**MINUTES**
**Community Health Research Exchange**                    Monday, October 24, 2016


## 1. Introductions

In attendance:
>        Gene Howard, OC Alliance for Children and Families
>        Shieva Davarian, OC SSA
>        Pamela Pimentel, MOMS OC
>        Jodi Quas, UCI, Psychology and Social Behavior
>        Alana LeBron, UCI, Public Health
>        Tiffany Kaaiakamanu, CalOptima
>        Frank Zaldivar, UCI, Pediatrics
>        Robynn Zender, UCI, Clinical and Translational Science Institute
>        Mark Weyant, Living Justly Industries

On Phone: Juanita Booker-Vaughns, Community Faculty, Charles Drew University
>        Tommie Servi, Healthy Smiles
>        One unidentified caller


## 2. Announcements

– This Thursday, October 27, 2016, UCI conference on Children, Technology, and Media is having a public plenary session at 5:30. (see attached flyer)
http://tmcd.srcd.org/attend.php

– Knowledge Translation Workshop (see attached flyer)
January 25, 26, 2017, UCI Applied Innovation

– Invitation to CalOptima's Health Education Seminars (see attached flyers)


## 3. Call for Presenters to ICTS Steering Committee
>        Gene Howard, Tiffany Kaaiakamanu, Pam Pimentel, Alana LeBron


## 4. Speaker

**Jodi Quas**
Jodi Quas, PhD, is a Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior and Nursing Science at UCI.
Began as a scientist studying forensic interviewing of children and their memory of traumatic events.
Jodi discussed:

- The process of transitioning from a lab-based scientist to a community-based investigator working in partnership with community entities.
- The importance of understanding the expertise the community has for what is wanted, practical, and feasible—that academic researchers are not the experts, but rather that we all hold certain skill sets and areas of expertise and the magic happens when these things are fully utilized together.
- The needs that differ between the community entities and academic researchers, and those in common (everyone needs compelling data, for example).
- The importance of approaching community-engaged work as long-term, rather than project-based
- The need to be flexible with her own research interests
- The importance of finding common goals and speaking in a common language

- The importance of the academic researcher to be very generous of their time and information—give many (many, many) talks and and workshops, for example

She then talked about the projects and partnerships specifically—starting with the juvenile court in LA, her colleague law professor there, Tom Lyon

And how working with the LA courts are so different from working within OC court system

The facilities (group homes) where she was able to speak with kids for research (Orangewood)

Work to identify effective brief interventions for this population

The differences in engaging front line staff, upper management, and social services

Topic of confidentiality—the interviews with these kids is not confidential and this is communicated to the kids

Topic of incentives—Providing incentives to this population is tricky—to not be coercive, to not have the incentives used against them for behavioral issues (withheld) when the administration must be the ones to distribute the movie tickets. Hard to identify appropriate incentives that can be handed straight to the kids

Now working to understand what the parents of these children understand about the court system and their case in order to help the parents be more effective in getting the kids returned to their family home.

Transportation has arisen as a major barrier to parents showing up to court dates.

There came a discussion on the idea that adolescence is an important window of opportunity for intervention from a brain development standpoint (two points of important brain development is from birth – age 2, and during puberty). It was also mentioned that autoimmune diseases tend to crop up about the time of puberty. There was also some discussion on the impact of cesarean section births on the development of children's immune system

**NEXT MEETING**
**January 23, 2017**
        **Speaker:** Ria Berger, Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County
        **Topic:** Positioning your organization for success with funding by leveraging research