

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
OCCY COMMISSION MEETING
February 24, 2023**

PERSONNEL

Business Manager: We are pleased to report that Mahboob ul-Haq will join our administrative team as the OCCY Business Manager beginning Tuesday, February 21st. Mr. ul-Haq has extensive experience in government finance, including financial compliance, performance, internal audits, financial statements, grants, and contracts. He was previously employed with the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council and before that was with the California Department of Child Support. He has a Masters in Business Administration, a Masters of Arts in Economics, and a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and Economics - all from universities in Pakistan. He and his family are relatively new to Oklahoma and chose to make our state their home because of our reputation for friendliness and sense of community.

Community Planner: Interviews are currently being held and we anticipate that the position will be filled within the next few weeks.

FINANCES

General Budget Monitoring: At the time this report was written, OCCY staff and Ms. Megan Patton have not met yet. However, we have received our monthly reports. We do plan on reestablishing our monthly meetings in March.

DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

OCCY Database: Progress continues to be made on each of the modules being developed or improved for each OCCY department. Most recently, data from the child death review boards and the Office of Juvenile Systems Oversight were migrated to the new system. The Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team Department has recruited Love and Noble Counties teams to test their new module. Overall, we are very pleased with the OU E-Team and look forward to future work with them.

Red Bird Coffee House: I met with Chairman Schneider at the Red Bird Coffee House in Yukon to plan for this commission meeting. It was my first time there and I was very impressed. If you have a chance, swing by there and support them. They employ foster youth who are aging out of the system. To learn more, go to: <https://www.theredbirdcoffee.com/>

New Commissioner: Congratulations and welcome to the new Director of Oklahoma Human Services, Dr. Deb Shropshire! Director Shropshire and I met on February 9th for her OCCY Commissioner orientation. The Welcome Handbook for Commissioners is being updated with her new information and will be sent to you shortly.

House of Representatives Budget Hearing: Assistant Director Mark James, Legislative Liaison Marcia Johnson and I presented our budget request to the House A&B Human Services Subcommittee. As a reminder, the budget request we submitted asked for no additional funding. We believe that the historic and programmatic information that we provided was well received. We were asked if we were provided additional funding, how would we spend it? We stated that our top priority would be to staff and fully develop a juvenile competency evaluation program.

Medical Marijuana and Its Impact on Children: The Oklahoma Human Services, along with OCCY and others, have noticed an increase of children ingesting medical marijuana and needing medical treatment. In addition, the Oklahoma Poison Center has seen a marked increase in the number of calls to their hotline regarding pediatric marijuana exposures. For these reasons, the first meeting of stakeholders related to the issue gathered at OCCY on February 13th. This work group is in the early phases of forming, so look for recommendations to be forthcoming.

OCCY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Post Adjudication Review Board - PARB (Keith Pirtle)

New State PARB Members: The Governor recently replaced several members of the State Post Adjudication Board over the past couple of months. The changes include:

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Replaced Member</i>
Amanda Bodine	Melanie Johnson
Madisyn Abbe	Dr. Greg Parks
Judge Paul Hesse	Judge Bill Baze
Judge Tom Newby	Judge Pat VerSteeg
Judge Kaitlyn Allen	Judge Duel Louis

We would like to thank those who have served and welcome those who have just joined.

PARB Volunteers Needed: Mr. Pirtle met with Andrea Stanyszen, Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Engagement at Oklahoma Human Services and Chris Campbell of Project 111 to discuss partnering with them to recruit new PARB members. He is pleased to report that Project 111 will be assisting him in making communities aware that PARB volunteers are needed. If you know of individuals who could possibly serve in this capacity, have them complete the application on the OCCY website (<https://oklahoma.gov/occy/programs/post-adjudication-review-board/volunteer-for-parb.html>) or contact Mr. Pirtle for more information at [Keith.Pirtle@occy.ok.gov/\(405\)606-4922](mailto:Keith.Pirtle@occy.ok.gov/(405)606-4922).

Annual PARB Data: The reported period is based upon the Calendar Year.

	CY 2021	CY 2022
# of County PARBS	38	37
# of Deprived Cases Reviewed	3,581	2,581
# of Delinquent Cases Reviewed	129	5
# of Children Involved in Cases	5,344	3,994
# of Volunteer Hours	7,277	6,295

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

Trainings: OCCY is working with two well-respected national organizations as they provide Oklahomans with the following trainings:

- “Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees” (virtual) will be conducted by staff from the National Family Support Network on March 1st and 2nd. The training is offered at no cost to registrants. The training is capped at 40 attendees and is full at this time. There is a waiting list.

- “Protective Factors Training of Trainers” (in person) will be conducted by staff from the Alliance of Children’s Trust Funds on April 18th and 20th. The training is offered at no cost to registrants. The training is capped at 21 attendees and is full at this time. There is waiting list.

Parent Partnership Board (PPB): The PPB met on January 11th to serve as an advisory group for the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force as they design a state website. Tayvon Lewis and Janelle Bretton met with the PPB members and were very appreciative of the feedback that they received.

Federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG): The Oklahoma Human Services was recently awarded a three-year PDG by the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Family, US Department of Health and Human Services for a total of more than \$12 million. This grant is available to states and territories to support early childhood services for children from birth through five years of age. Funds support needs assessment, strategic planning, family engagement, quality improvement, labor compensation and support, as well as direct services for young children. Expanding access to early childhood services for children, particularly in high-need communities, and creating seamless early childhood learning experiences are the main goals. The Oklahoma Human Services will be contracting with the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness to administer the grant. OCCY will serve as one of the grants’ subrecipients – focusing on parent engagement and equity issues. If you would like to learn more about the overall grant, please contact Allison Loeffler at ALoeffler@okschoollreadiness.org or Gabrielle Jacobi at GJacobi@okschoollreadiness.org.

