



MINUTES

IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2014

Irvine Civic Center
Conference and Training Center
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (Committee) was called to order on February 26, 2014 at 5:32 p.m. at Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, 92606, in the Conference and Training Center by Co-Chair Diane Wertheimer-Gale.

ROLL CALL

Present – 14

Co-Chair :	Shiva Farivar	Community Services Representative
Co-Chair:	Diane Wertheimer-Gale	Appointed by: Councilmember Krom
Secretary:	Carolyn Inmon	Irvine Child Care Committee Representative
Committee Member:	Anila Ali	Appointed by: Councilmember Agran
Committee Member:	Justin Aminian	High School Youth Action Team Rep, Tustin
Committee Member:	Sandy Avzaradel*	Irvine Unified Representative
Committee Member:	Theresa Collins	Appointed by: Councilmember Shea
Committee Member:	Nancy Colocino	Irvine Prevention Coalition Rep
Committee Member:	Romit Gupta	High School Youth Action Team Rep
Committee Member:	Christina Hernandez**	Member-At-Large
Committee Member:	Joanne Hong	High School Youth Action Team Rep
Committee Member:	Linda Lyons-Justus	Appointed by: Mayor Choi

Committee Member: Drew Motta Member-At-Large
Committee Member: Kevin Trussell Community Services Representative

*Committee Member Avzaradel arrived at 5:45 p.m.

** Committee Member Hernandez left at 6:35 p.m.

Absent –1

Committee Member: Alison Moriarty Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Committee Member Motta presented local hospital data pertaining to mental health admissions. He provided examples of cases being seen at the hospital, including admissions of teens and college students, and discussed the strain on the County’s mental health care system to serve patients in a timely manner.

Manager Schneider-Jones informed the group of the City’s efforts to determine child care need, as requested by the Planning Commission and Community Services Commission. The Irvine Child Care Committee has been involved in the process of developing a methodology for determining future needs created by new developments. Manager Schneider-Jones will update the group on progress of this project as it moves forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Schneider-Jones announced two upcoming community forums hosted by the Irvine Child Care Committee:

- *How to Get Your Child Cooperating without Threats, Bribes and Consequences*, to be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 6-9 p.m. at City Hall, geared toward parents. A morning session for child care providers will also be held. The forums will be presented by Dr. Laura Markham, author of *Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids*. All participants will receive a copy of the book. The event costs \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.
- *Play Counts! Workshop for Parents and Caregivers*, to be held on May 17, 2014 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Rancho Senior Center. The event will be presented by Denita Dinger, co-author of *Let them Play: An Early Childhood Uncurriculum*.

The event is geared toward individuals who work with young children, but is open to parents. The cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Senior Management Analyst Laurie Gruschka provided an update on the City's Affordable Care Act forum held on January 29, 2014, with 38 attendees.

Superintendent Darin Loughrey provided an update on Middle School and High School Forums. A subcommittee of the Committee met on December 18, 2013 to discuss forum topic areas. Meeting attendees were: Committee Members Colocino and Gupta; Susan Holt from Irvine Unified School District; Bill Russell from Irvine Police; Manager Schneider-Jones; Superintendent Loughrey; High School Youth Action Team Program Coordinator Steve Knollmiller; Senior Management Analyst Gruschka. Ideas for forums included exploring career paths, stress management, and finding your passion. Based on the meeting, 13 school-based forums are scheduled for this school year. A citywide teen forum is also being planned on the topic of junior college as an educational path.

Senior Management Analyst Laurie Gruschka announced the City's annual food drive is taking place through March 31, 2014. She also announced that hard copies of the Strategic Plan for Children, Youth and Families Highlights report for 2011-12 are available to the Committee.

Member Colocino announced the next Irvine Prevention Coalition (IPC) meeting will be held on March 20, 2014. Mike Bergstrom of Irvine Police will present on Teens and Distracted Driving and the Smart Start program.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

DISCUSSION

Manager Schneider-Jones presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Strategic Plan for Children, Youth and Families Budget.

Manager Schneider-Jones also discussed the recent decrease in volunteer hours provided by adults in the community to support Community Service programs, especially Senior Services programs. The Committee asked that staff provide informational handouts about volunteer opportunities so they may share with their community contacts and networks to help with volunteer recruitment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Co-Chair Farivar, seconded by Committee Member Lyons-Justus, to approve the minutes of the regular Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held November 13, 2013.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: **12** Ali, Aminian, Avzaradel, Collins, Colocino, Farivar, Gupta, Hong, Inmon, Lyons-Justus, Motta, Wertheimer-Gale

Noes: **0**

Abstentions: **1** Trussell

Absent: **2** Hernandez, Moriarty

ADJOURNMENT at 6:49 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.



Carolyn Inmon
Committee Secretary



Laurie Gruschka
Recording Secretary

5/28/14

Date