

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
OCCY COMMISSION MEETING
March 11, 2022**

PERSONNEL

Legislative Liaison: Friday, February 4th was Ms. Brittany Hunt-Jassey last day with OCCY. She is now a Legislative Liaison for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Mark and I have met with a handful of individuals about this position, but have not made an offer to anyone at this point.

Finance Manager: We have worked with OMES to combine several job descriptions for our finance needs and have created a new position. This position should be posted shortly. Once the position is filled, this individual will serve as our liaison with OMES. I would like to thank Assistant Director Mark James for all of the extra work he has put while this position has been vacant.

Parent Partnership Board Program Coordinator: We have held a couple of rounds of interviews for this position, but have yet to find "the right fit." Interviews continue and we are hopeful the position will be filled soon.

Program Evaluator: This position remains vacant as the database is being built. We are hopeful that the OU Evaluation Team (E-Team) will be able to complete evaluation tasks for us during the future database maintenance phases. If so, the program evaluator will not be needed.

FINANCES

General Budget Monitoring: Monthly finance meetings with the OMES and OCCY staff continue. ***(Please see attachment.)***

SFY 2022 Expenditures: In addition to the general OMES reports that you receive, Assistant Director James will be providing a brief powerpoint presentation showing expenditures for this fiscal year. He will be presenting virtually while he is on annual leave.

Proposal for Staff Salary Adjustments: Assistant Director James has worked with OMES to develop a plan to increase salaries for all staff with the exception of the Executive Director. He will provide a powerpoint presentation with the explanation. The proposal has been presented to the Finance Committee and Secretary Brown.

DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES (Annette Wisk Jacobi)

OCCY Database: We have a signed contract between OMES, the University of Oklahoma's Evaluation Team (E-Team), and OCCY. Because the work will not be completed by June 30, 2022 because of the very late start date, OMES is allowing a "no

cost extension.” The E-Team has begun work with each of the departments. They are refining each department’s logic models and assisting departments in creating evaluation plans and efficiencies that will guide the development of each department’s module in the database.

OCCY Commissioners: No one has yet to be appointed by Speaker McCall to fill the vacant OCCY Commissioner position of a parent with a special needs child. We continue to ask about the status of the appointment.

HOPE Work: OCCY has identified two employees that will serve as our Hope Navigators (Keith Pirtle and Nicole George). They will be attending navigator training later in March led by led by Dr. Chan Hellman. The cost is approximately \$1,500 each.

Office Culture Work: I have been engaging with training specialists/coaches Tenysa Green and Anne Glenzer at OMES Human Capitol Management on ways to bring teleworking and office-based employees together. They are recommending that management staff go through “Five Voices” training. We are considering how to build the trainings into routine meetings and if we did start the trainings, we would not begin until late spring early summer.

OCCY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Post Adjudication Review Board - PARB (Keith Pirtle)

Pushmataha County PARB: A reenergized PARB is now functioning in Pushmataha County. They have added five new members.

Tulsa County PARB Appreciation Celebration: Thanks to Kim Rebsamen, Tulsa County PARB Coordinator, for organizing a special celebration for all those who volunteer on the Tulsa County PARB. We thank Ms. Rebsamen for all the effort she puts forth into this event.

Database Roll Out Continues: Mr. Pirtle continues work with the OU E-Team and recently trained Payne and Okfuskee Counties on the new database. He does encounter some push back from time to time – generally because of wifi issues and lack of familiarity with technology.

Oklahoma Child Death Review Board – CDRB (Lisa Rhoades)

The Child Death Review Board has been manned by one person for a good portion of the past ten years. This staffing shortage has caused the program to fall behind in reviews. Thanks to additional appropriations, we have been able to add two fulltime staff and their contributions are making a difference in productivity.

Below you will find information about the number of deaths and case reviews.

