</p>
<p>#6 – New Focus Group</p> <p>Motion: Members to provide motion for new group and call for participants.</p>	<p>Participants:</p>

VI. New Business:

Holiday Social - Determine or confirm the date and place for the Holiday Social tentatively set for 12/27/07. Chair Collins has offered to host a pot luck at his home, which would be noticed per Brown Act requirements.

VII. Comments:

Chair -

Vice Chair -

Members -

IX. Adjournment

**Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
4:00 pm - City Hall Room B-8**

Please contact Mary Loadsman at 536-5434 (mloadsman@surfcity-hb.org) if you are unable to attend



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