

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
June 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

Commissioners present: Secretary Justin Brown, Jason Charles, Angela Donley, Melinda Fruendt, Rachel Holt, Kalie Kerth, Lindsay Laird, District Attorney Angela Marsee, Javier Ramirez, Lee Roland, John Schneider, and Judge Mike Warren.

Guests present: Joe Dorman, Marva Prince, Cindy Alonzo, Adrienne Elder, Andre Wilson, Grant Moak, Paul Ketchum, Betty Hawkins-Emery, Garland Pruitt, Gabrielle Jacobi, Courtney Noah, Tory Lawhon, Brenda Loggins, Sherry Fair, Beth Martin, Debra Anderson, Wanda Hatchell, Kayla Hatchell, Dana Brockway, Ronald Baze, Latonya Jacobs, Nicolle Moore, Ghezal Pitt, Sherie Trice, Deb Shropshire, Jane Silovsky, Wanda Felty, Constanza Nizza, Latisha Edwards, Mildred Ramsey.

Staff present: Executive Director Annette Wisk Jacobi, Amanda Jett, Jennifer Hardin, Mark James, Cherra Taylor, Jimmy Widdifield, Rob Agnew, Keith Pirtle, and Lisa Rhoades, Elizabeth Kaup, Penny Hill-Malone, Harold Jergenson, Matt Spruill, and Tina Pendergraft.

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Chairman Charles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Chairman Charles welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion to move agenda around to ensure enough time

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Due to time constraints the Commission voted to move both the FY2021 Budget Request and the Financial Report moved up so that more time could be allotted to public comments.

Commissioner Fruendt moved to approve the motion to rearrange the agenda. Judge Warren seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Review and Approval of the Minutes from the March 27, 2020, Commission Meeting

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

Commissioner Charles asked the Commission to review the minutes and called for a motion.

Commissioner Marsee moved to approve the minutes. Judge Warren seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative except for Commissioner Holt who abstained.

State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Presentation – Discussion and Possible Action

– Mark James

Mark James, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY), gave a brief presentation regarding the agencies FY2021 budget proposal. He stated that there will be a four percent reduction in total appropriation which will amount to a reduction of \$95,642 to the OCCY budget.

He stated that the agency added an office coordinator to the administration which increased the total payroll expense for the Department for FY2021 to \$577,222.

OCCY has added a new Department; the Children Endowment Fund and it anticipates hiring a 999 (part-time) employee to handle the Parent Partnership Committee that is required by statute.

Mr. James explained that OCCY plans to incur professional service expenses to have program evaluations done. Post Adjudication Review Board (PARB) is anticipating working with the University of Oklahoma to do an evaluation of its program to gain a more robust data base than what is currently available which will enhance that division. Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (FSMDT) and Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) evaluations are also planned for the near future.

Mr. James stated that the Planning and Coordination Program has not been fully staffed for some time and that he and Director Wisk Jacobi have been managing the duties of this program. They hope to have it fully staffed in the next few months and begin the partnership with DHS on the Family Resource Center Pilot. He stated that this project will cost \$25,000 for FY2021.

Regarding the Juvenile Competency Evaluations that OCCY is tasked with managing, Mr. James stated that the rates will increase to \$250.00 per evaluation with an annual rate of \$50,000.

The Child Death Review Board Division (CDRB) has added an additional Case Manager which brings the Divisions total FY2021 payroll expense to \$167,937.

Judge Warren moved to approve the FY2021 Budget Proposal. Commissioner Freundt seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Finance Report – Discussion and Possible Action

– Latisha Edwards

- **An update regarding the OCCY Budget, Expenses, and Balances**

Ms. Edwards provided an overview of the financials through May 2020. A handout was provided.

Commissioner Freundt moved to approve the motion to rearrange the agenda. Judge Warren seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Public Comments –

Torry Lawhon, Father

Marva Prince, Grandmother

Cindy Alonso, Owner Happy Campers Academy

Dana Brockway, DEAR J.O.N. (Justice or Nothing) NAACP
Dr. Paul Ketchum, University of Oklahoma
Garland Pruitt, President Oklahoma City, NAACP
Wanda Hatchell, DEAR J.O.N
Kayla Hatchell, Youth DEAR J.O.N.
Niaeshia Cray, Parent
Brenda Loggins, Grandparent
L.G., Parent
Andre Wilson, Advocate
Joe Dorman, Director OICA

Presentation: Report from an Interagency Workgroup on Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior – Discussion and Possible Action

– Jane Silovsky, PhD, Professor, Pediatrics Director, OUHSC, Keitha Wilson, MSW, Family First Prevention Services Administrator OKDHS.

Dr. Silovsky and Ms. Wilson gave a brief presentation on the Interagency Workgroup on Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB). Dr. Silovsky spoke about the continuum of sexual behaviors including normal, concerning, problematic and harmful. She stated that it's difficult to determine the prevalence of problematic sexual behavior in children because no one has been tasked with tracking it. She explained that behavioral health treatment works with a recidivism rate of 2% with problematic sexual behavior -cognitive behavior therapy.

Tasks of the workgroup include:

- Process mapping of identification and response in Oklahoma.
- Following Oklahoma preschool aged children with PSB
- Increase Availability of PSB-Community Based Treatment in Oklahoma
- Development of guiding principles and recommendations.

Some of the recommendations include:

- Provision of training and education to dispel myths and improve practice
- Increase evidence-based treatment availability in communities across the state
- Address funding and access of services
- Use of early intervention and triage of families to services immediately
- Improve practices to facilitate caregiver engagement
- School should use Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) model with their Multidisciplinary Team School-Based team for identification and response.

Commissioner Charles asked if foster parents caring for children with PSB have access to these resources. Dr. Silovsky stated that they have a full online training for foster parents.

