



# MINUTES

## IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

May 28, 2014

Irvine Civic Center  
Conference and Training Center  
One Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was called to order on May 28, 2014, 5:37 p.m. at Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, in the Conference and Training Center by Chair Wertheimer-Gale.

### ROLL CALL

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| Co-Chair:         | Vacant                | Community Services Representative |
| Co-Chair:         | Diane Wertheimer-Gale | Appointed by: Councilmember Krom  |
| Secretary:        | Carolyn Inmon         | Irvine Child Care Committee Rep   |
| Committee Member: | Anila Ali             | Appointed by: Councilmember Agran |
| 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: | Joanne Hong           | High School youth Action Team Rep |
| Committee Member: | Linda Lyons-Justus    | Appointed by: Mayor Choi          |
| Member-At-Large:  | Christina Hernandez   | Member-At-Large                   |
| Member-At-Large:  | Drew Motta            | Member-At-Large                   |

*\*arrived at 5:40 p.m.*

## **ABSENT**

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Committee Member: | Justin Aminian  | High School Youth Action Team Rep    |
| Committee Member: | Alison Moriarty | Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway |
| Committee Member: | Kevin Trussell  | Community Services Representative    |

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Community Services Manager Schneider-Jones introduced Debbie Brunn, FOR Families Specialist and Athena Martinez, Administrative Secretary.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- FOR Families Program

FOR Families Specialist Debbie Brunn provided a presentation with handouts. Discussion included: Program awareness by local intake facilities and Irvine residents attending Tustin Unified Schools; access of program and handling of underage students; handling calls from non-city residents.

- Irvine Prevention Coalition (IPC)

IPC Executive Director Nancy Colocino provided a presentation with handouts. Discussion included: management and oversight of the IPC; ways to grow the IPC; securing additional funding resources; relationship with Irvine Community Drug Prevention.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Recognition of Youth Action Team Members and Shiva Farivar

Manager Schneider-Jones announced this would be the final meeting for Youth Action Team Members Justin Aminian, Romit Gupta and Joanne Hong as graduating seniors. It was also announced that former Co-Chair Farivar has resigned from the Community Services Commission, therefore her appointment to the Committee was vacant. Thank you to Justin, Romit, Joanne and Shiva for your service and contributions to the Committee and the Irvine residents.

- Child Care Forum Outcomes

Manager Schneider-Jones announced the two Child Care forums held on April 24 were well attended and received. A morning session was held for Child Care providers, and an evening session was held for parents. The speaker for both sessions was Dr. Laura Markham.

- Annual Food Drive Outcomes

Manager Schneider-Jones reported the annual food drive, held from February 14 through March 31, raised 3,048 pounds of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank, 423 pounds of which came from Irvine Civic Center and Public Safety collection sites and 273 pounds collected from Lakeview Senior Center. This was the first year the food drive was not done in December, as in years past.

- Volunteer Opportunities with Senior Services

Manager Schneider-Jones provided a list of volunteer opportunities as requested by the Committee during the February meeting. The list is also available online and is updated regularly.

- Recent Grant Submissions

Manager Schneider-Jones reported a Verizon Hopeline grant application was submitted, requesting \$18,650 for domestic violence prevention and assistance. If awarded, funds will be used to provide healthy relationships and personal safety workshops by Get Safe USA to high school students, through Creekside Leadership Academy and the Youth Action Teams. A grant was also submitted to the Whole Kids Foundation on behalf of Jeffrey Trail Middle School to implement a school garden, and was successfully funded at \$2,000. A grant application was also submitted to Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian to expand the FOR Families program assistance to Public Safety.

Secretary Inmon provided information on the lunch service for seniors at the Lakeview Senior Center and the Meals on Wheels food delivery program for homebound seniors.

Community Services Superintendent Darin Loughrey thanked the Youth Action Team members on behalf of the Committee for their service. Justin Aminian, unable to be here tonight as he is being recognized as Student of the Year at Beckman High School this evening, will attend Indiana University, majoring in Business and Entrepreneurship. Irvine High School graduate Joanne Hong will be attending Rice University, majoring in Dentistry. University High School graduate Romit Gupta, who has been great at asking the tough questions, will be attending UC Berkeley, majoring in Business.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **DISCUSSION**

- Upcoming Mayor's Forum

Manager Schneider-Jones reported the Mayor has requested an education forum be held in September or October, focusing on Irvine Unified School District's Common

Core Standards Curriculum. The Committee was asked to provide input for consideration during the planning process.

- Bullying Prevention: Potential Forums for Educators

Manager Schneider-Jones reported it has been found that although there are many rules and policies for bullying prevention, there is not sufficient training for educators on detection and handling of bullying in classrooms, on school campuses and in child care settings. Committee was asked and agreed to create a sub-committee at the August meeting to plan a bullying prevention forum for educators and child care providers.

- ICYFAC Calendar for 2015

Manager Schneider-Jones presented potential Committee meeting dates for 2015, to be voted on at the August meeting. Dates for consideration are February 25, May 13, August 26 and October 28.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Committee Member Collins, seconded by Committee Member Motta and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held February 26, 2014.

Ayes: 11 Ali, Avzaradel, Collins, Colocino, Gupta, Hernandez, Hong, Inmon, Lyons-Justus, Motta, Wertheimer-Gale

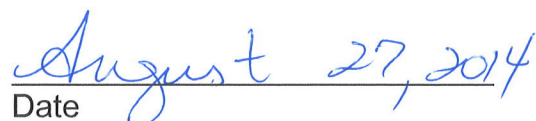
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Absent: 3 Aminian, Moriarty, Trussell

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

  
Carolyn Inmon  
Committee Secretary

  
Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary

  
Date