Open Meeting Act: Announcement of meeting was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on November 29, 2016. The final agenda was posted on February 3, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at the public entrance of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and on the OSDH website on February 2, 2017 at 1:52 p.m.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum: Dr. J. Elliott called the meeting of the Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council (ICHAC) to order at 1:05 p.m. in Room 507 of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, located at 1000 N.E. 10th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A quorum was determined with the presence of Amanda Bogie, M.D.; Lynn Cyert, Ph.D.; Jeffrey Elliott, O.D.; Stanley Grogg, D.O.; R. Michael Siatkowski, M.D.; Brandy Smith; Susan Hessed, M.D.; and Paul Darden, M.D.

Identified OSDH members present: Patricia Burk, M.S., Screening and Special Services; John Corpolongo, M.S. SoonerStart; Tina Johnson, MPH, Community and Family Health Services; Joyce Marshall, MPH, Maternal and Child Health Service (MCH); Beth Martin, MA, Child Guidance Services; Edd Rhoades, M.D., Community and Family Health Services; Gina Richardson, M.S., SoonerStart; and Linda Dockery, Nursing Service.

Identified non-OSDH members present: Dianna Bonfiglio, Vizavance formerly Prevent Blindness Oklahoma; Tom Cummings, Lions KIDSight USA

Review and approval of minutes of November 7, 2016 regular meeting: A motion was made by Dr. A. Bogie to approve the November 7, 2016 regular meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. S. Grogg seconded the motion. Votes followed: A. Bogie (Yes); L. Cyert (Yes); J. Elliott (Abstain); S. Grogg (Yes); M. Siatkowski (Yes); B. Smith (Abstain). Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Update on Plan for Evaluating Use of the Welch Allyn Spot for Vision Screening of Kindergarten Children – Edd Rhoades, MD, MPH, Community & Family Health Service (CFHS): In follow up to the recommendation made at the November 7, 2016 meeting that OSDH consider a pilot project using the Welch Allyn Spot photo screener with kindergarten age children, Dr. Rhoades reported he had conferred with Joyce Marshall, Director, MCH Service, on the feasibility of carrying out a pilot study. Due to the expense, staff limitations, and state budget shortfalls, and since the Spot was already approved by a national group based on research for screening kindergarten children, it was determined that it would not to be feasible or necessary for OSDH to carry out a research study. Dr. Rhoades and Ms. Marshall subsequently met with Dr. Siatkowski, Dean McGee Eye Institute, regarding the intent of the pilot project. Based on this meeting, Dr. Rhoades shared that OSDH felt it would be more practical for one of the current screening organizations, like Vizavance or Lions’s Club in partnership with a school district, to carry out a field trial combining the current approved optotype vision screening with the Spot photo screener. Approximately 100-200 children would need to be screened in order to compare pass/fail rates between the two methods. Dr. Rhoades shared that Dean McGee Eye
Institute may also potentially be able to assist with analyzing data from the screenings after a field trial is completed. Dianna Bonfiglio stated Vizavance would be interested in carrying out a pilot. Dr. Rhoades stated an update on progress of the pilot could be scheduled for the May 15 meeting or whenever progress is made at a subsequent meeting.

**Overview of the SoonerStart Early Intervention Program, Discussion and possible action – John Corpolongo, MS, Director and Gina Richardson, MS, CCPS, Program Consultant, SoonerStart Early Intervention, CFHS:** PowerPoint Presentation and Handouts – Mr. Corpolongo gave a brief history of the SoonerStart Program and the state and federal laws involved. He also gave some important points regarding the program and funding for the program. Ms. Richardson continued with the presentation and provided additional handouts. Discussion was brought up regarding reapplying to the SoonerStart program for the needs of children that are discovered at a later age. Ms. Richardson stated that families are able to reapply and start again with the entire process. Concern was mentioned regarding the age limit of the program and issues that could arise at an older age. Mr. Corpolongo stated the federal guidelines go up to age three but age four would be idea. Referrals for other resources are offered to parents when the child ages out of the program. A question was asked regarding the percentage of volunteers in Oklahoma. Mr. Corpolongo stated that the program is 10-15% below volunteers of what would be expected for the age group covered. Another question was asked if there is enough data to prove the program is saving money and how does Oklahoma compare. Regarding the outcome data Oklahoma is average. Discussion was brought up regarding not getting feedback from the program. Ms. Richardson clarified the program is required to get permission from the parents to provide any information to the family’s health care provider. Ms. Richardson stated there is a new database in process that will give more information regarding the families that have been assisted by the program.

**Overview of the Newborn Hearing Screening Program, Discussion and possible action – Patricia Burk, MS, CCC-SLP, Administrative Programs Manager, Newborn Hearing Screening, Screening & Special Services, CFHS:** PowerPoint Presentation and Handouts – Ms. Burk shared statistics on hearing loss and history regarding screening for hearing loss in newborns and infants. She shared articles with the group published in the Oklahoma Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) newsletter and stated that she would like to recruit authors and suggestions for additional articles regarding genetics and ophthalmology. A suggestion was made for her program to expand the physician education activities with AAP to include family medicine to get the message out regarding newborn hearing screening.

**Overview of the Child Guidance Service, Discussion and possible action – Beth Martin, MA, CCC, Director, Child Guidance Services, CFHS:** PowerPoint Presentation and Handouts – Ms. Martin shared facts and statistics regarding the Child Guidance Service Program. She also shared information about a federal grant in Mayes County, Project LAUNCH, and (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health). Another program described was the Abstinence Education Grant Program. The Child Care Warm Line (1-888-574-5437) is answered by a knowledgeable program representative. WIC PLUS+ (Providing Understanding and Support) is a program that came about out of Project LAUNCH which provides child development and prevention education to children in the WIC Program. A question was asked if there are tribal connections with Project LAUNCH in New Mexico and Arizona as well as Oklahoma. Ms. Martin shared program brochures with the group and shared the brochures are given to physicians, providers, and other potential referral resources in communities.

**Agency Updates – Edd Rhoades, MD, MPH:** Dr. Rhoades shared with the group that the agency’s legislative priorities this session are funding a bond issue for replacing the Public Health Laboratory and support for a tobacco tax. A copy of the updated Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council Orientation Packet was provided to each of the members.

**Member Comments** - Dr. Grogg shared that the CDC meets February 22-23 and he will bring updates to the May 15 meeting.

**Chair Comments** - Dr. Elliott shared the remaining meeting dates for 2017 are scheduled as follows: May 15, August 7, and November 6 of 2017. There is a scheduling conflict with a couple members for the August 7 meeting date. Dr. Rhoades stated he would check into the details further about rescheduling and inform the group at the May 15 meeting.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Elliott declared the meeting adjourned at 3:02 P.M.