

Monthly Meeting Highlights



Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

SEPTEMBER 2010

The Children & Families Commission of Orange County's regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The following is a summary of the Commission actions

Healthy Smiles Receives \$1 Million to Continue Critical Dental Programs

The Commission renewed the successful partnership with Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County this month, and added \$1 million in new funding to provide critical pediatric dental services to young children and their families through June 2012. Healthy Smiles is the oral health collaborative leader in Orange County and provides expertise and training on pediatric dental health issues. This year, Healthy Smiles has served over 5,900 young children and almost 1,700 family members with primary dental treatment, specialty care treatment, dental screenings, and emergency treatment visits. Healthy Smiles also oversees the pediatric dental residency program, and manages the countywide dental services collaborative that provides prevention, education and treatment services for children in community clinics.

Children's Health Club Promotes Obesity Prevention

The Children's Health Club is one of the few medically based, obesity prevention and treatment options for young children in Orange County that was created in 2008 by Patricia Riba, M.D. The Commission approved a new agreement with the Volunteer Center of Orange County to provide fiscal administrative services for the Children's Health Club that will allow Dr. Riba to focus her time and expertise on implementing the program that is exclusively for children that are obese, or at risk of being obese. The program provides social workers, registered dietitians, and case management services to the 200 families that are currently receiving services. Dr. Riba and the Children's Health Club are critical resources to other community providers regarding fitness and nutrition.

Commission Supports Ongoing Assessment of OC Health Needs

The Commission approved \$50,000 to co-sponsor the Orange County Health Needs Assessment for the fourth consecutive year. Since 2006, the Commission has participated in the collaborative effort that includes hospitals, public agencies, and non-profit organizations to collect information concerning health needs in Orange County. An over sample of families with children 0-5 ensures that the Commission continues to have access to data to assess local needs. In addition, the data is also used to track improvements and services gaps in health, and identify new or expanded programs to meet the health needs for young children and families.

Commissioners Review OC Treasurer's Office Investment Operations

Commission members received a report on the investment program with the Orange County Treasurer. The Treasurer's Investment Management Team conducted a post-meeting tour for three commissioners and staff that included a walk through the investment purchases workflow from security purchase, to trade settlement, to compliance with investment policies.

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