

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

Thursday, June 24, 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 4:10 PM.

**I. Roll Call**

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

**Members Absent:** Amy Le

Laudenback informed the members that Jeannette Price resigned due to other commitments and would not be attending the meeting.

**Staff:** Janeen Laudenback, Mary Loadsman

**II. Public Comments:** None.

**III. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of April 22, 2010 meeting.

**MOTION:**

**Moved by Collins, seconded by Dettloff, approve the minutes of April 22, 2010 as presented.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. Focus Groups:**

**Focus Group 1 - Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues:** Coward reported the State of the Children in Huntington Beach report is more than one-half complete and commented that the hardest part was recognizing how to apply the credits, asking staff if it is recommended to place footnotes for the authors. Laudenback responded that it would be appropriate.

**Focus Group 2 – Children Recognized and Valued:** Laudenback reported the fire truck used by the CNTF members and Council Member Keith Bohr was donated by the Bannister Group and may be available again next year. Dettloff thanked Collins for assistance with the Recognition Ceremony at Bella Terra saying the event concluded within the one-hour time frame as planned. Hayden added the amphitheatre area was filled and that the entire event was well attended. Coward reported the City Council recognition presentation for the Youth Character Honoree's went extremely well and thanked Hayden for his support. He added that he did not miss the opportunity to ask the public to help

with financial donations to keep the program going. Dettloff thanked the members and staff for their support of the Youth Character Award Program and emphasized that the focus group benefits tremendously by having the student representatives on board to help review the applicants and narrow the selection for honorees. He said that what is greatly appreciated is that many of the student representatives know some of the applicants personally and are able to provide confirmation on character that may not have been expressed by the nominator, that a person's character doesn't always come across in writing.

**Focus Group 3 – *Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Prevention/Families with Special Needs*:** Hayden reported the group toured the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter located near the Huntington Central Park Library. Elsa gave them a brief history of how the Youth Shelter came into being saying the building was originally part of the nearby oil operations and was donated to the city. He said that through the years volunteers help to renovate the structure and that the facility houses 12 youths at a time. He explained that the program was a structured environment and that upon graduation the youth placed a stone with their name and date on it. He explained some parts of the program, emphasizing that the goal of the program is to unite the youth back with their families.

**Focus Group 5 – *Funding & Strategies*:** Laudenback commended Collins on obtaining donations from The Elks Lodge, Jack Clapp of Dwight's Beach Concession and Precise Data. Collins added that a cash donation of \$20 was received at the Recognition Ceremony and Laudenback reported that the Huntington Beach Fire Management Association and Richtol family also provided donations. Collins explained that the group would seek sponsorship from service groups and Coward added that the greatest success rate is from asking people you know, however, he plans to go to the local businesses in his area to see if additional support can be obtained.

Laudenback reminded everyone that the ad-hoc focus groups disband at the end of each year and formed at the beginning of each year.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Collins, seconded by Hayden to disband the focus groups for the 2009/2010 year.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**V. New Business**

Laudenback reminded everyone that elections are held at the first meeting of the year in August. She reported that a couple of nominations have already been received and that the floor would open for additional nominations at the August meeting.

**VI. Information Items** – Laudenback reported that there may be enough funds available by the end of summer to order all of plaques and will keep everyone informed on the status. She also reported that there are several at-large vacancies in addition to the student representatives that term out at the end of June. She reported that applications are on-line at the city website, to look under “Government”, Boards & Commissions, for the form. She urged members to let people know who may be interested in the CNTF, to complete an on-line application. Laudenback also reported the plan is to have the student representative Council Liaison interviews sometime in August and urged students to advise their peers that would be interested, to complete the on-line application. Bartlett said he would like to continue to serve on the CNTF for the upcoming year, saying how much he enjoyed being part of the CNTF.

**VII. Presentations:** Coward expressed a “world of thanks” to the student representatives, saying he understands how busy their schedules are and appreciates that they would take their personal time to serve the community. He said that their participation on the CNTF is invaluable and that their comments help the members to understand what is important to the youth in the community. He presented each of the students with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service on the CNTF.

**VIII. Task Force Member Comments**

Dettloff thanked the student representatives for their enthusiasm and support, wishing them a great future.

Collins thanked the student representatives for their participation saying that their service at such a young age is helping to make a better society.

Hayden congratulated the student representatives saying he appreciates that they help the group to “open their eyes” on what is really happening when different topics are discussed. He said the “rules have changed” from when he was young and that their input is invaluable.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.