Year	A. Total Child Deaths (per Vital Records)	B. Total Natural Child Deaths (per Vital Records)	C. Total Deaths and Percentage of All Deaths Automaticall y Eligible for Review (A-B)	D. Total Number of Cases Needed to Be Reviewed	E. Number of Cases in "Collecting Records Status"	F. Number of Cases Ready for Review or Have Been Opened and Need More Records	G. Total Number of Cases Reviewed and Closed
2021	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	78	0	0
2020	532	344	188 (35.3%)	251	251	0	0
2019	581	396	185 (32.0%)	229	226	1	2
2018	577	401	176 (30.5%)	243	10	116	117
2017	628	446	182 (29.0%)	260	3	20	237
2016	655	469	186 (28.3%)	270	2	11	257
2015	658	472	186 (28.3%)	267	4	5	258

- A. Total deaths of children ages newborn through 18 years of age.
- B. Deaths that are caused solely by disease or some natural process. Generally, these cases are not reviewed unless there are concerns.
- C. These cases include all unnatural deaths such as accidental injury, child physical abuse, neglect, etc. These numbers may also include premature, live deliveries of a baby born at least 24 weeks (standard) gestation. If it cannot be determined that the baby was born alive, then the case is not reviewed (per Assistant Attorney General guidance).
- D. Number of cases that need records collected.
- E. Number of cases ready and waiting to be reviewed, *plus* the number of cases that have been reviewed, but the Board has requested more records.
- F. Cases reviewed and closed.

Practicum Student: We are in the process of selecting a graduate-level epidemiology student to work alongside of CDRB and the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Service to create and implement an environmental scan regarding safe sleep education for parents/caregivers (e.g., non-childcare center-related), assist with researching available evidenced-based safe sleep education curriculum, and assist with identification of education sites across the state. This practicum student will be a temporary employee of OCCY and the practicum will last eight to ten weeks over the summer period.

Office of Planning and Coordination - P&C (Danielle Dill)

Child Death Reviews by the Chief Child Abuse Examiner (in the future these numbers will be located under the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Department Report as the work has been transferred to that department):

	Death Cases Reviewed by the Chief
July 2021	2
August 2021	2
September 2021	1
October 2021	1
November 2021	2
December 2021	1
January 2022	0
February 2022	Pending

Board of Child Abuse Examiners (BCAE): Rules were drafted and the public comment period opened on February 1st. The public comment period closed on March 3rd. A public hearing was held on Friday, March 4 and no one attended. The next step in the rule-making process is to have the OCCY Commissioners approve them. That approval will be sought at the March 11th meeting. (***Please see attachment.***)

Children of Incarcerated Parents Annual Report: The Children of Incarcerated Parents Annual Report (CIP) regarding OCCY’s contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters for mentoring has been completed and submitted to Governor Stitt, Speaker McCall, and President Pro Tempore Treat. (***Please see attachment.***)

Children of Incarcerated Parents Toolkit: The toolkit has been electronically, widely distributed. There are now discussions with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections about including the toolkit on their 20,000+ inmate tablets. (***Please see attachment.***)

OCCY Parent Partnership Board:

- We are pleased to announce that our very own Ms. Betty Hawkins-Emery has been appointed as Co-Chair of the Alliance National Parent Leadership Council. Please congratulate her next time you see her.
- OCCY celebrated National Parent Leadership Month by honoring our Parent Partnership Board (PPB) members at a recent meeting and promoting the special month on our social media and website (thank you Rob Agnew!).
- Seven members of the PPB attended the 2022 Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Legislative Learning Lab.

Strengthening Youth Custody and Transition Services: Ongoing discussions are being held with staff from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation about 1) transportation assistance for youth aging out of care; and 2) training opportunities for youth aging out of care to work in the transportation industry.

Communications (Rob Agnew)

Website Enhancement Project: Mr. Agnew will be working with OMES to improve the capability of all the electronic complaint forms found on our website.

Website Engagement: Speaking of websites, Mrs. Agnew continues to monitor the activity on our website. In the month of February, OCCY's website scored 86.8% (Digital Certainty Index) in regards to measuring accessibility, credibility and trustworthiness. Testing whether or not everything is working correctly on the website, OCCY scored 97.6% (Quality Assurance). Additionally, OCCY scored 83% (Accessibility) when testing the website as being usable by as many people as possible. OCCY's current goal is to achieve higher than 80% on all three criteria measured on the website.

