

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE (CNTF)

Thursday, May 25, 2006
4:00 PM
Room B-8
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Vice Chair Carey called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Adam Buttons; Shirley Carey; Katherine Do; Pat Guidotti; Tanya Hoxsie;
Carol Kanode; Diane Lenning; Stephanie Morley; Lesley Stahl

Members Absent:

Jackie Cherewick (excused)
Ian Collins (excused)
Robert Hart (excused)
Phyllis Lembke (excused)
Cathy McGough (excused)

Council Members:

Coerper, not present; Green, not present

Staff Present:

Janeen Laudenback, Terry Webb

Guests:

None.

II. Presentation

None.

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 25, 2006

Motion: Moved by Kanode, seconded by Buttons, that the minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Public Comments:

None

V. CNTF Focus Group Updates

Focus Group I: Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issue- Carey reported on an earlier meeting with Lieutenant Mike Reynolds on the status of crime in the City of Huntington Beach. Carey reported that Reynolds touched on the issue of graffiti, day laborers, and youth curfew. Focus Group 1 focused their discussion on the issue of youth curfew. Carey reported that many parents and youth don't realize that there is a curfew in Huntington Beach, which is 10:00 p.m. Youth and parents can be cited for curfew violations. The curfew issue has become an issue at Bella Terra, with parents dropping off their kids as late as 10:00 p.m., without supervision. Carey mentioned that the 10:00 p.m. curfew is consistent with all park and beach curfews, and is enforced on private property, as well as city property. Kanode added that she thought the Children's Needs Task Force could assist high schools and junior high schools in getting the word out to parents and students about curfew.

Focus Group II: Support Families and Promote Independence – Tanya Hoxsie updated the Task Force on the Family Resource Center relocation to the Huntington Beach Delaware site. Hoxsie mentioned that the new site is a good location and is working well for the program. She also reported that on June 03, 2006, the preschool program will move to Haven View School on Edinger and Bolsa Chica. There is still no new home for the school-aged children's program, therefore these students will be relocated to the two other Boys and Girls Clubs sites. Head Start will also disperse to other locations, and she anticipates everything will be out of the Wardlow School site by June 30, 2006. Hoxsie requested volunteers for a workday scheduled at the Pioneer site on June 03, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. to help move the preschool program into their new location. Carey suggested that there should be a rededication of their Family Resource Center when it is appropriate. Hoxsie agreed and reported that several rededications have been planned for the fall.

Focus Group III: Children Recognized and Valued – Guidotti reported on the Youth Character Awards held at Pier Plaza on May 20, 2006. She described the event, which included participation from Girl Scout Troop #1298, who led the pledge, and an award-winning barbershop quartet that sang The National Anthem. She commended the youth who were honored for being wonderful examples of character in this community. Laudenback reported that the thirteen inductees and Girl Scout Troop # 1298 will be honored at the City Council Meeting on June 05, 2006. She also mentioned that Bella Terra is in the early stages of planning a dedication on September 10, 2006, which will include recognition of the Youth Character Award inductees. Guidotti and Carey will work together to coordinate participation in the 4th of July parade at a later date.

Focus Group IV: Prevention as a Priority/Secure Neighborhoods/Positive Alternative Activities/Adult Role Models – Carey reported that the SAVE Task Force will be working on Grant Applications to obtain money for training, mental health issues, etc. The kickoff for Red Ribbon Week is scheduled for October 21, 2006, at Dwyer Middle School, on the track. The kickoff should be between 2 and 3 hours, from approximately 10:00 am-1:00 p.m. Carey requested that the group contact her with any suggestions they have for

keynote speakers, etc. Lenning reported on the NEA Safe Schools Program, which is a prevention and intervention program dealing with bullying and sexual harassment. The definition of bullying and sexual harassment was discussed and clearly defined, and techniques and strategies used to solve bullying and sexual harassment issues were covered. Long-term solutions that have been successfully implemented include school and parental involvement.

Focus Group V: Student Representative Issues –No report.

VI. Staff Report

Laudenback thanked Guidotti and Collins for their efforts with the Youth Character Awards, and reiterated that the event was quite moving. She also reported that Jackie Cherewick has resigned from the Children's Needs Task Force due to increased workload with the Community Clinic.

VII. Old Business

Carey distributed the Declaration of Policy about Youth and Young Adults for the committee's review. This declaration will be discussed in August when the CNTF reconvenes. Kanode reported on the Cal-Safe Program for teen parents, which includes both mothers and fathers. This program will be available for the high school district and will have wraparound services such as daycare, mentoring, and tutoring. This program will be available at Valley Vista High School. Guidotti reported that the rededication of the Youth Shelter would be on June 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., and will include a continental breakfast.

VIII. New Business

The Nominating Committee was formed to include Robert Hart, Shirley Carey, and Diane Lenning. A reminder was made that there is no meeting in July.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next Children's Needs Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2006 at 2000 Main Street in Room B8.