



MINUTES

IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

August 26, 2015

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 (Committee) was called to order on August 26, 2015, 5:39 p.m. at Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, in the Conference and Training Center; Co-Chair Jiang presiding.

ROLL CALL

Co-Chair:	Carolyn Inmon	Irvine Child Care Committee Rep
Co-Chair:	Diana Jiang	Appointed by: Mayor Choi
Secretary:	Sandy Avzaradel	Irvine Unified Representative
Committee Member:	Theresa Collins*	Appointed by: Councilmember Shea
Committee Member:	Nancy Colocino	Irvine Prevention Coalition Rep
Committee Member:	Marisa Lo	Appointed by: Councilmember Schott
Committee Member:	Scott Schultz	Community Services Representative
Committee Member:	Arni Daroy	High School Youth Action Team Rep
Committee Member:	Katie Im	High School Youth Action Team Rep
Committee Member:	Pamela Jeliaskova	High School Youth Action Team Rep

*Arrived at 5:41 p.m.

ABSENT

Co-Chair:	Diane Wertheimer-Gale	Appointed by: Councilmember Krom
Committee Member:	Alison Moriarty	Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway
Committee Member:	Jim Shute	Community Services Representative
Member-at-Large:	Drew Motta	Member-At-Large
Member-at-Large:	Jonathan Yong	Member-At-Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Co-Chair Jiang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Manager Schneider- Jones introduced the new Youth Action Team representatives: Arni Daroy from University High School; Katie Im from Northwood High School; and Pam Jeliaskova from Beckman High School.

Manager Schneider-Jones also introduced Ryan Painter, Community Services Program Coordinator and Seth Richardson, Community Services Senior Leader.

Dalia Powers, Council Executive Assistant to Councilwoman Lynn Schott, was in attendance and introduced to the group.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Middle School Program Character Development and Anti-Bullying Program - Ryan Painter, Community Services Program Coordinator and Seth Richardson, Community Services Senior Leader

The Middle School Program created and began implementation of a character development and anti-bullying program in spring of 2013-14. The program, which is offered at all Irvine Unified School District middle schools, includes character development talks for seventh and eighth grade students, assemblies, a districtwide youth conference and an all-girls youth conference. On-campus bullying prevention campaigns are also held at each school. The program engages approximately 6,000 students during the school year.

Committee members congratulated staff on their work, noting the large number of students being reached through the talks in the classroom. Committee members also discussed the program's staffing model and possible methods to evaluate the program to demonstrate outcomes.

2. Strategic Plan for Children, Youth and Families Goals and Strategies Review – Laurie Gruschka, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

The Strategic Plan for Children, Youth and Families goals and strategies for 2013-18 were distributed and reviewed. Committee members were asked to keep the goals and strategies in mind when providing input on topics for future community education forums, which will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Senior Management Analyst Gruschka presented information on the 10 community education forums hosted by the Committee since 2010 and the 23 educational forums conducted on school campuses by the Youth Action Team since 2013. Committee members discussed the successful approaches taken by Youth Action Team to gain participation at forums.

Two articles on building children's self-sufficiency and coping skills and enabling children to find their individual talents were provided to the Committee to help generate topic ideas for future community education forums.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Colocino announced that "Resiliency" is the theme for this year's Irvine Prevention Coalition meetings. The first meeting of the 2015-16 year will be held on September 17 at 2:45 p.m. at Irvine Civic Center and will feature presenter Leora Wolf-Prusan from WestEd who will discuss community-based resiliency.

Committee Member Inmon announced that a book she has co-authored on the topic of domestic violence will be available on Amazon.com starting September 20.

Manager Schneider-Jones announced the following:

1. Irvine Children's Health Program Update

A request for proposals for an agency to operate the Irvine Children's Health Program was released on April 23; however, no viable proposals were received. The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers expressed interest in providing the service through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), without receiving payment. The City is working on the agreement, with the goal of having the Coalition start program implementation in early October at the Irvine Children's Health Program's current location in Heritage Park.

2. Local Drowning Prevention Activities

The City, in collaboration with the Orange County Fire Authority, is providing drowning prevention information to the community. This includes: educational banners and flyers; information on the City's website; the City Manager's column in *Inside Irvine* magazine on the importance of designating a lifeguard at all times;

drowning prevention information emailed to all licensed child care providers in the City and Child Resource Center members; and information provided to families taking swim lessons through the City's Aquatics program.

3. Hoag Mental Health Outreach Grant Update

The City received a \$30,000 renewal grant from Hoag Hospital Community Benefit program to support mental health outreach conducted by the FOR Families program as part of the Irvine Police Department Mental Health Outreach program.

4. Online Traffic Survey

The City is seeking input on traffic through an online traffic survey. The questionnaire is part of a comprehensive review of traffic and transportation in Irvine taking place this year. The Committee was provided with the web address for the survey, which is available to complete through September 3.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

DISCUSSION

There was none.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Co-Chair Inmon, seconded by Committee Member Colocino and carried unanimously by members present to approve the minutes of the regular Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held May 13, 2015.

Ayes: 10 Avzaradel, Collins, Colocino, Daroy, Inmon, Im, Jeliaskova, Jiang, Lo, Schultz

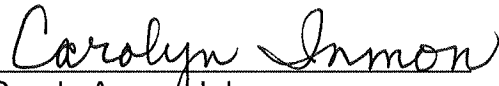
Noes: 0

Absent: 5 Moriarty, Motta, Shute, Wertheimer-Gale, Yong

2. IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Collins, seconded by Co-Chair Inmon and carried unanimously by members present to approve the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2016.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:48 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.


Sandy Avzaradel
Committee Secretary


Laurie Gruschka
Recording Secretary

10/28/15
Date