Governor’s Proclamation: The Governor, at OCCY’s request, signed a proclamation for February to be declared “National Parent Leadership Month.” *If you are attending the February Commissioner meeting in person, we would appreciate it if you could stay for a few minutes afterwards to take a picture with PPB members and the proclamation.*

Legislative/Policy Issues (Marcia Johnson)

Ms. Johnson will discuss legislation pertinent to OCCY at the commission meeting.

Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (FSMDT) (Brittany Gassner)

Ms. Gassner has made numerous visits to FSMDTs and more are planned:

- February 15th – Jackson County FSMDT
- February 23rd – Kingfisher County FSMDT

Children’s Justice Act Grant: Completed Trainings (Brittany Gassner)

1. ChildFirst Oklahoma EX; Expanded Forensic Interview Process
 Presenters: Maria Rosales-Lambert and Vicki Boan, Oklahoma Interviewing, Service, Inc.
 Date: December 1 & 2, 2022, 8:00am – 5:00pm each day
 Location: In-person at OCCY in OKC
 Number of attendees: 8

Children’s Justice Act Grant: Completed Trainings (Brittany Gassner, Makala Pittman)

1. It Takes a Team to Protect a Child: child Protection Team Investigation Strategies

Presenter: Detective Michael Johnson

Date: January 12, 2023

Format/Location: In-person in Ada, Oklahoma

Number of Attendees: 23

Children’s Justice Act Grant: Upcoming Trainings (Brittany Gassner, Makala Pittman)

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. What I Wish I Knew When I Became an MDT Coordinator

Presenter: Brittany Gassner

Date: February 27, 2023

Format/Location: Hybrid in OKC

2. ChildFirst Oklahoma: Interviewing Children and Preparing for Court

Presenters: Maria Rosales-Lambert, Oklahoma Interviewing Services, Inc.; Vicki Boan, MHR, Oklahoma Interviewing Services; 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

Date: March 27 – 31, 2023 (rescheduled from January due to bad weather)

Format/Location: In-person in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Child Death Review Board – CDRB (Lisa Rhoades)

Cases and Backlog



Blue Line – Prepared Cases Ready for Review

Orange Line – Cases Prepared, Reviewed, and Closed

Calendar Year	A. Total Child Deaths (per Vital Statistics)	B. Total Natural Child Deaths (per Vital Statistics)	C. Total Deaths and Percentage of All Death Automatically Eligible for Review	D. Total Number of Cases Entered Into Case Management System	E. Number of Cases in active review status	F. CDRB Total Deaths Reviewed and Closed
2022	Not Available	Not Available	Not Known	0	0	0
2021	Not Available	Not Available	Not Known	252	0	0
2020	532	344	188 (35.3%)	256 (48.1%)	94	40
2019	581	396	185 (32.0%)	231 (39.8%)	49	162
2018	577	401	176 (30.5%)	243 (42.1%)	20	223

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

	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints	Facility Oversight Visits
July 2021	25	37	0	0
Aug 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
Mar 2022	41	25	1	0
April 2022	34	36	0	0
May 2022	39	23	3	0
June 2022	46	49	2	0
July 2022	42	40	1	0
Aug 2022	43	30	2	0
Sept 2022	44	55	0	1
Oct 2022	37	55	0	1
Nov 2022	29	40	0	0
Dec 2022	17	34	1	3
Jan 2023	40	43	0	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	462	390	13	3
SFY 23 YTD	252	297	4	5

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

	# of Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parents Complaints
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	24**		14**
March 2022	26		17
April 2022	21		16
May 2022	46		10
June 2022	12		41
July 2022	18		41
August 2022	14		29
September 2022	19		32
October 2022	14		28
November 2022	42		11
December 2022	37		13
January 2023	47		10

TOTALS	# of Foster Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parent Complaints
SFY19	183*		180
SFY20	395		178
SFY21	405		182
SFY22	395		163
SFY23 YTD	256		99

*Program stated in November 2018 (SFY19)

** In previous reports, the foster parent and foster youth numbers for the month of February were transposed.

Juvenile Competency Evaluations (Mark James)

	# of Referrals	# Competent	# Not Competent	Pending Completion
July 2021	5	0	5	0
August 2021	5*	2	2	0
September 2021	4	1	3	0
October 2021	5	3	2	0
November 2021	3	0	3	0
December 2021	2	1	1	0
January 2022	3	0	3	0
February 2022	2	0	2	0
March 2022	5	2	3	0
April 2022	4	1	3	0
May 2022	6*	2	3	0
June 2022	3*	0	2	0
July 2022	4*	1	2	0
August 2022	4	2	2	0
September 2022	3	1	1	1
October 2022	5	1	0	4
November 2022	7	0	0	7
December 2022	3	0	1	2
January 2023	6	1	0	5

*One evaluation dismissed

TOTALS	# of Referrals	# Declared Competent	# Declared Not Competent	Pending Completion
SFY19	32	19	13	0
SFY20	34^	14	18	0
SFY21	37+	10	24	0
SFY22	47+	12	32	0
SFY23	32*	11	9	11

*One evaluation canceled ^Two evaluations canceled +Three evaluations canceled

Respectfully submitted,

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