BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
January 23, 2015
Department of Mental Health
And Substance Abuse Services
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Board members present: J. Andy Sullivan, M.D., Chair
Stewart Beasley, Ph.D.
Joel Carson
Mary Anne McCaffree, M.D.
Gail Henderson, M.Ed.
Bruce Fisher
Henry Haynes, Ed.D.
Paul Pierce, M.D.
Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D.

Others present: Commissioner, Terri White, ODMHSAS
Durand Crosby, ODMHSAS
Carrie Slatton-Hodges, ODMHSAS
Angie Patterson, ODMHSAS
Steven Buck, ODMHSAS
Gretchen Geis, ODMHSAS
David Heath Holt, ODMHSAS
Janet Cizek, CTI
Jennifer Wilburn, CTI
Cynthia Santos, e-Capitol
Juarez McCann, ODMHSAS
Brenda Otolivo, JTCMHC
Ronda Campbell, JTCMHC
Codie Howell, JTCMHC
Elizabeth Howell, Private Citizen
Yvon Fils-Aime, ODMHSAS
Marc Charney, Family & Children’s Consultants
Cynthia McClarence, ODMHSAS
Pam McKweon, ODMHSAS
Shawn McCarty, ODMHSAS

Carol Ladd, ODMHSAS
Joey Mickey, ODMHSAS
John Hudgens, ODMHSAS
Bruce Hammond, Mercy Love County
Jeff Dismukes, ODMHSAS
Steven Fritz, Human Skills & Resources
Paula Inbody, Human Skills & Resources
Paul Inbody, Human Skills & Resources
Brian Bush, Private Citizen
Kevan Finley, Oklahoma Forensic Center
Nisha Wilson, ODMHSAS
Michael Hanes, ERI
Sharra Rivera, ERI
Kelsey Sweger, ERI
Kim Smithson, Eagle Ridge Family Treatment Center
Janice Reese, ODMHSAS
Michaelle Statham, ODMHSAS

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Sullivan called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21 2014, BOARD MEETING

Mr. Carson moved to approve the November 21, 2014, minutes. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley Yes Ms. Henderson Yes
Mr. Carson Yes Dr. Pierce Yes
Mr. Fisher Yes Dr. Sullivan Yes
Dr. Haynes Yes Dr. Vanderslice Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROGRAM CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs
A. Permit for Temporary Operation
Permit for Temporary Operation was recommended for: Southeastern Oklahoma Family Services, Inc., Hugo; and Southeastern Oklahoma Family Services, Inc., McAlester.

Dr. Pierce moved to approve permit for temporary operation for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley Yes Ms. Henderson Yes
Mr. Carson Yes Dr. Pierce Yes
Mr. Fisher Yes Dr. Sullivan Yes
Dr. Haynes Yes Dr. Vanderslice Yes

B. Two-Year Certification
Two-year certification was recommended for: Crossway Counseling Services, L.L.C.; Four Winds Ranch Recovery Center for Adolescent Females, L.L.C.; Promises, Inc.; Roadback, Inc. (Non-Medical Detox); and Tiger Mountain Recovery, Inc. (Adult and Co-Occurring Residential).

Mr. Fisher moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley Yes Ms. Henderson Yes
Mr. Carson Yes Dr. Pierce Yes
Mr. Fisher Yes Dr. Sullivan Yes
Dr. Haynes Yes Dr. Vanderslice Yes

C. Certification with Special Distinction
Certification with special distinction was recommended for: Eagle Ridge Institute, Inc. dba Eagle Ridge Family Treatment Center.
Dr. Pierce moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced program. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

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Dr. Sullivan recognized Eagle Ridge Institute, Inc. for being 100% compliant on all standards and is eligible to receive a refund of their certification fee.

**Comprehensive Community Addiction Recovery Center Programs**

**A. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: Human Skills and Resources, Inc.

Dr. Beasley moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced program. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

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**B. Certification with Special Distinction**

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: The Center for Therapeutic Interventions, P.L.L.C.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced program. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

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**Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Programs**

**A. Permit for Temporary Operation**

Permit for temporary operation was recommended for: CenterPoint Behavioral Health Systems, P.L.L.C.; CREOKS Mental Health Services, Inc., McAlester, Stigler; Lanai P, P.C. dba Spring Eternal (Peer recovery support services); Lighthouse Behavioral Medicine, L.L.C.; Mercy Love County Adult Day Center &
Family Services; Phoenix Gate, Inc., Tahlequah; and Stigler Health and Wellness Center, Inc.

