

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

Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:00 PM
Huntington Beach Civic Center
2000 Main Street – Room B-7
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Ian Collins; Ryan Chin; Broc Coward; Robert Dettloff, Jim Hayden, Tiffany Johnson; Keith Krallman; Sarah Kruszona; Phyllis Lembke; Marlene McIlroy; Eric Newfield; Tianne Nguyen; Brooke Simon

Members Absent: None.

Staff: Janeen Laudenback; Mary Loadsman

II. Public Comments: None.

III. Presentations: Chair Coward welcomed the new Task Force Members.

Jim Hayden introduced Paula West-Hernandez and staff, representing Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK). Ms. West-Hernandez gave an overview of the program noting TASK serves parents and children with special needs from Los Angeles to San Diego. TASK is a non-profit advocacy group providing support to families of children with disabilities, funded by federal and state grants.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 25, 2011 regular meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by Lembke, seconded by Dettloff, to approve the minutes of August 25, 2011 as presented.

Ayes: Coward; Dettloff; Hayden; Lembke; McIlroy

Abstain: Collins

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Proposed Focus Groups: Chair Coward advised that discussion on potential focus groups would ensure and that the new member's input and ideas are welcome. He explained that at the previous meeting the CNTF met and discussed focus group ideas, and that at the end of the discussion, all members would be voting on the focus groups for 2011/12.

Focus Group #1 – Advisory/Policy/Local Government Issues: Coward provided an overview on the focus group report, State of Youth and Families in Huntington Beach. He explained that the indicators used are based upon the county's State of Children in OC report and that some of the goals of the focus group is to work with the Council Liaison's to bring the report to City Council and to have the report posted on-line as a community resource.

Focus Group #2 – Children Recognized & Valued: Dettloff provided background on the Youth Character Awards and reviewed the timeline and major dates for member participation in the 2012 Youth Character Award Program. Dettloff added that participation by the student representatives is invaluable, that in many cases, the student reps have knowledge of the nominees and are able to help identify those individuals most worthy of honoree award.

Focus Group #3 – Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Prevention/Families with Special Needs: Hayden provided background on the accomplishments for 2010/11 and noted the group is open for new assignments for 2012.

Focus Group #4 – Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive: Laudenback explained that Barnes & Noble approached the CNTF a couple of years ago, to help with distribution of books to the community from the Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive. Collins commented that it is a wonderful program that benefits schools, youth groups and the youth shelter in Huntington Beach. He added his appreciation to the student representatives participating in the focus group as they are often more familiar with books and can help identify appropriate distribution.

Focus Group #5– Task Force Marketing: Coward noted the goal of introducing this new focus group is to help identify ways in which the CNTF can start marketing the task force with City Council and the community. He shared the idea of partnering with AES on Movie Night or to somehow find ways to get the CNTF better recognition, to make people aware of its purpose and contributions to the community.

Motion:

Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Hayden to form Focus Group 1 through 5 for CNTF Year 2011/2012.

All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Information Items - Laudenback discussed the upcoming presentation schedule:

12/15/11 – Project Self Sufficiency (PSS) Speaker: Brigette Beisner
02/23/12 – CSP, Inc. – Community Services Program/Gang Prevention – Elsa Greenfield

New Business – None.

VII. Task Force Member Comments –

Collins advised the Assistance League was meeting at on the northeast side of Slater/Beach from 5-7 p.m.

Nguyen suggested Tiffany Johnson contact the schools ROP Program Director to learn what schools are doing to help transition youth from school to the work environment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next meeting: **December 15, 2011 – Barnes & Noble Bella Terra**

Submitted by: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary