

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
June 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Commissioners present in person: Rachel Holt, Kalie Kerth, Jackie Aaron, Ginarie Harrington, Keith Reed, Jonathan Hall, Mike Warren, Jason Hicks, Kevin Corbett, Melinda Freundt and John Schneider

Commissioners present virtually: No Commissioners attended virtually

Guests present: Sandra Balzer, Issa Turner, Delena Sullivan,Carolynn MacAllister, Wanda Felty, Brandy Bahm, Allison Loeffler, Constanzia Nizza, Joe Dorman, Lorri Essary, Angela Harnden, Erin Maher and Annabelle Yoder

Staff present: Annette Wisk Jacobi, Mark James, Amanda Jett, Cherra Taylor, Rob Agnew, Lisa Rhoades, Makala Pittman, Ellen Lohrenz, Marcia Johnson, Keith Pirtle, Isabel Rodriguez, Tina Pendergraft, Danielle Dill, and Max Smith (Univ. of Wisconsin Ph.D Candidate, OCCY intern)

Welcome, Introductions, and Determination of Quorum

– *Vice-Chairperson John Schneider*

Vice-Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Presentation of the Proposed State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 OCCY Budget

– *Mark James, Assistant Director*

Assistant Director James presented the State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal to the commissioners for approval. Some of the information provided included:

- Approved state appropriation for SFY 2023 is the same as was received in SFY 2022.
- 94% of the appropriations covers personnel costs.
- Other funding includes grants and federal IV-E funds.
- Projected appropriations carryover from SFY 2022 is estimated around \$200,000.

A handout was provided.

Director Freundt moved to approve OCCY's budget proposal for State Fiscal Year 2023. Judge Warren seconded the motion. All of members present voted in the affirmative.

OCCY Commission Officer Election

– Vice-Chairperson John Schneider

Commissioner Hall reported that the Nominating Committee, which consisted of Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Myers, and Secretary Brown, met on June 8, 2022, to discuss nominations for Commission Board officers. The nominations included Commissioner Schneider serving as Chair, Commissioner Kerth serving as Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Hall serving as Secretary. Commissioner Hall requested for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were given.

Commissioner Hall moved to nominate Commissioner Schneider as Chair as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Judge Warren moved to approve Commissioner Kerth for Vice-Chair. Director Fruendt seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Director Holt moved to approve Commissioner Hall for Secretary. Director Fruendt seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Review of the Minutes from the March 25, 2022, Special Commission Meeting

– Vice-Chairperson John Schneider

Director Holt stated that she noticed the minutes were written in the order of the agenda as proposed and not written in the chronological order of the meeting as it was conducted.

A handout was provided.

Director Holt moved to table the minutes until the next meeting after corrections are completed. Commissioner Kerth seconded the motion. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative except for Director Fruendt and Commissioner Hall who abstained.

Presentation and Approval of the Finance Report

– Brandy Bahm

Ms. Bahm provided an overview of the financial report through May 31, 2022, and responded to questions. Secretary Corbett asked if there are any significant variances from Budget to Actuals that could impact the delivery of services. He specifically pointed out the high variance in the travel reimbursement budget. Director Wisk Jacobi stated that due to COVID-19, most in-person trainings became virtual and OCCY staff on-site visits were paused, creating an unexpected savings in travel costs for both staff and contractors.

A handout was provided.

Tabled until next meeting due to error on the agenda stating discussion only.

Report from the OCCY Parent Partnership Board (PPB)

-- *Delena Sullivan*

Ms. Sullivan, Parent Partnership Board (PPB) member, provided an update on activities for which the Board members participated. Some the activities include:

- PPB member, Sunnie Jamerson, presented at the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Oklahoma Human Services' Bi-Annual Collaborative Meeting.
- PPB member, Dr. Lana Turner-Addison, presented at the Oklahoma Early Childhood Research Symposium.
- PPB members participated in the Strategic Sharing Workshop, facilitated by the Children's Trust Fund Alliance.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by:

- Joe Dorman, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA), announced that OICA has decided to name an award after Jay Scott Brown, former Commission member and chair. The first recipient of the award is Wanda Felty, former Commission member, for her work on the Developmental Disabilities List. Other award recipients include Dr Barbara Bonner for Lifetime Achievement and Hunger Free Oklahoma for their work on the Double Up Oklahoma Program. The awards will be presented at the Hero's Ball on July 30, 2022. Mr. Dorman also announced that nominations are open for the Anne Roberts People's Choice Award.

Presentation on the Oklahoma Parent Child Assistance Program

– *Erin M Maher*

Erin Maher, principal investigator for the Oklahoma Parent-Child Assistance Program (OKPCAP), and Dr. Angela Harnden, project director for OKPCAP, presented on the history, purpose, and goals of OKPCAP. Some of the information provided include:

- The program began in Washington state in the 1990's as an evidence-informed program.
- The program provides intensive case management to women over the age of 18 who struggle with addiction and are either pregnant or have a drug-exposed child under 24 months of age.
- It is a home visiting model with a timeframe of three years.
- A randomized study is being conducted to potentially establish PCAP as an evidence-based program.
- Potential cost savings from reduces use of child welfare services, reduced use of public assistance, increased employment and education, and fewer subsequent alcohol- and drug-exposed infants.

OKPCAP will be hosting public webinars on the referral process and will out send invitations by mid-summer.

Commissioner Reed left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Presentation on the OCCY Juvenile Competency Evaluation Project

– *Mark James, Assistant Director*

Assistant Director James provided an update on the juvenile competency evaluation program. Some of the information provided include:

- There are five credentialed juvenile forensic evaluators in the state with four currently conducting evaluations.
- 44 counties have issued orders for evaluations.

- The majority of juveniles evaluated were determined not competent.
 - Currently, there are no remediation services available for those found Not Competent in Oklahoma.
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Legislative Update

– *Marcia Johnson*

Marcia Johnson, OCCY's Legislative Liaison, provided an update on the legislative bills pertaining to children. The bills Ms. Johnson highlighted were:

- Senate Bill (SB) 537: Modifying various provisions relating to Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; vetoed by the Governor.
- House Bill (HB) 4106: Requiring school districts to maintain protocol for responding to students in mental health crisis; signed into law.
- SB1307: Requiring certain schools to include certain information about suicide prevention on student identification cards; signed into law.
- HB2992: Child witness statements; testimony; age requirements; definition; statutory references; signed into law.
- SB217: Modifying provisions of the Youthful Offender Act; signed into law.
- HB3422: Requiring the study of state employee compensation; signed into law.

Ms. Johnson reported that the legislators agreed to use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help the University Hospital Authority and Trust establish a children's behavioral health center. The children's behavioral health center will be a 72-bed, inpatient facility primarily for children with dual diagnosis of mental health issues and developmental delays. The center will also provide outpatient services. It will be the third largest facility of its kind in the U.S. The facility is expected to be completed in three years.

A handout was provided.

Secretary Corbett left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Director's Report

– *Annette Jacobi, Executive Director*

Director Jacobi gave a report on activities occurring within OCCY. Director Jacobi reported that OCCY was in the process of hiring a business manager, but the chosen candidate backed out the last minute. Director Jacobi introduced Isabel Rodriguez as the new PPB Community Coordinator. She came to OCCY from the Latino Community Development Agency. She also reported on the challenges found within the child serving systems and the efforts made to find solutions.

A handout was provided.

Announcements

– *Commissioners*

No announcements were given.

Chairperson Comments

– *Vice-Chairperson John Schneider*

Vice-Chairperson Schneider recognized and thanked Commissioner Laird for her service as Chair. He also thanked the commissioners for their vote of confidence as he moves to the position as Chair.

Adjournment

– Vice-Chairperson John Schneider

Judge Warren moved to adjourn the Commission meeting. Director Fruendt seconded the motion. The Commission meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Future Meeting Dates

August 5, 2022

September 16, 2022

November 18, 2022