

Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – 2:00 pm

Location of Meeting:
Oklahoma State Department of Health
28th Floor, Rm 2
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Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Advisory Council Members attending remotely include David Gahn,
attending from:

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Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Adrienne Rollins, Deputy Chief Operating Officer at the Oklahoma State Department of Health at 2:15 pm.

Roll Call by Chair, Adrienne Rollins with members joining in person: Melissa Blanton, Oklahoma Attorney General's Office; Kelly Baker, OSDH State Registrar of Vital Records; Cara Gluck, Oklahoma City-County Health Department; Mendy Spohn, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Members attending remotely via Teams videoconference: Dr. Gahn, Cherokee Nation Public Health Services; Michael Percy, Chickasaw Nation Health

Members Absent: Jan Fox, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Guests present include: Joy Fugett, OSDH; Natalie Marek, OSDH; Leslie Vick, OSDH, Prevent Block Grant Coordinator; Sara King, Cleveland County Health Department, Prevent Block Grant Recipient; Meagan Walker, Cleveland County Health Department, Prevent Block Grant Recipient.

Review and Approval of Minutes – March 2021 Meeting.

Adrienne Rollins presented the minutes, asked committee members to review and opened the floor for a motion to accept the minutes when ready or to make changes if needed. Mendy Spohn made a motion to approve; Melissa Blanton seconded.

Michael Percy abstains from voting. All other members approved; None opposed;; motion passes and March 2021 meeting minutes are approved by the advisory committee as written.

Committee Discussion, Recommendations, Possible Action on Oklahoma's FY21 Workplan.

Adrienne welcomed the group together and stated that this meeting is where the Advisory Committee discusses Oklahoma's proposed Prevent Block FY21 Workplan, and votes to approve, disapprove, or make changes prior to submitting to CDC by the July 1, 2021 deadline. She reminded the group that they had discussed back in the March meeting continuing the current level of funding for most of the current programs due to the challenges of Covid, and all but one program (County Tobacco Cessation) welcomed and were thankful for the continued funding to work towards program goals for another year.

Leslie Vick, Prevent Block Coordinator, and Adrienne Rollins, Chair, presented the FY21 workplan to the committee, noting some of the challenges with this year's workplan due to CDC recently switching to a new reporting system for the workplans. Each program's workplan was included, including proposed objectives and activities for committee review. The BGIS Excel spreadsheet was included indicating the amount proposed for each program area including the sexual assault set-aside, the Prevent Block Administrative Costs at less than 10%, and a surplus of \$54,243 for Oklahoma's allocation that would need to be

Members asked if anything had significantly changed in the workplans. Leslie stated it had not, just that the programs were continuing and maintaining work on objectives as is. The audience may change (new employees being trained by HR program, new citizens/clients being reached with car seats, new clients receiving interpretation services, etc) but the objectives were largely the same. Mendy Spohn asked if these objectives were still relevant and Leslie stated they were as they all aligned with national (Healthy People 2030) and state health objectives.

Committee Votes on FY21 Prevent Block Workplan:

With no further discussion, Adrienne Rollins requested a motion to approve the FY21 Prevent Block Workplan. Mendy Spohn made a motion to approve; Kelly Baker seconded the motion. Michael Peercy abstained from voting. All other members approved; none opposed, and the motion passes to approve Oklahoma's FY21 Workplan.

PHHSBG Updates:

Leslie Vick stated that one of the main updates is that the OSDH Prevent Block application for funds will be coming out possibly this fall. While the funds are awarded by CDC on a year-to-year basis, OSDH has chosen to award funding on a 3-year project cycle so that programs have more stability. All current programs were extended funding for one additional year due to the current pandemic which will conclude Sept 2022, but PB staff will need to create and offer the application/RFP this year so that programs can apply for the next 3-year cycle.

There was much discussion on this including what the application would include, who would be eligible to apply including outside partners and entities, who was included or not included in the last round, and how to effectively promote the funding. It was discussed that it will be important to get a group together to generate ideas and work on these issues collectively. Cara Gluck and

Melissa Blanton and Sara King expressed interest in serving on this group and will meet with Leslie moving forward.

Program Presentation Cleveland County Birth Partners

Sara King, MPH, Community Engagement Coordinator for Cleveland County Health Department and surrounding counties, and Meagan Walker, LCSW, MSW and Project Lead for the Birth Partners Program presented the Birth Partners Program to the committee, including a powerpoint presentation.

Sara stated that Birth partners is exclusively about providing support to mothers & babies, not medical care. Some of the main challenges of the program have been due to Covid and the lack of ability to provide in-person services such as doulas attending births or holding classes and trainings in person. Financial barriers are significant and include a lack of timely reimbursement to the county health department from OSDH when purchases are made for the program and/ or when staff time is coded to the program. OSDH staff discussed the need to fully address these financial issues before offering Prevent Block funding to more county health departments.

One thing learned this past year is that there is a disconnect between providers and knowledge of doula services. OU practicum students would cold-call providers, and would often hear “our providers don’t work with doulas”. An intern also polled medical students to survey their knowledge about doulas and found very little/no knowledge about doulas taught at schools.

Program successes include 12 births now completed through the program. Evaren Page with OSDH helps to provide the evaluation component of the program and the program has demonstrated statistically significant outcomes.

Advisory Committee Members provided feedback, support, and will continue to help guide the Birth Partners Program through ongoing challenges. Sara and Dr. Gahn, an OB/GYN plan to connect to further discuss ways to increase provider acceptance of doulas and to help grow the program.

Remaining Prevent Block Budget Allocation:

Following the presentation by Birth Partners, it was noted that the \$54,000 remaining in the budget still needed to be allocated to one or more program areas. Adrienne asked for suggestions on the use of this. Leslie stated that the Condom Distribution Program can always utilize more funds for purchasing and distributing condoms and supplies. This is one of the lowest funded programs, yet they are able to efficiently utilize additional funding when available. Kelly Baker and others stated that they were pleased with the exceptional trainings HR had been providing with Prevent Block funding. These trainings have been reaching a large number of individuals. It was suggested that half of the funds go to the Condom Distribution Program and half go to the HR Training Program.

Mendy Spohn made a motion that half of the \$54,243.00 go to the Condom Distribution Program and that half go to the HR Training Program. This provides an additional \$27,121.50 to HR

Training Program and \$27,121.50 to the Condom Distribution Program. Kelly Baker seconded this motion. Michael Percy abstained from voting. All other members approved; None opposed; motion passes.

Meeting Dates

Adrienne shared that the next meeting date is set for December 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Public Comment:

All PHHSBG are open to the public and will allow for a public comment period with the exception of executive session discussions. Adrienne Rollins opened the meeting up to public comment regarding the FY20 Workplan and proposed revisions; no persons were present to comment and no public comments were made.

Meeting Adjournment:

With no further business, Adrienne Rollins, requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cara Gluck made a motion to adjourn, Melissa Blanton seconded this motion. Michael Percy abstained from voting. All other members approved; None opposed; the motion passes and the meeting is adjourned at 3:36 pm.