New Employee Handbook: Mr. Agnew has completed a draft of what we believe to be the first OCCY New Employee Handbook. Leading up to his work, he surveyed multiple examples and met with recently new OCCY employees.

Honored by UCO: Mr. Agnew was recognized by the UCO Department of Mass Communications as "Alumni Spotlight." Please congratulate him!

Legislative/Policy Issues (Annette Wisk Jacobi)

OCCY Administrative Bill (SB537): Remove as author Senator Rosino; authored by Senator Haste; Reported Do Pass as amended Health and Human Services committee; Emergency added; Referred to Appropriations Committee; Reported Do Pass; Title Stricken. (***Please see attachments.***)

Elimination of Jury Trials Bill (HB3190): Do pass; amended by committee substitute Judicial – Civil committee. (***Please see attachment.***)

Backseat Restraint Bill (HB2742): Do pass Public Safety Committee. (***Please see attachment.***)

Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams/Child Advocacy Center Bill (SB1458): Reported Do Pass as Amended by Appropriations committee; Title stricken. (***Please see attachment.***)

Office of Juvenile Systems Oversight (Harold Jergenson, Tina Pendergraft, and Mark James)

	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints	Facility Oversight Visits
Jan 2021	24	29	0	0
Feb 2021	37	23	0	0
March 2021	42	27	0	0
April 2021	28	28	0	0
May 2021	30	53	1	0
June 2021	46	20	2	0
July 2021	25	37	0	0
August 2021	39	21	0	0
Sept 2021	46	43	0	0
Oct 2021	60	20	0	0
Nov 2021	37	39	0	1
Dec 2021	37	18	1	2
Jan 2022	34	49	0	0
Feb 2022	24	30	6	0

TOTALS	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints	Facility Oversight Visits
SFY19	404	368	7	1
SFY20	334	545	15	5
SFY21	364	337	3	3
SFY22 YTD	244	178	7	3

Foster Youth Matters/Foster Parent Voices (Mark James and Tina Pendergraft)

	# of Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parents Complaints
January 2021	27		10
February 2021	12		13
March 2021	29		18
April 2021	29		23
May 2021	41		9
June 2021	51		16
July 2021	41		6
August 2021	42		22
September 2021	35		14
October 2021	37		9
November 2021	30		18
December 2021	24		16
January 2022	28		9
February 2022	14		24

TOTALS	# of Foster Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parent Complaints
SFY19	183*		180
SFY20	395		178
FY21	405		182
SFY22 YTD	251		118

*Program stated in November 2018 (SFY19)

Juvenile Competency Evaluations (Mark James)

	# of Referrals	# Competent	# Not Competent	Pending Completion
January 2021	5	4	1	0
February 2021	1	1	0	0
March	1	0	1	0
April 2021	2*	0	1	0
May 2021	1	1	0	0
June 2021	1	0	1	0
July 2021	5	0	4	1
August 2021	5*	2	2	0
September 2021	4	1	3	0
October 2021	5	2	2	1
November 2021	3	0	2	1
December 2021	2	0	1	1
January 2022	3	0	2	1
February 2022	2	0	0	2

*One evaluation dismissed

TOTALS	# of Referrals	# Declared Competent	# Declared Not Competent	Pending Completion
SFY19	32	19	13	0
SFY20	34^	14	18	0
SYF21	37+	10	23	1
SFY22 YTD	29*	5	16	7

^Two evaluations canceled

+Three evaluations canceled

*One evaluation canceled

Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (Jimmy Widdifield, Jr.)

Unspent Funds: All 37 Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (FSMDT) returned to OCCY their unspent 2021 CAMTA funds for a total of \$103,514.44. In comparison, the amount of unspent 2020 CAMTA funds was \$349,008.37. The 2020 amount was so high mostly due to professionals not traveling and attending in-person trainings because of Covid.

Technical Assistance Requests: The FSMDT Department received three technical assistances requests in February: 1) mandated reporting for foster parents (completed); 2) training on LGBTQ+ culture, specifically youth (pending); and 3) training in evidence-based child trauma treatment (pending). In addition, the Lincoln County FSMDT requested technical assistance to support the restructuring and functioning of their team. Mr. Widdifield worked with Melissa Jones, District Director for Oklahoma Human Services, and K.C. Koonce, Executive Director of Child Advocacy Center of Central Oklahoma, to assist with identifying a contractor and coordinator. This work is on-going.

Podcasts: Mr. Widdifield completed podcast recordings with Julie Donelon (Executive Director, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, Kansas City, MO) and Paula Condol (Executive Director, Dakota Children's Advocacy Center, Bismarck, ND) regarding their experiences supporting CACs service to children with problematic sexual behavior. The podcast is in partnership with the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center.

Mr. Widdifield is scheduled to complete podcast recordings with Jane Silovsky, Ph.D., Director of the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect and, also, National Center on Sexual Behavior of Youth both in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The podcast is in partnership with the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center.

Children's Justice Act Grant: Completed Trainings (Jimmy Widdifield, Jr.)

1. Medical Evaluation of Child Maltreatment
Presenter: Mary Stockett, MD, Children's Hospital of Oklahoma
Date: January 20, 2022 (2.00 hours)
Location: Kingfisher, OK
Number of Attendees: 18

2. Medical Evaluation of Child Maltreatment
Presenter: Mary Stockett, MD, Children's Hospital of Oklahoma
Date: February 3, 2022 (2.00 hours)
Location: Virtual
Number of Attendees: 66

3. Helping All Children: LGBTQ+ Youth and Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems
Presenter: Jimmy Widdifield, Jr., LPC, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Date: February 10, 2022 (2.00 hours)
Location: Virtual

Number of Attendees: 21

4. ChildFirst® Oklahoma: Interviewing Children and Preparing for Court
Presenters: Maria Rosales-Lambert, Oklahoma Interviewing Services, Inc.; Vicki Boan, MHR, The CART House; Amy Baum, LCSW, Oklahoma Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center; Holly Chandler, The Saville Center for Child Advocacy; Andi Hamilton, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations; Jaclyn Rivera and Lori McConnell, District Attorney's Office #7
Dates: February 21 – 25, 2022 (34 hours)
Location: In-person in OKC and moved to virtual due to weather
Number of Attendees: 20

Children's Justice Act Grant: Upcoming Trainings (Jimmy Widdifield, Jr.) For more information about the below trainings and/or how to register, please contact Makala Pittman at (405) 606-4903 or makala.pittman@occy.ok.gov.

1. Helping All Children: LGBTQ+ Youth and Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems
- Presenter: Jimmy Widdifield, Jr., LPC, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
 - Date: Mar. 1, 2022, 8:30a – 10:30a CT
 - Format/Location: Virtual
2. It's Just Marijuana! The Effects of Marijuana & Other Drugs, Legal and Illegal, On Oklahoma Children
- Presenter: Mary Stockett, MD, Oklahoma Children's Hospital at OU Health
 - Date: Mar. 3, 2022, 9:00a – 12:00p CT
 - Format/Location: Virtual
3. Sex Offenders: Understanding and Respond to Sexual Crimes
- Presenter: Cory Jewel Jensen, MS, Center for Behavioral Interventions, Inc.
 - Date: Mar. 24, 2022, 8:30a – 5:00p CT
 - Format/Location: In-person, Oklahoma City, OK
4. Sex Offenders: Understanding and Respond to Sexual Crimes
- Presenter: Cory Jewel Jensen, MS, Center for Behavioral Interventions, Inc.
 - Date: Mar. 25, 2022, 8:30a – 5:00p CT
 - Format/Location: In-person, Broken Arrow, OK
 - In partnership with Ray of Hope Advocacy Center, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Wisk Jacobi
OCCY Executive Director

March 8, 2022