Dr. Pierce moved to approve the permit for temporary operation for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

Dr. McCaffree arrived at 9:05 a.m.

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**B. One-Year Certification**

One-year certification was recommended for: Mi-Win, Inc. dba Justin’s Lighthouse Recovery Services.

Dr. Vanderslice moved to approve the one-year certification for the above-referenced program. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

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**C. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: Affinity Counseling Services, L.L.C.; Carla Worley, P.L.L.C. dba Carla’s Counseling Services; Community Counselors Group, Inc.; Family & Children’s Consultants, Inc.; and iAspire, L.L.C.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve the two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

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Community-Based Structured Crisis Center Programs

A. Two-Year Certification

Two-year certification was recommended for: Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma, Inc.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced program. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion.

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**DISCUSSION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner White reviewed her report with the Board as follows:

Children's Behavioral Health Network, "Joining Forces Ensuring a Better Future for Oklahoma's Kids" – (Speaker) – Commissioner White stated that this is a new collaboration focusing on children's behavioral health and she was honored to be the speaker at their kickoff meeting.

ODMHSAS Partner Meeting – Commissioner White stated that this meeting was to bring together the ODMHSAS' different networks which includes the provider, prevention, substance abuse and mental health networks to allow them to hear the Budget Hearing presentation that she gives to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.

Commissioner White stated that she gave many interviews this reporting period surrounding mental health and addiction issues.

Debbie Monnet, Board Member and Janet Owen-Oden, M.Ed., Executive Director, Teen Recovery Solutions. – Commissioner White stated that this Oklahoma City high school is one of the only sober high schools in the nation. She stated it is completely comprised of students in recovery.

Bill Case and Terry Smith, CEO/President, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) – Commissioner White stated that OICA wants to help advocate for the Systems of Care program.

Leadership Duncan Class XIX Health Services Day – (Speaker) – Commissioner White spoke about the Leadership Duncan Class and what a great leadership program this is.
Stephens County Mental Health Task Force Meeting – She stated that the
President of the hospital in Duncan is dedicated to the issues of behavioral
health, and he has put together a coalition of local mental health providers and
community stakeholders to come together to work on mental health issues in
Stephens County.

Leadership Oklahoma City, Class 33 – (Speaker) – Commissioner White stated
she was asked to speak to this class about mental health and addiction issues.

Representative Scott Martin; Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor of Norman; Steve Lewis,
City Manager of Norman; Susan Connors, City of Norman Planning &
Community Development Director; Lisa Krieg, City of Norman Grants Planner,
and Durand Crosby, Chief of Staff and Operations, ODMHSAS/April Heiple,
Executive Director, Food and Shelter, Inc. and Gene McKown, President, Ideal
Homes – Commissioner White stated that she had several meetings to discuss
the Department’s land in Norman and how to utilize it to benefit our infrastructure
in an effort to help those with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Walgreens Naloxone Training – (Speaker) – Commissioner White gave a brief
description of what naloxone is and what it’s used for. She stated that Oklahoma
has lost 600 individuals altogether last year to prescription drug overdose. She
stated that naloxone is now available to first responders and family members.
She stated that Walgreens is committed to providing the naloxone drug
throughout the state. Walgreens held a training for all their pharmacists in the
state and they asked her to speak, along with Gail Box, one of the founders of
the Austin Box 12 Foundation.

Mr. Fisher asked for clarification on the 600 overdose deaths in Oklahoma.
Commissioner White stated that there were more deaths from prescription drug
overdoses than there were in automobile accidents last year. She stated that we
are ranked fifth in the nation in overdose deaths, and Tulsa County is the 18th
highest of counties reporting in prescription drug overdose deaths in the nation.

Dr. Pierce asked if the state’s fifth place rank was based on per capita, and
Commissioner White stated that it was. Commissioner White stated that for
every 100 citizens in Oklahoma there were 128 prescriptions for painkillers
written in 2012.

Dr. McCaffree asked if other pharmaceutical groups are going to be a part of the
program. Commissioner White stated that the other pharmaceutical groups have
been contacted about working with us, and she believes they will begin
participating; however, at this point, Walgreens is the only group to step forward
and agree to take on the task.
Steven Buck, Deputy Commissioner of Prevention and Communication Services, stated that a small chain in northeast Oklahoma has committed to stocking naloxone.

Debby Hampton, President and CEO, United Way of Central Oklahoma – Commissioner White stated that she had the honor of taking Ms. Hampton and several of the United Way board members on a tour of the Tulsa Housing Program funded by the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma.

Local Chapter of the National Women’s Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood (P.E.O.) and United Way of Oklahoma Women’s Leadership Event – (Speaker) – Commissioner White stated that she spoke at these events about the impact these groups of women could have on mental health and substance abuse issues.

Freeze Your Face Off Baron’s Hockey Game Benefitting NAMI Oklahoma – Commissioner White stated that The Colby Foundation partnered with the Baron’s hockey team, and they held the second annual Freeze Your Face Off 5K run. It was a huge success with almost 600 runners participating. Those that participated received tickets to the Baron’s hockey game that evening. During the game, Commissioner White helped with presentations and giveaways.

Workforce System Partners Meeting – Commissioner White stated that Governor Fallin has three main priorities that she wants to focus on: Lowering incarceration, health, and workforce. In regards to the workforce issue, the Commerce Department has reached out to ODMHSAS to help find answers and solutions to the problem of failed drug tests in employment candidates. Commissioner White stated that this meeting is ongoing, and she will keep the Board members updated.

Office of Management and Enterprise Services Budget Hearing – Commissioner White stated that the Department had its first budget hearing. She stated that the state is facing a $300 million shortfall. She hopes that the ODMHSAS is one of the agencies that doesn’t receive a budget cut.

New Legislators Boot Camp – (Speaker) Commissioner White stated that she spoke at Governor Fallin’s Legislators Boot Camp in regards to criminal justice diversion.

Representative Bobby Cleveland; David Prater, Oklahoma County District Attorney, Oklahoma County District Attorney’s Office; and Scott Mitchell, KOKC Radio – (Interview) – Commissioner White stated that she participated in interview, along with Representative Cleveland and David Prater, on the radio show “Mitchell In the Morning.” Commissioner White stated that the interview was in regards to the investment that needs to be made towards the Smart on Crime initiative. Commissioner White stated that Representative Cleveland was
tasked with looking into the incarceration issues in Oklahoma. She stated that he is looking into every aspect of the situation and has become very involved in regards to incarcerated individuals who also have mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Dr. McCaffree asked if Representative Cleveland is looking into the women’s incarceration rates as well and Commissioner White confirmed that he is.

Katie Altshuler, Policy Director, Office of Governor Mary Fallin and OU Physicians Family Practice Clinic, Edmond, OK – Commissioner White stated that she took Ms. Altshuler on a tour of the OU Physicians Family Practice Clinic in Edmond to see firsthand the Screening Brief Intervention Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program.

Commissioner concluded her report and asked if there were any questions. Dr. Sullivan asked Commissioner White what the interview with Olga Hazzan, from the Atlantic was about. Commissioner White stated that Ms. Hazzan called and, after a long conversation, it was determined that the information Ms. Hazzan was requesting was in regards to the number of people that need services and the actual number of those that actually receive them.

Dr. McCaffree stated that Oklahoma is 50th in the Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) for the nation. Commissioner White stated that the ACE study shows that what you experience as a child has a direct link to what your health is as an adult.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REPORT FROM DURAND CROSBY
Durand Crosby, Chief of Staff and Operations, reviewed his report with the Board as follows:

Dr. Crosby stated that things have been busy with session about to resume and that Mr. Buck has been diligently working on going through all the bills filed to determine which ones the Department needs to monitor.

He reminded members about the 40th Annual Conference on Aging May 5-7, 2015, and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Crosby also spoke briefly about Quality Team Day May 7, 2015. He stated that each year ODMHSAS leads with the most entries and accommodation’s received.

Mr. Crosby invited the Board members to read the success stories.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
Mr. Carson reviewed the report from the Corporate Accountability Committee meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2015 as follows:
The Inspector General's report was reviewed by the Committee. Mr. Maddox reported that there were no changes to the Inspector General's report.

Mr. Carson had a question about the number of cases that are documented in the Inspector General's report as being finished but still pending. Mr. Maddox explained that these cases still need to be typed and submitted to legal for review; however, the actual investigation is complete.

Mr. Mickey presented the Advocate General's report to the committee. Mr. Mickey stated that the Advocate's Office has completed the last round of site visits of the state-operated facilities for 2014.

The Committee asked if any referrals had been made by the Advocate General to the Inspector General. Mr. Mickey responded stating that two had been referred.

The Committee asked about the process of investigation referrals. Mr. Mickey and Mr. Maddox explained the referral process that they have established. Mr. Maddox also stated that he and Mr. Mickey have a very good working relationship. Mr. Carson noted that the Corporate Accountability Subcommittee is very impressed by the working relationship established by the Inspector General and the Advocate General.

The Corporate Accountability committee recommends that the Board accept the Inspector General's report and the Advocate General's report.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT
Mr. Carson made a motion to approve the Inspector General's report. Dr. Haynes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley Yes Dr. McCaffree Yes
Mr. Carson Yes Dr. Pierce Yes
Mr. Fisher Yes Dr. Sullivan Yes
Dr. Haynes Yes Dr. Vanderslice Yes
Ms. Henderson Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONSUMER ADVOCATES REPORT
Mr. Carson made a motion to approve the Consumer Advocates report. Dr. Haynes seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley        Yes         Dr. McCaffree    Yes
Mr. Carson         Yes         Dr. Pierce       Yes
Mr. Fisher         Yes         Dr. Sullivan     Yes
Dr. Haynes         Yes         Dr. Vanderslice Yes
Ms. Henderson      Yes

DISCUSSION AND REPORT FROM THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
Dr. Sullivan stated that there were two presentations for the January Performance Improvement meeting and gave a brief overview of each presentation as follows:

Jessica Hawkins, Director of Prevention Services, ODMHSAS, presented “Naloxone” as follows:

In response to Oklahoma’s growing drug abuse epidemic, the Prescription Drug Planning Workgroup, commissioned by the Oklahoma Prevention Leadership Collaborative (OPLC), presented a state plan for reducing prescription drug abuse. To address Oklahoma’s problem with prescription drugs, the plan outlines commitments to action for the state and the community. The commitments to action focus on the areas of community/public education, provider/prescriber education, disposal/storage for the public, disposal/storage for providers, tracking and monitoring, regulatory/enforcement, and treatment/interventions. The action items under treatment/interventions include interventions to prevent overdose. In 2013, legislation passed to allow first responders and family members to obtain and administer naloxone, a drug used to counteract the effects of opioid overdose. Overdose prevention programs involving the use of naloxone have shown success in reducing opioid-related overdose deaths.

The Oklahoma Overdose Prevention Committee was formed. The committee brought together multiple agencies including the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety to develop an Oklahoma plan for naloxone use and plan a demonstration project for first responder naloxone use. Tulsa County was chosen to be the pilot site as it ranked 18th highest in the United States among reporting counties for opioid overdose deaths in 2010. In 2011, Tulsa County accounted for 21% of Oklahoma’s unintentional opioid-involved overdose deaths. Agreements were secured between the ODMHSAS and law enforcement agencies serving the County of Tulsa. A total of 19 agencies and over 700 enforcement personnel have received training on the use and administration of naloxone and medication rescue kits were disseminated to participating first responder agencies by the ODMHSAS. From May to
December 2014, partner law enforcement agencies have reported 12 lives saved using naloxone.

Oklahoma’s TakeAsPrescribed.org website houses naloxone information and training materials for the general public and those professionals participating in the first responder demonstration project. The Oklahoma Overdose Prevention Committee and the ODMHSAS are currently working to: Expand the first responder project to additional law enforcement agencies in high need communities; partner with the OSDH Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division to increase naloxone access to partnering EMS agencies; and promote naloxone availability at retail pharmacy locations.

The second presentation was on the eMagazine, presented by Warren Whisler and Monica Cain, IS Applications Specialists, ODMHSAS.

Mr. Whisler stated that the eMagazine creates a visible artifact. It serves as a vessel to plant the seed of unity in a decentralized workforce.

We use our website as a business tool. It is one that communicates and enables business functions but it was not designed to help our culture bond. That is where the eMagazine helps unify culture across the Department’s facilities.

Articles present readers/employees an opportunity for engagement beyond regular duties. It also promotes organizational learning by facilitating the sharing of knowledge.

Strong identifiable culture increases employee commitment, overall satisfaction, and brand image.

The ODMHSAS eMagazine can be viewed via access control and is available to all employees.

The eMagazine is released using a flip book publisher that takes PDF files of the design layouts and combines them into a professional mobile-ready digital publication that can be easily navigated and has the look of an actual magazine.

Limited numbers of the eMagazine are printed for ease of accessibility for employee’s that don’t have daily access to the network and a copy is passed out to new employees at New Employee Orientation to introduce them to the eMagazine.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORT
Durand Crosby reviewed the Critical Incident report. Mr. Crosby stated that the Department’s incidents remain lower than the national average. Mr. Crosby stated that their ultimate goal is to have no incidents.
Dr. Sullivan stated that a few of the incidents were explained in previous meetings and that, overall, the Department is doing well.

Dr. Vanderslice moved to approve the Critical Incident Report. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

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**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Carson reviewed the Finance Committee report as follows:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Haynes. The Committee approved the minutes from the November 19, 2014, meeting.

Mr. McCann presented the finance report for the month ending December 2014. He presented the budget to actual comparison report as follows:

Revenue collections are trending below projections by $1.8 million
Expenditures are trending under budget by $12.7 million
The year-to-date net variance for the agency is a positive $10.9 million or 2% under budget.

Mr. McCann presented Budget Revision 4 that had been processed since the last Finance Committee meeting. The revision was an overall decrease in FY15 budget of $4 million. This decrease was primarily due to the correction of a grant initially budgeted for the entire three-year period of the grant instead of a one-year period for FY15.

Mr. McCann presented the FY14 State Audit Report for review. There were no significant issues arising from the audit report that was discussed, or were the subject of correspondence with management. There were three internal control deficiencies noted that were communicated to management in the form of an audit finding; however, the deficiencies noted were not considered to be significant or material weaknesses in the internal control accounting procedures.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
Mr. Carson moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report. Dr. Haynes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley   Yes       Dr. McCaffree  Yes
Mr. Carson   Yes       Dr. Pierce    Yes
Mr. Fisher   Yes       Dr. Sullivan  Yes
Dr. Haynes   Yes       Dr. Vanderslice  Yes
Ms. Henderson   Yes

BUDGET REVISION 4
Mr. Carson moved to approve Budget Revision 4. Dr. Haynes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley   Yes       Dr. McCaffree  Yes
Mr. Carson   Yes       Dr. Pierce    Yes
Mr. Fisher   Yes       Dr. Sullivan  Yes
Dr. Haynes   Yes       Dr. Vanderslice  Yes
Ms. Henderson   Yes

FY14 AUDIT REPORT
Mr. Carson moved to approve the FY14 audit report. Dr. Haynes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley   Yes       Dr. McCaffree  Yes
Mr. Carson   Yes       Dr. Pierce    Yes
Mr. Fisher   Yes       Dr. Sullivan  Yes
Dr. Haynes   Yes       Dr. Vanderslice  Yes
Ms. Henderson   Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
CHAIR:
Dr. Vanderslice made a motion to recommend Dr. Bell as Chair for the ODMHSAS Board for a two-year term, beginning March 27, 2015.
Dr. Sullivan opened up the floor to the Board members for further nominations. There were no further nominations. Mr. Carson seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley   Yes       Dr. McCaffree  Yes
Mr. Carson   Yes       Dr. Pierce    Yes
Mr. Fisher   Yes       Dr. Sullivan  Yes

Dr. Haynes  Yes  Dr. Vanderslice  Yes
Ms. Henderson  Yes

VICE-CHAIR:
Dr. Vanderslice made a motion to recommend Major Pulido as Vice-Chair for the ODMHSAS Board for a two-year term, beginning March 27, 2015.

Dr. Sullivan opened up the floor to the Board members for further nominations. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Carson seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley  Yes  Dr. McCaffree  Yes
Mr. Carson  Yes  Dr. Pierce  Yes
Mr. Fisher  Yes  Dr. Sullivan  Yes
Dr. Haynes  Yes  Dr. Vanderslice  Yes
Ms. Henderson  Yes

PRESENTATION
Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Deputy Commissioner of Treatment and Recovery Services stated that the first presentation was on a Criminal Justice Diversion Program which works to screen individuals to help provide resources or link them to resources to keep them from falling further into the criminal justice system.

Deputy Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that approximately nine years ago, before she and Commissioner White were in their current roles, they had worked on this issue. She stated that they worked on the development of a list of areas of diversion based upon the sequential intercept models. She stated that one of these initiatives developed into the Smart on Crime project. She stated that about two years ago, they received funds from the Legislature to move forward on a portion of this project related to jail screenings, and Nisha Wilson, Director of Specialty Courts, was tasked to come up with a plan and to implement that plan throughout the state.

Ms. Wilson gave a brief presentation on the Department’s jail screening program and what is being done to lower the number of those incarcerated with mental health and/or substance abuse issues who are incarcerated and to get those individuals into treatment.

Mr. Carson asked why the numbers were so different between Tulsa and Shawnee. Ms. Wilson stated that they were looking at two different measures on the slides that were shown. In Tulsa County, they were able to look at their jail data; however, they don’t have the same access in some of the smaller areas. The data that was reviewed in Pontatoc County was the time that it took individuals to get into the drug court program.
Mr. Carson asked if the general public has accepted the program. Ms. Wilson stated that due to the positive outcomes, it has been well received in the communities.

Commissioner White stated that the Department requested $5 million to do screenings at jails across the state. She stated that two years ago the Department received $1 million to start the screening program and, to date, Ms. Wilson has the program up and running in 18 counties, including Oklahoma and Tulsa County. Commissioner White stated that due to the success of this program in those 18 counties, she is hopeful the Legislature will grant additional funding to expand this program statewide.

Mr. Carson asked approximately how many individuals were in the drug court program on any given day. Commissioner White stated that it was about 4,000 individuals. She also explained that there are approximately 450 individuals in the mental health courts every day. She is hoping to expand the mental health courts program statewide, as they are currently in only 16 counties; whereas, the drug courts are in 74 counties.

Dr. Haynes asked about the effectiveness of mental health courts. Commissioner White stated that those individual’s unemployment rate and arrest rate goes down about 80 percent. Ms. Wilson stated that the number of days for inpatient residential treatment also goes down about 60 percent.

Dr. McCaffree asked how someone could help get their state representatives on board with these programs. Commissioner White stated that the Department has printed information they can give to individuals that show that drug and mental health courts are working, along with information on the success of jail screenings.

PRESENTATION
Commissioner White introduced Codie Howell who gave a brief presentation on his own experiences with drug court. He talked about the events that led up to his arrest, how the system worked for him, and because of drug courts he was able to obtain his dream. He thanked the Board and all those involved with the program. He stated that without them he would not have made it.

TEMPORARILY ADJOURNMENT
Dr. McCaffree moved to temporarily adjourn the meeting. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Dr. Beasley Yes Dr. McCaffree Yes
Mr. Carson Yes Dr. Pierce Yes
Mr. Fisher Yes Dr. Sullivan Yes
Dr. Haynes Yes Dr. Vanderslice Yes
Ms. Henderson        Yes

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED
Meeting reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

DR. HAYNES’ YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION
Commissioner White and Dr. Sullivan recognized and presented Dr. Haynes with a plaque for his years of service to the ODMHSAS Governing Board.

Dr. Beasley left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. McCaffree moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

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