

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

Thursday, February 28, 2013 4:00 PM  
Huntington Beach Civic Center  
4:00 p.m. - Lower Level Room B-7  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

**Members Present:** Ryan Chin; Ian Collins; Robert Dettloff, Jim Hayden, Aurora Johnson; Tiffany Johnson; Sarah Kruszona; Marlene McIlroy; Kristin Snapper

**Members Absent:** Broc Coward (excused); Keith Krallman (unexcused); Phyllis Lembke (excused); Vy Ly (excused)

**Staff:** Janeen Laudenback; Mary Loadsman

**Public Comments:** None.

**Presentations:** Rebekah Dell, MPH Health Education with Community Services Programs, Inc. passed out a survey for CNTF members to complete. CNTF members thanked Ms. Dell for her contribution to help bring public awareness of prescription drug abuse by youth in the community, noting the success of the recent program held at Marina High School and scheduled for other schools in Huntington Beach.

**Approval of Minutes - Motion:** Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Snapper to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2012 meeting.

**Ayes:** Chin, Collins, Dettloff, Hayden, A. Johnson; T. Johnson, McIlroy, Snapper

**Abstain:** Kruszona

Motion passed unanimously.

**Focus Group Updates:**

**Focus Group #1** – Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues: Laudenback reported on behalf of Coward that the group is still updating some tables and graphs.

**Focus Group #2** – Children Recognized & Valued: Laudenback reported the Bannister's have offered the use of their antique fire truck for the Youth Character Award Honoree's to ride in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. She asked if Ryan Chin's Troop would be interested in participating at the Recognition Ceremony and asked if anyone had any contacts at "APA" to have someone sing at the ceremony. Snapper responded that she may know someone and would let the group know. Based on the request from the previous year, it is agreed that several Masters of Ceremony (MC's) are needed for the Recognition Ceremony. Several CNTF members volunteered their services as MC. The number of MC's will be discussed at the next Focus Group meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Dettloff reiterated the importance of having the student representatives participate in the application review process and how much the members appreciated their participation.

Focus Group #3 – Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Prevention/Families with Special Needs/Huntington Beach Youth Shelter: Hayden announced that his employer Cox Communications of Rancho Santa Margarita contributed \$1,500 to the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter via the Cox Cares Foundation, a fund of One OC, that is funded by employee payroll donations that are matched by Cox Communications. He said that Cox normally contributed to causes in the South County area, since that is their base, but, that since the HB Youth Shelter is the only one in Orange County serving youth, that they made a decision to help support the shelter. He said the focus group would continue to try and bring awareness of the HB Youth Shelter to the community.

Focus Group #4 – Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive: Collins reported the Barnes & Noble recognition at City Council on January 22<sup>nd</sup> was a great success with a notebook of thank you letters from students and schools delivered along with the Certificate of Appreciation. The Barnes & Noble representative gave a heartfelt thanks to the Children's Needs Task Force for their assistance with the Holiday Book Drive Program.

Focus Group #5 – Special Events/Marketing – No report.

Focus Group #6 – Student Lead Focus Group: Johnson expressed an interest in the book supported by the Human Relations Task Force and HB Reads, "13 Reasons Why" by Jay Asher. She asked the other students if bullying and teen suicide is a topic they would wish to explore. Laudenback explained that the Youth Board is working with Councilmember Joe Carchio on the "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" anti-bullying program and that Perhaps Focus Group 6 would be interested in partnering with the Youth Board on their efforts in this topic. Laudenback will pass their contact information on to the staff liaison to the Youth Board. Collins added that a rally was held at Talbert Middle School with over 300 in attendance.

New Business – Laudenback reported that funds for plaques are needed for 2011, 2012 and 2013. T. Johnson, Hayden and Kruszona offered to assist with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. A. Johnson, T. Johnson and Collins offered to MC the Recognition Ceremony. Chin will ask if his Troop is interested in performing the Flag Ceremony and Snapper will make contact on a volunteer for the National Anthem.

Information Items – Laudenback reported on the Safe Routes to School Program, noting that improvements for access at Gold View Elementary School are complete.

Task Force Member Comments – The Task Force Members thanked the Student Representatives for their participation in the Barnes & Noble Book Drive and Youth Character Awards.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting: **April 25th, 2013 at 4 p.m.**  
**Room B-7 – Lower Level City Hall**

Submitted by: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary