

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

Thursday, February 25, 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, Amy Le, Marlene McIlroy, Jeannette Price, Stephanie Smallshaw

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff:** Janeen Laudenback; Mary Loadsman

**II. Public Comments:**

**III. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of December 17, 2009 meeting

**MOTION: Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Collins, approve the minutes of December 17, 2009 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Bartlett, Collins, Coward, Dettloff, Evan, Hayden, Le, McIlRoy; Price, Smallshaw

Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Presentations:** Laudenback asked the group if they were interested in having a presentation given by the Library's Adult Literacy representatives. The consensus was affirmative. Coward asked that any members wanting to have individuals speak and give a presentation should provide the information to the recording secretary. Collins expressed how nice the December meeting location at the Junior Lifeguard facility had been and asked staff to send his thanks to the Marine Safety staff.

**V. Focus Groups :**

**Focus Group 1 - Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues:** Coward welcomed McIlroy to the focus group noting she has a background in research and an asset to the group. He thanked Dettloff for providing a contact to potentially help with designing and preparing the report. He presented a mock-up of the report and asked for any feedback from the group in making it better.

**Focus Group 2 – Children Recognized and Valued:** Dettloff reminded the focus group members that a meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> – 4PM in the

Community Services Conference Room. He asked if the nominations could be PDF'd and sent in advance along with a rating sheet. Loadsman confirmed that the information would be emailed and that printed copies and prior honoree list would be available for the meeting. Laudenback reported that Councilmember Bohr agreed to ride in the fire truck for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and that the cost would be shared. She also reported that funds were still needed and that she would send letters to the employee organizations requesting plaque sponsorship. Dettloff and Chair Coward confirmed that they would be present for the Recognition Ceremony at Bella Terra, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to host the festivities.

**Focus Group 3 – Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Prevention/Families with Special Needs:** Hayden asked what the procedure is to meet with the Police Department to learn how the PD handles calls in the case of domestic violence. Laudenback agreed to assist in arranging a meeting with the Police Department and Focus Group 3 members. Laudenback also noted that the speaker originally planned for this meeting was unable to attend and that she would send an email to see if the speaker Amy Crapeau, is able to attend the meeting scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Proposed – Focus Group 4 – Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive.** Laudenback praised Le for her support in helping with the tasks needed for the Holiday Book Drive. Le said it was hard picking out the book selection for the various requests, but also very rewarding. Laudenback said the entire effort went smoothly noting that over 1,000 books were distributed throughout the community. She added that Barnes & Nobel has provided additional books for distribution and that she felt positive that this may be an annual opportunity for the task force.

**VI. Task Force Comments -** Collins reported his attendance in Sacramento to lobby for public education. He noted that additional meetings with the legislature are scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and that he would report anything of significance. He added that Paul Morrow had been injured recently and that the decathlon group he mentors from Westminster had won the Division 1 title. He said the state finals were set for March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Evan asked if there were any opportunities for the CNTF students to help with Youth In Government Day (YIG). Laudenback reported that she would be in touch with the Staff Liaison for YIG and let them know that the student members are interested offering their assistance.

Price reported that Fountain Valley School District was hosting a Reflections in Art from students across the school districts of Ocean View High School District, Huntington Beach Union High School District and Huntington Beach City School District. She added that the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Huntington Beach Union High School

District will have students present their artwork in April at the downtown Art Center and encouraged members to take the time to view the students work.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.