Full presentation is attached.

Presentation: Oklahoma Standard Story Project – Discussion and Possible Action

– Debra Andersen, Executive Director, Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness (OPSR) Gabrielle Jacobi, Program Coordinator, OPSR.

Director Jacobi gave a brief background on how this project came about stating that at the beginning of the pandemic she along with the Lt. Governor were tasked with coming up with ways to lift moral as we move through trying to live through and respond to this pandemic. The project consisted of Collecting stories that are then transferred into data.

Ms. Andersen presented on the Oklahoma Standard Project. She stated in 2018 OPSR was awarded a Health Equity Grant that was called project HOPE. At that time, they contracted with University of Kansas to gain a better understanding of barriers and challenges that families face during pregnancy and the first years of their child's life. She stated during this time they noticed major disparities in infants mortality rates with infants that were of African American and Native American decent and wanted to better understand what the barriers for families are in facing a successful birth outcome in the first year of life. Hopeful Futures, goal is to collect stories and host community sense making sessions where community members make sense of the patterns the stories form. Focusing on those patterns' communities can plan and implement small changes through Community Action Labs. When the COVID-19 pandemic happened, they saw a way to use this strategy to gather information to determine how the pandemic is affecting families. The information gathered will be used to understand how to further meet basic family needs.

Gabrielle Jacobi, Program Coordinator, stated that this project helps them understand the power of listening. The information gathered through the stories, elevating voices that are often left unheard and bringing those with lived experiences to the decision-making table is crucial. She stated that with this project they released an application for stipends for community organizations across Oklahoma to apply. Application period closed May 29, 2020 and since June 4, 2020 there have been 10 trainings through online webinars with more than 30 organizations including OCCY participating in how to use the sense maker tool. Due tot the wide range of project partners this project not only benefits those at the state level but community organizations as well.

Ms. Andersen stated that they were still accepting applications and encouraged Commissioners and participants to share their stories.

Director Jacobi stated that OCCY has created artwork to use should any of the Commissioner wish to promote the project.

Full presentation attached.

Presentation: Family Resource Centers – Discussion and Possible Action

– Beth Martin, Director, Family Support & Prevention Services, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Ms. Martin gave a presentation on Family Resource Centers the Oklahoma Network. She stated that this presentation is based on work done by Andrew Russo and his group at the National Family Support Network. The Family Resource concept is based on family support principles which is the way you approach working with families in a strength-based model including:

- Approach to strengthening families
- Types of community-based programs,
- Movement for social change

- Shift in human services delivery.

Family Support Programs work with families in a multi-generational, strengths-based, family-centered approach. Family Resource Centers can be developed in a variety of places which is what makes them unique. They can be adopted in a variety of settings including public library, food banks, or an existing 501c3 program.

The centers are multi-generational, strength-based, family-centered approach, designed for all families, with no or low cost for participants.

There are currently more than 3,000 Family Resource Centers that serve more than 2 million people annually and do not have a dedicated federal funding source. These centers are cost-effective, highly adaptable and have proven successful outcomes. The most common service areas include:

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development

The State Department of Health is Oklahoma's lead contact for the National Family Support Network.

Goals of the Oklahoma Network:

- Complete training of two additional quality standards trainers
- Collaborate with OKDHS to pilot two family resource centers
- Develop a family resource center steering committee from Oklahoma network members
- Investigate other funding sources to expand FRCs.

Full presentation attached.

Presentation: Racism, America's Pink Elephant – Discussion and Possible Action

– Commissioner Lee Roland.

- * Due to time constraints Commissioner Roland graciously agreed to give his presentation at a future meeting date.

Director's Report: Personnel and Agency Activities

– Annette Wisk Jacobi, Executive Director

Annette Wisk Jacobi presented the Directors Report and thanked all the presenters for taking the time to be there. She stated that OCCY has changed many of its practices due to the COVID-19 pandemic and informed the Commission that two divisions, OJSO and PARB have opted to telework permanently which reduced the agencies footprint allowing it to move to a smaller location.

She stated that OCCY has hired additional staff including Rob Agnew, Public Information Officer; Lizz Kaup, Administrator Programs Office II for CDRB; and Ellen Lohrenz, Administrative Assistant II for the Planning and Coordination Program.

Director Jacobi discussed her work with Gov. Stitt and food pantries throughout the state. She stated that an architect developed something a little more durable that could withstand time. She stated that it will

include food, laundry detergent, baby items, sanitizer and other items. She stated that the Lt. Governor Pinnell and Secretary of Agriculture, Blane Arthur, are working on securing funding for this project.

Director Jacobi announced that Dr. Passmore, Chief Medical Examiner for OCCY has decided to step down. OCCY will begin the process of refilling the contracted position, which is responsible for assisting with identifying training issues, perform reviews requested by OCCY as well as participate on the Board of Child Abuse Examiners, housed at OCCY.

She thanked the staff and partners of OCCY for stepping up and providing trainings and sharing new ideas on how make the most of these times.

Chairman Remarks

Chairman Jason Charles thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting. He recognized Commissioners Lee Roland, Sheryl Marseilles, and Tera Snelson and thanked them for their service as their terms are expiring.

Commissioner Announcements

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Secretary Justin Brown updated the Commission on DHS's service first platform. He stated that the intended outcome is to become as transparent an agency as possible. He stated they are as effectively working remotely as if they were in the office and that most of their staff prefer to work remotely. He stated that they have decided to expand and accelerate the service first model. They will be closing 30-40 buildings and will be expanding into more smaller locations.

Chairman Charles reminded Commissioners of the School Readiness packet sent by Superintendent Hoffmeister that was sent out.

Adjournment

– *Chairman Jason Charles*

The Commission adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Future Meeting Dates

September 18, 2020

November 20, 2020