



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Children's Needs Task Force**

Thursday, January 25, 2007  
4:00 PM  
Huntington Beach Civic Center  
Room B-8  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Vice Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Alison Baskin; Ian Collins; Robert Dettloff; Pat Guidotti; Robert Hart;; Carol Kanode; Phyllis Lembke; Diane Lenning; Cathy McGough

**Members Absent:** Adam Buttons (excused); Shirley Carey (excused); Susan Davidson (excused); Tanya Hoxsie (excused); Stephanie Morley (excused); Nicolette Schindler (excused)

**Staff:** Janeen Laudenback, Mary Loadsman

**II. Introductions and Opening Comments:**

**III. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 16, 2006

**MOTION:** Moved by Kanode, seconded by Collins, that the minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting be approved.

**AYES:** Baskin, Collins, Dettloff, Guidotti, Hart, Kanode, Lembke, Lenning, McGough

**ABSENT:** Buttons, Carey, Davidson, Hoxsie, Morley, Schindler

**Motion passed.**

**IV. Public Comments:** Collins mentioned the value of having the holiday function at the Junior Lifeguard Headquarters and elaborated on the positive aspects of the program. Lembke echoed his comments.

**V. Presentations:** No Presentations.

**VI. 2006 CNTF Focus Group Updates:**

***Focus Group I: Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issue*** – Meeting rescheduled to 1/30/07 – Room #TBD.

***Focus Group II: Support Families and Promote Independence*** – Nothing to report.

***Focus Group III: Children Recognized and Valued*** – Guidotti provided the update noting the group is in the process of setting goals for the new year and stated that updated correspondence and nomination forms have been finalized and will be going out soon. The sign company will be providing new letters for Bella Terra to attach to the temporary plaque. Guidotti requested a letter of thanks be sent to the Junior Guard staff for the December program.

**Focus Group IV: Prevention as a Priority/Secure Neighborhoods/Positive Alternative Activities/Adult Role Models** – Lenning has made arrangements to meet with the Police Chief on February 2, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the goals of Focus Group IV. Laudenback offered to help facilitate putting an agenda of discussion items together and share the meeting date and details with the CNTF. Some of the ideas Lenning may include are the spelling bee, teen center and traffic court. Kanode added that Focus Group IV was working with Oakview School to set up a mentoring program for third graders. She mentioned that the program would like city participation and is modeled after the County of Orange mentoring program. The goal is to provide positive role models for Oakview school third graders. Kanode will continue to work to develop this program, and believes that it could become a model for other schools. Hart noted the availability of the state sponsored program, "Safe from the Start", geared towards minimizing violence in the home. Lemke questioned the implementation of the program and Hart commented that he will provide more information at the next meeting. Lemke would like to join Focus Group IV.

**Focus Group V: Student Representative Issues** – Guidotti reported that Focus Group V students participated in the "Light a Light" holiday parade. She noted that the traffic situation at the junior high and high schools should be an item of discussion for the meeting with the Chief of Police. Collins commented the city is a provider of crossing guards and that city resources are available to assist with traffic control. Lenning noted that traffic control appears to vary day to day, depending on which school representative is directing traffic. Guidotti thought it would be a good idea for the student representative to be present at the Police Chief meeting and requested the meeting be held after school hours. Guidotti reported the group will not pursue health education issues at this time. She commented on the value of Toastmasters for students, and Collins concurred.

**VII. Staff Report:**

Laudenback reported that CNTF Chair Carey will deliver the presentation of Declaration to the City Council on February 5, 2007 and invited the group to attend. Laudenback discussed and distributed the Council Action regarding Maddy Act Appointments. Each year the list of terms expiring for all commissions, task force and boards is generated and filed per the Brown Act requirements. Laudenback noted Ethics Training will become an ongoing process with 2 additional classes becoming available in February, and noted that certificates would be generated and distributed at the next meeting for training completed in 2006. Laudenback noted that she will follow up at the next meeting about the "Wall of Fame" sponsorship program, and Collins mentioned that the task force could help publicize and solicit donations. Laudenback will provide a letter from the city to hand to potential donors.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

**By-Law Revisions:** Laudenback reported that the committee met in November and submitted a draft to the City Attorneys office. They will meet with the attorney on either February 2 or 3 to review.

**IX. New Business:**

Lenning suggested the group send a thank you to Marine Safety for the staff presentation and the holiday gathering. Laudenback confirmed for Kanode, the City Council representatives for the CNTF are Cathy Green and Mayor Gil Coerper.

X. **Items to agendaize for the next meeting:**

Discuss future presentations.

XI. **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

***The next Children's Needs Task Force meeting is scheduled for  
February 22, 2007 at 2000 Main Street in Room B8.***