

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

Thursday, April 23, 2011 4:00 PM
Huntington Beach Civic Center
2000 Main Street – Room B-7/Lower Level City Hall
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Coward called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Craig Bartlett; Broc Coward; Ian Collins; Robert Dettloff; Phyllis Lembke; Marlene McIlroy; Monica Smallshaw

Members Absent: Jim Hayden (excused); Eric Newfield (absent); Tianne Nguyen (absent)

Staff: Janeen Laudenback; Mary Loadsman

II. Public Comments: None.

III. Presentations: None.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 24, 2011 meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Lembke, to approve the minutes of February 24, 2011 as presented.

Ayes: Collins, Dettloff, Lembke, McIlroy, Smallshaw

Abstain: Bartlett, Coward

Absent: Hayden, Newfield, Nguyen

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Focus Groups:

Focus Group #1 – Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues: Coward presented the draft of the State of Youth and Families in Huntington Beach Report. He noted that originally as many as 20 indicators identified in the Report on Conditions of Children in Orange County were considered for the report, however, the group was unable to break down all of the indicators specifically to Huntington Beach. As a result, Coward identified as many relevant indicators of interest as possible and found that the School District data ended up being the most reliable source due to the districts reporting requirements. Once finalized, Coward is hoping to post the resource on-line on the CNTF web page as well as present the report to City Council.

Focus Group #2 – Children Recognized and Valued: Dettloff reported that a Special Meeting was called for the Focus Group to agree on a recommendation for the 2011 Youth Character Award Honoree's and is recommending sixteen (16) students for task force approval. He explained the focus group may look at the evaluation criteria for next year's program.

Motion:

Moved by Lembke, seconded by McIlroy to approve the Focus Group #2 recommendation of sixteen (16) students as the 2011 Youth Character Award Honorees.

Motion passed unanimously.

Focus Group #3 – Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Prevention/Families with Special Needs: Collins and Hayden reported on having met with Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK) saying how impressed they are with the work being performed. TASK is a non-profit resource for parents of special needs children to learn about basic rights and protections under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, an overview of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, IEP Rights and Strategies Workshops, general counseling and support. They have invited the TASK representative to speak to the task force at a future meeting.

V. New Business – Laudenback asked for confirmation of the members that would be attending the May 14 Recognition Ceremony, noting that Collins and Dettloff agreed to MC the ceremony with Lembke and McIlroy volunteering to help. Hayden said he would like to attend however plans were in place for another commitment. Laudenback said she was working on having the Mayor attend and that she would contact the entire group prior to the ceremony to see who else would be able to volunteer to help. Laudenback asked who would be able to attend the City Council presentation on June 6th, noting she would be out of town on another commitment. Chair Coward agreed to speak at City Council with several other members volunteering for the event. Laudenback reported that the Youth Character Bronze Plaques for 2000 through 2010 are installed at Bella Terra and fundraising activities for the 2011 plaque are needed, along with additional donations to help cover the cost of medals and future expenses. She confirmed that the fire truck was available for the YCA Honoree's and would update the group at the next meeting to see how many spaces would be available for the task force members/chaperones.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next meeting: **June 23 at 4PM - Room B-7/Lower Level City Hall**

Submitted by: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary