

RESOLUTION NO. 97-M-03

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESTATING THE ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN, CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida did, on September 19, 1988, create the Orange County Ad Hoc Citizens' Commission for Children pursuant to Resolution 88-M-42; and

WHEREAS, the work of said Committee resulted in the creation of a permanent and perpetual Citizens Commission for Children (the "Commission") created by Resolution No. 89-M-48; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now desires to add an additional member to the Commission, clarify the duties of the Commission and provide for the submission of reports on an annual basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Maintenance of the Citizens' Commission For Children; Purpose; Duties.

The permanent and perpetual Citizens' Commission For Children, known as "The Orange County Citizens' Commission For Children" and hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", is hereby maintained for the purpose of improving life for children, youth and families in Orange County.

To accomplish this purpose, the Commission shall continue to review the planning and coordination of services for and on behalf of children, youth and their families in Orange County as such planning and coordination is performed by the Orange County Citizens' Commission for

39 Children Department (hereinafter "Department"). The Commission shall assist the Department in
planning and evaluating the service needs of children, youth and families; shall serve as a
41 clearinghouse for information regarding children, youth and families; shall render advice and
recommendations to the Department on plans for developing an integrated and coordinated approach
43 to services for children, youth and families of Orange County; shall serve as a catalyst for
coordinated community responses to the needs of children, youth and families; shall review the
45 Department's recommendations for funding and evaluating children, youth and family services
funded by the Department; shall support the Department's collaboration with other organizations
47 including state and municipal governments, philanthropic organizations and other sectors of the
community in joint planning of services for children, youth and families; and shall assist in the
49 development of alternative non-governmental funding sources for service provider agencies and
organizations.

51 **Section 2. Membership, Compensation.**

(a) The membership of the Commission shall consist of ten (10) members. Nine (9)
53 members shall be electors of or represent entities in Orange County and shall be appointed by the
Board of County Commissioners and one (1) member shall be a member of the Board of County
55 Commissioners or the County Chairman. This tenth (10th) member shall be a non-voting member,
recommended by the County Chairman and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. This
57 position shall commence on January 1, 1997.

(b) The members of the Commission may be removed for cause upon a majority vote of
59 the Board of County Commissioners. If any member of the Commission resigns, dies, or is removed
for cause, the Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment within thirty

61 (30) days. Any such appointment shall be for the unexpired term of the vacated office and shall
63 count as one full term for that member regardless of the amount of time remaining in the vacated
office.

(c) The Board of County Commissioners may remove any member who, without
65 reasonable excuse, fails to attend three (3) meetings of the Commission within any one (1) calendar
year.

(d) Each member shall serve a term of two (2) years except for the ex-officio member
67 who will serve a one (1) year term. All members shall be eligible for reappointment. Members shall
69 continue to serve staggered terms so that the terms of four (4) voting members shall expire in even
numbered years and the terms of five (5) voting members shall expire in odd numbered years. No
71 member shall serve more than two (2) terms or four (4) years, except as approved by the Board of
County Commissioners.

(e) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. No
73 reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with duties performed by Commission members
75 shall be made unless approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. Meetings.

(a) The Commission shall hold meetings as needed to fulfill its duties, but the
77 Commission shall hold at least four meetings each year.

(b) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
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(c) All meetings shall be open to the public.

(d) The Commission may adopt such other rules for its proceedings and operations as it
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Section 4. Officers.

The Commission shall have authority to elect such officers, including a chairperson, and promulgate such internal procedures and rules as may be necessary to conduct the business and affairs of the Commission.

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Section 5. Submission of Plan and Service.

(a) Each year the Department shall prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners an annual plan. Said plan shall provide an assessment of how current services funded by Orange County through the Department are fulfilling the needs of the children, youth and families of Orange County; any recommendations for improving the delivery of services to children, youth and families of Orange County; and an overview of funding proposals for children, youth and families services funded through the Department for the next fiscal year.

(b) The Board of County Commissioners shall formally receive the annual plan, shall request any additions or modifications as it may deem appropriate and shall adopt, modify or reject the plan in whole or in part as it considers proper or necessary.

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Section 6. Repeal of Resolution 89-M-48.

Resolution 89-M-48 shall be repealed in its entirety concurrently with the enactment of this Resolution.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

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ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF January, 1997.

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ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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BY: Jean C. Bennett
County Chairman

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ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

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Asst. Deputy Clerk

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