

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

Thursday, April 22, 2010 4:00 PM
Huntington Beach Civic Center
2000 Main Street, Room B-8
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Coward called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Craig Bartlett; Ian Collins; Broc Coward, Robert Dettloff, Jacob Evan; Jim Hayden, Marlene McIlroy, Jeannette Price, Stephanie Smallshaw

Members Absent: Amy Le

Staff: Janeen Laudenback, Mary Loadsman

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 25, 2010 meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Hayden, approve the minutes of February 25, 2010 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Presentations: Laudenback reported that the Library's Adult Literacy representative is unable to attend the meeting due to a schedule conflict and looks forward to speaking at a future meeting.

V. Focus Groups:

Focus Group 1 - *Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues:* No update.

Focus Group 2 – *Children Recognized and Valued:* Dettloff reported the focus group met to review the 68 nomination applications and agreed to put forward 20 nominations to be recognized as the 2010 Youth Character Award Honorees.

Motion:

Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Evan to recommend Youth Character Award Honorees for 2010 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Focus Group 3 – *Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Prevention/Families with Special Needs:* Hayden reported the group met with Chief Small and Captain Chuck Thomas, Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD), to learn what transpires with the family when the police are called out on a domestic violence call. He reported that one of the actions included having Child Protective Services involved and that they also learned the city went above and beyond in providing aid to the families and children involved in these types of incidents. He commended the HBPD commenting that we are ahead of the curve in handling calls of this nature. He explained the process in detail noting the Victims Advocate providing assistance is funded through a grant program.

Coward commended the focus group for doing a great job in reaching the groups goals, noting they were focused and had great follow through to complete their goals.

Evan added the HBPD had everything covered, noting there was nothing to improve on. He reported that some of the involvement included the HB Youth Shelter, noting that for some of the youth at the shelter, it was the “end of the line” before being sent to juvenile hall. He said the program was effective.

Hayden reported that a site tour of the HB Youth Shelter is scheduled for May 27th and encouraged any members interested in participating are welcomed to join the focus group tour.

Coward noted that some of the needs identified for the HB Youth Shelter and other local shelters include donation of items such as cell phones and personal care products. He commented that an area the CNTF could focus on would be to spearhead some kind of donation drive going forward. He suggested that a donation box or envelope at the YCA Recognition Ceremony to aid either the YCA Program or donations for the HB Youth Shelter may be an option to consider for next year. He added that there is a need to find a way to get a program in place that supports smaller donations.

Laudenback responded that perhaps a Funding Campaign & Strategies focus group could be formed. She added that she did not envision the group would be knocking on doors, but that it would find ways to support the chairs vision of finding opportunities for CNTF exposure as well as funding CNTF activities.

Motion:

Moved by Coward, seconded by Collins, to create Focus Group 5 - Funding & Strategies.

Motion passed unanimously.

Coward asked for a call of hands for those interested in participating in Focus Group 5. Member supporting participation in Focus Group 5 include: Collins, Coward, Hayden, and Laudenback, Loadsman as staff participants. The group agreed to meet May 6, 5 p.m. in the Community Services Conference Room.

VI. New Business

Loadsman confirmed the timeline for the Youth Character Award Recognition Ceremony and will forward the Master of Ceremony Script to Dettloff. Laudenback asked for a show of support from the group and to learn who would be attending the ceremony to assist with the activities. Dettloff, Hayden, Price, Bartlett, Evan and Smallshaw confirmed attendance.

Laudenback reported that she is working on getting the fire truck for the 4th of July free, that she has approached the HB employee associations for sponsorship donations. She reiterated that the task force needs to generate fundraising options for the future in order for the YCA program to continue.

VII. Information Items – none.

VIII. Task Force Member Comments

Price invited the members to the Imagination Celebration Art Contest hosted at the HB Art Center featuring works from Huntington Beach students.

Collins advised the legislators in Sacramento are still applying deep cuts to education and that education institutions cannot keep doing more with less. He noted some of the recent discussion items regarding education included doing away with tenure, and to run education more like a business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.