

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022 – 1:00 PM

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

2915 N Classen Blvd., Ste 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

The agenda was posted at 2915 N Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 1:00pm.

Call to Order

Annette Wisk Jacobi called the meeting to order at 1:30.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Adelaide Webb.

Members Present

Paula Brown, Marny Dunlap, Hokehe Effiong, Jaqueline Evans, Rita Echelle, Gina McPherson, Tiffany Neill, Annett Wisk Jacobi, Kelly Kay, Marshal Vogts, Sada Knowles, Melissa Larimore, Rachel Proper, Lorri Essary, Joyce Marshall, Audra Haney, Anthony Stafford, Brett Vanderzee, Vicki Weaver Payne, Jennifer Stepp at 1:28, Brittany Lee at 1:38 and Sarah Roberts at 2:05, Carrie Williams

Members Not Present

Polly Anderson, Curtis Calvin, Christin Bolinger, Jennifer King, Karla Benford, Angie Clayton, Kevin Corbett, Nathan Valentine, Tina Floyd, Melinda Freundt, Chris Dvorak, Allison Garrett, Joy Hofmeister, Melody Kellogg, Adrienne Butler, Brent Kisling, Marcie Mack, Joann Carter, Amanda McCabe Jon Pedersen, Jennifer Pham, Keith Reed, Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Annie Van Hanken, Ryan Walters, and Karlee Gholson

Staff Present

Vicki Bumpas, Kasey Cabello, Mary Griffin, Taylor Knooihuizen, Chris Lee, Carrie Williams, Stephanie Lippert, Taffy Henderson and Adelaide Webb

Guests Present

Dr. David Bard, Danielle Dill, and Betty Hawkins-Emery.

***Approval of Minutes**

Annette presented the Board meeting minutes from October 21, 2021.

Anthony Safford made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2022 meeting. Paula Brown seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Chairperson Comments

Nothing to note.

Approval of OPSR Financial Report

Carrie presented the FY22 Budget to Actuals through September 30, 2021 complete but not audited. Carrie announced through September 30, 2021, OPSR has spent \$93,000 on base contract and another \$60,000 on the DHS Clearinghouse contract. OPSR has not spent as much as originally budgeted due to staffing vacancies at OPSR. Carrie shared OPSR is on track as of September 30, 2021.

As of December 31, 2021, committee members will see OPSR is behind budget as far as spending due to the base contract being a cost reimbursement. OPSR will get those dollars back as claims are paid. The

Clearinghouse contract is billed as a flat monthly fee, so there is additional money OPSR has received from DHS but not yet spent.

To date, OPSR has received approximately \$147,000 for the Clearinghouse contract. Marshal Vogts asked if by June 30, 2022, there is unspent money, will it automatically be carried over to the following year? Carrie responded by saying, “the funds are use it or lose it”.

The third document is the base budget modification for OPSR base contract, due to staff vacancies. OPSR has about \$100,000 that it would like to move out of salary and put into program support. In addition, there is a surplus of \$25,000 in consultant position. OPSR would like to move \$5,000 into supplies and \$20,000 into program support. Carrie let the board know OPSR is waiting for DHS to approve the budget modification. Marshall Vogts asked if the \$125,000 would require new contracts or just increase existing contracts. Carrie answered by saying both, some organizations reached out for additional support and certain programs would target specific populations like a project with the Autism Foundation.

***Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates**

Move April 21, 2022 meeting date to April 14, 2022 because several staff are out of town for Pyramid Model Conference.

Paula Brown made a motion to approve the suggested new date. Brett Vanderzee seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Everyday Practices and Home Visiting Report

Dr. David Bard presented on positive parenting practices with a focus on his work with the Oklahoma Health Department and home visitation programs. The presentation focused on clinical and implementation science studies where they were active in three sections: primary intervention, secondary intervention, and tertiary intervention with the terms in reference to child maltreatment.

Dr. Bard’s most recent data focused on two aims. The first to evaluate current and new approaches to increase father engagement; the second to evaluate child development outcomes and current developmental monitoring practices within home visiting programs. Changes to Dr. Bard’s project was not focusing on the biological father but any father figure, and to expand the emphasis on how to engage with those fathers.

The project found mothers and fathers had similar opinions when it came to parenting practices and home visiting. Fathers wanted to be more involved in the home visiting program; mothers were sometimes reluctant to include fathers. Dr. Bard’s study wanted to find what Oklahoma could do to support fathers in home visiting programs and child rearing. Some of the challenges faced when trying to get fathers to engage in home visiting include some families not being able to identify a father figure and partner violence and other safety concerns.

Despite the challenges, methods that proved successful included: being intentional when they invited fathers, including topics fathers are interested in, confirm the fathers receive materials, present facts on the importance of fathers, and allow conversations to happen organically. Dr. Bard’ study found with father involvement there were higher scores in ASQ3, problem solving, and fine motor development. In addition greater cognitive stimulation was being provided in the homes that were receiving these services.

OCCY Parent Partnership Board

Danielle Dill and Betty Hawkins-Emerly presented an update on the Parent Partnership Board for OCCY. Betty is a parent member for the Parent Partnership Board. She introduced the OPSR Board to the

members of PPB. Danielle shared the PPB board started in November 2021 and gave a timeline to present. They are working with OU E-Team for evaluation efforts to ensure the work they are doing has an impact.

Future activities starting in April for the PPB include: OSDH and OKDHS will convene, the Oklahoma Policy Institute will attend a future board meeting to give updates on legislation or policy impacting parents, meet with OCCY commissioners in May to start relationship building, and a strategic sharing workshop in June.

Danielle opened for questions. OPSR is providing stipends to the PPB board members for.... Annette shares members of the PPB are available to any OPSR board member to gain parent perspective for their agency or organization the PPB members have been selected to be on the board because of their personal journey and willingness to share their parenting experiences. Per Statute, 13 members max. Annette wants OPSR board members to keep an open thought if they have a parent who should apply. Danielle stated they want more fathers.

OPSR and OCCRRA Intent to Merge

Carrie shares OPSR's intent to merge with OCCRRA. With Paula Koos's retirement, Carrie took the opportunity to enter into negotiations at the foundation level to see if it makes sense to merge. OCCRRA connects parents to licensed child care options and improving quality of licensed child care across the state. OCCRRA is a contractor of OKDHS. OPSR met with partners at OKDHS to discuss a merger with OCCRRA; all were supportive and helped with the language in SB 1408. The bill is awaiting a full senate vote. Clearinghouse and CCR&R would become the responsibility of OPSR in statute. This merger will help OPSR better serve children and families by extending our bandwidth and getting back into communities. OPSRF voted to approve the merger agreement this morning. The merger will be effective June 30th. CCR&R will be a third contract for board review. The OPSR Foundation is the entity OCCRRA will merge with and why they voted this morning. The Partnership Board votes on the public spending for the contracts.

Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success

Carrie Williams shared the Clearinghouse received 22 submissions during the first round under the topic of social emotional wellbeing. Carrie gave a brief overview how submissions make it through the committee process. Carrie announced the Oklahoma Department of Human Services has chosen to fund three proposals at 90% of what they will cost, and the Public Private Partnership Committee has elected to fund the remaining 10%. There are also additional projects where OPSR will act as a liaison between submitters and DHS to either expand or reduce the scope of certain projects. The Clearinghouse will open the second round of submissions in April.

OPSR has created a Clearinghouse committee of the Foundation and are still looking for committee members. Gina McPherson asked if these are annual projects or only operate for a period-of-time. Carrie shared first round projects will be funded over a two-year period starting July 1, 2022.

Marny Dunlap asked what happens to the submissions that were not funded this round. Carrie shared that all projects that were rated will be posted to the Clearinghouse website and OPSR's role is to be the vetting source. Marny Dunlap asked if private dollars would match public dollars and if that will be the precedent moving forward or if private dollars will be able to fund 100% of certain projects. Carrie shared that there is a want to fund projects using public and private dollars, however in the future there may be projects DHS is not able to fund that private dollar could fund.

Paula Brown asked if the goal was for the project be self-sustaining or will they continue to use the funding every year? Carrie shared DHS is currently using quality dollars for this round of submissions.

Tiffany Neill asked, as the Clearinghouse moves forward, would it still be where DHS would contract directly with the programs, it wouldn't be the funding coming to OPSR then contracting with those projects? Carrie shared that DHS chose to sub contract with OPSR and OPSR does not make funding decision. Carrie shared OPSR will also be adding a compliance position in the following fiscal year. Tiffany Neill wondered if the Clearinghouse evaluation process would constitute as an RFP. Carrie shared that DHS's attorneys have determined that the Clearinghouses process does meet the standards for an RFP, which is why they are able to subcontract with OPSR.

Executive Director's Report

Carrie Williams announced we are going to fill COO position with Stephanie Lippert as Senior Director of Policy and Operations. Taffy Henderson has been hired as Program Director of Child Care Resource and Referral. Interviews will be conducted Friday and Monday for OPSR Program Director and Executive Assistant. The goal is to have those positions filled in the next two weeks. OPSR's ARPA request is in Chair review. Carrie has been meeting with legislators to discuss the request and an integrative data system. OPSR hosted a legislative symposium to educate members of legislature and their staff on the importance of early childhood education. Sarah Roberts jumped in virtually to thank Carrie and the team for being able to handle so many big changes at one time.

OPSR will be co-hosting INK Day with OCCRRA for training and advocacy at the Capitol. Everyone is invited to this event where advocates will learn how to share key points related to early care and education, who their legislators are and how to engage effectively with them. Lunch will be provided and participants will be bused to Capitol to meet with their legislators. This advocacy day will be during the Week of the Young Child on Wednesday April 6. We hope to make this an annual event.

Carrie showed the Annual Report and Home Visiting Report for all in-person members. Paula Brown shared our electronic reports to national leaders in ECE and they were impressed.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Paula Brown shares: last week, in conjunction with other agencies she was able to host the first of eight open forums to discuss childhood homelessness. The next will be April 6th. Second announcement: Head Start will be hosting first annual early childhood transition summit June 22nd at Francis-Tuttle.

Tiffany Neill shared information about Imagination Library and it will be launching in about a month.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Annette Jacobi adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.