Open Meeting Act: Announcement of meeting was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on November 16, 2017. The final agenda was posted on November 1, 2018 at 9:10 a.m. at the public entrance of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and on the OSDH website on November 1 at 9:34 a.m.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum: Dr. Darden called the meeting of the Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council (ICHAC) to order at 1:06 p.m. in Room 507 of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), located at 1000 N.E. 10th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A quorum was determined with the presence of Dr. Michael Siatkowski, Dr. Paul Darden, Dr. Jeffrey Elliott, Dr. Stanley Grogg, Dr. Michelle Polan, and Erin Young.

OSDH Staff Present: Tom Bates, Interim Commissioner, OSDH; Brian Downs, Chief of Staff, OSDH; Beth Martin, Director, Family Support and Prevention Service, OSDH; Edd Rhoades, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, OSDH; Lori Linstead, Director, Immunization Service; Lisa Caton, Director, Screening and Special Services, OSDH; Tina Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Family Health Service, OSDH; and Dawn Butler, Maternal and Child Health Service, OSDH.

Visitors in Attendance: None

Review and Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2018 regular meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Elliott to approve the August 6, 2018 regular meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. Grogg seconded the motion. Votes followed: Dr. Darden (Yes); Dr. Grogg (Yes); Dr. Elliott (Yes); Dr. Polan (yes); Dr. Siatkowski (Yes); Erin Young (Yes). Motion carried.

Role of the Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council going forward as the Board of Health becomes advisory-Tom Bates, Interim Commissioner, OSDH: Mr. Bates with the OSDH addressed the group today regarding the status of the ICHAC. He stated that this advisory council is mandated by state statute and there are no plans to dissolve this council. The Council will continue to have an important role in recommending amendments to rules and advising the department on children’s health issues. Meetings will continue with no changes.

Public Comment: There were no public comments to address.

Discussion and possible action on Election of Officers for CY 2019-Dr. Paul Darden: Dr. Darden spoke to the group regarding the election of officers for calendar year 2019. He suggested keeping the officers in the same position for an additional year. Those offices are held by Dr. Bogie, Chair, Dr. Darden, Vice Chair, and Dr. Siatkowski as Secretary. Dr. Grogg gave a motion to approve those positions and Dr. Elliot seconded the motion. Votes are as follows: Dr. Darden (Yes); Dr. Grogg (Yes); Dr. Elliott (Yes); Dr. Polan (yes); Dr. Siatkowski (Yes); Erin Young (Yes). Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Proposed CY Meeting Dates-Dr. Paul Darden: Dr. Darden gave a proposed list of dates for the advisory council meeting for 2019. Those dates will be: Monday, January 7, Monday, May 6, Monday, August 5, and Monday, November 4, 2019. Dr. Siatkowski made a motion to approve those dates and Erin Young seconded the motion. Votes are as follows: Dr. Darden (Yes); Dr. Grogg (Yes); Dr. Elliott (Yes); Dr. Polan (yes); Dr. Siatkowski (Yes); Erin Young (Yes). Motion carried.
Discussion, consideration, and possible action to recommend conditions for addition to the Newborn Screening Panel -
Lisa Caton, Screening and Special Services, Family Health Services: (handout)
Ms. Caton spoke to the group regarding changes they are requesting for the newborn screening panel. She mentioned that they would like to have Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD), Mucopolysaccharidosis Type 1 (MPS 1), and Pompe added to the newborn screening panel. She went on to explain the implications of these disorders can have on a person which range from degeneration of motor neurons in spinal cord and brainstem with SMA, nervous system and adrenal gland deficiency with X-ALD, and an increase of glycogen which impairs ability of some organs to function properly with Pompe. She explained that adding screening for these disorders to the panel could possibly detect approximately 58 cases per year at a much earlier age to begin treatment. Amendments to the rules will be placed on the agenda for consideration for approval at the January 2019 meeting of the ICHAC.

Consideration, possible action and vote on the Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect 2019-2023 -
Beth Martin, Director, Family Support and Prevention Service: (handout)
Ms. Martin presented the State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect for 2019-2023. Ms. Martin distributed the current State Plan for the next five years. She stated that this plan was completed and approved by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) on October 26th. She stated that the plan works in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services State Plan which is currently being developed and due in October 2019. She stated that while the plan was in development, several meetings were held with stakeholders and partners. Data was gathered to best create the appropriate plan. Meetings will continue bi-annually to discuss progress and work on any problems discovered. She said any changes that are needed to the plan will have to be reported to OCCY by July 1 of each year.

Oklahoma Immunization Program Update, presentation followed by Council discussion of the Update -
Lori Linstead, Director, Immunization Program: (handout)
Ms. Linstead spoke to the group regarding the immunization rates for children in Oklahoma. She began by sharing that there are currently 840 providers in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program with 750,000 children eligible to use this resource. She stated that 26% of the population in Oklahoma is below the age of 18 and 75% of that number is eligible for the program. Ms. Linstead stated that Oklahoma was given a 30 million dollar budget increase for vaccines from 2017 but still falls short of the U.S. national immunization rates of 70.4% by 3.1% making Oklahoma rates for immunizations for children 19-35 months old 67.3% but by the time children reach kindergarten the rates rose to 91% vaccinated. She also stated that Oklahoma is below the national average in all but two vaccines, MMR and varicella, administered to children 35 months and younger. The rates for teen immunizations show an even larger gap compared to the national average in immunizations given putting Oklahoma last in Region 6 which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico. She then went on to discuss the immunization exemptions that are currently in place for students in Oklahoma. She stated that there are currently three exemptions parents can request: medical; religious; and philosophical. Of these, philosophical has the highest rates submitted by parents with charter schools having the highest submissions.

Chair Comments: The next meeting date is Monday, January 7, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at OSDH, room 507.

Adjournment: Dr. Darden made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Elliott seconded, motion carried. Dr. Darden adjourned the meeting at 2:57 P.M.