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CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 27, 2015 4:00 PM
Huntington Beach Civic Center
Lower Level Room B-7
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM at which time a quorum was met.

Members Present: Linda Cornejo, Dawit Habteab, Tiffany Johnson, Phyllis Lembke

Members Absent: Erika Augenstein, Jim Hayden, Daryn Nguyen

Council Liaisons Present: Barbara Delgleize

Staff Present: Chris Slama, Charlene Gomez

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenn Kinkel, Director of Child Development, works for the Huntington Beach City School District. She is here as a member of the public, however, would like to help the CNTF in any capacity possible. She has tried to apply for membership in the past, unfortunately, does not meet the residential requirements for City Boards and Commissions.

C. PRESENTATIONS & INTRODUCTIONS

Johnson introduced Dawit Habteab as the newest student member of the Task Force. Habteab gave an overview of his accomplishments as a youth and said he joined the CNTF because he would like to give back to the community.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Lembke, seconded by Johnson to approve the August 27, 2015 meeting minutes with corrections. There is a typo in the minutes under the "H" item. The word "Tax" should be "Task". Gomez will make the correction.

Ayes: Cornejo, Johnson, Lembke; **Nos:** None; **Abstain:** Habteab; Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was approved.

E. FOCUS GROUP UPDATES

Students to select or present a focus group of their interest for consideration:

- Because only one student member was in attendance and new to the Task Force, this item will be tabled.

#1: CHILDREN RECOGNIZED & VALUED: Lembke (Lead), Cornejo, Hayden, Johnson, Lembke reported that she is working on a list of suggestions for the Youth Character Awards application. She would like to meet with Slama and Gomez to discuss the Youth Character Awards, and she would like to update the cover letter to make it more personalized. She gave an overview of how the focus group came to be for the benefit

of the new member and public guest in attendance. The Youth Character Awards are given to exceptional youths that stand out in the community. Some of the ways the winners are honored include a plaque at Bella Terra, a presentation before City Council, and by riding on a float in the 4th of July Parade.

#2: CHILD WELFARE: Hayden (Lead), Cornejo, Lembke

In Hayden's absence, Johnson said she believes he wants the group to focus on youth homelessness and mental health in the upcoming year.

#3: BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE: Johnson (Lead), Cornejo, Hayden
Johnson gave some background on Barnes & Noble's national book drive. She explained that they work with organizations like the CNTF to distribute books collected at the holidays to youth within their local communities. She suggested that a copy of the application be included with the books when delivered this year as a reminder of why the organizations are receiving the books. There are two meetings scheduled for sorting books -- December 3 and 17. Flyers were distributed to the members. Johnson will announce the Book Drive at the November 16, 2015 City Council Meeting. Gomez will put in a public speaking request for Johnson. Gomez announced that one application has been received so far from an e-blast that went out. Due to a significant volume of bounce-backs, she is working on a mailing list and will send out hard copies next week. Additional marketing efforts will include making flyers and posters available to the public at City Hall and the City's community centers, and posting a slide on HBTv. Gomez will also send the application to Jenn Kinkel at the HB City School District.

#4: SPECIAL EVENTS / MARKETING: Cornejo (Lead), Johnson

Cornejo reported on her efforts to spread the word about the CNTF. She attended a Kiwanis luncheon. She will schedule a time to present to the group at a later date. She said that one question asked at the luncheon was about where the funds come from to support the Youth Character Awards. Slama will provide Cornejo with background information for presentations. A general discussion took place about different organizations that the focus group can present to on behalf of the CNTF.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Johnson reported that Marlene McIlroy has resigned from the Task Force. Being that McIlroy held the Secretary position on the CNTF, an election will be agendaized for the December 17 meeting before the book sort begins. Gomez will email nomination forms.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. In addition to McIlroy's resignation letter, Johnson read correspondence from members who have termed out or will not be serving a second term: Broc Coward, Ian Collins, and Keith Krallman. All convey sentiments of appreciation to the other Task Force and wish the CNTF well in the future. Collins said he would like to help out if needed.
- b. Johnson reported that there is a new applicant, Dona Cardona, who has been recommended by the Council Liaisons in process. Staff is preparing the RCA to go to Council in November. There remain 3 adult and 1 student seats available on the Task Force.
- c. Gomez distributed 2015 parking passes to those in attendance that have not already received their pass for the year.
- d. Gomez will distribute rosters at the December 17 meeting.

H. TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS:

A discuss took place regarding various schools and their needs. Lembke would like to have organizations come and present to the CNTF or the Task Force can go on field trips to the schools/organizations. Slama explained the Oak View Collaborative and suggested that the Task Force may want to invite them for presentation. A discussion was had with Ms. Kinkel, who oversees all development programs in the HB City School District regarding early childhood development and the needs in our local schools. She discussed the EDI report (Early Development Index) that she is a part of and would like to present to the Task Force. It was determined that Ms. Kindle will return to the April meeting for a presentation.

I. ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED

December 3, 2015 Meeting (Special Meeting)

- a. Barnes & Noble Book Drive – Book Sort

December 17, 2015 Meeting (Note: Date Change)

- a. Election of Secretary
- b. Barnes & Noble Book Drive – Book Sort

February 25, 2016 Meeting (Regular Business Meeting)

- a. Discussion on Bylaws and CNTF Member Criteria

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Next Special Meeting: **Thursday, December 3, 2015**
 4:00 PM
 Barnes & Noble – Bella Terra
 7881 Edinger Ave., #110
 Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Submitted by: Charlene Gomez, Recording Secretary