

**OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS and OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP
FOR SCHOOL READINESS FOUNDATION**

Joint Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 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 Tuesday, April 12, 2022,
at 1:00pm.

Call to Order

Annette Wisk Jacobi called the meeting to order at 1:17.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Angela Bryant.

Members Present

Curtis Calvin (for Polly Anderson), Brittany Lee (for Justin Brown), Paula Brown, Marny Dunlap, Lauren Jenks-Jones, Annette Wisk Jacobi, Shellie Schlegel (for Brent Kisling), Melissa Larimore, Joann Carter (for Marcie Mack), Jennifer Stepp (for Jon Pedersen), Rachel Proper, Joyce Marshall (for Keith Reed), Sarah Roberts, Audra Haney (for Carrie Slatton-Hodges), Anthony Stafford, Annie Van Hanken, Brett Vanderzee; Karlee Gholson (for Ryan Walters), Suzanne Thompson, and Carrie Williams.

Via Zoom: Marsha Schmidt at 12:50, Christina Bolinger 12:57, Jaqueline Evans 12:58, Caren Calhoun 12:58, Tiffany Neil (for Joy Hoffmeister) 12:57, AJ Griffin 12:59, Lucie Doll 1, Ginny Carl 1:09,

Members Not Present

Angie Clayton, Kevin Corbett, Hokehe Effiong, Tina Floyd, Melinda Fruendt, Allison Garrett, Kelly Kay, Melody Kellogg, Sada Knowles, Amanda McCabe, Jennifer Pham, and Vicki Weaver Payne

Staff Present

Vicki Bumpas, Kasey Cabello, Mary Griffin, Taylor Knooihuizen, Chris Lee, Carrie Williams, Angela Bryant, and Taffy Henderson

Guests Present

Paula Koos, Director of Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral; Tammy Maus, Amie McDaniel, Janell Wheat, and Peggy Byerly

***Approval of Minutes**

Annette presented the Board meeting minutes from March 10, 2022.

Marny Dunlap made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting. Rachel Proper seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Chairperson Comments

Nothing to note.

Approval of OPSR Financial Report

Carrie shared that OPSR had submitted a budget modification request related to the base contract submitted to the Department of Human Services. OPSR has been approved for that modification. OPSR has moved funds from salary into programs for the remaining fiscal year. Annette made clear that the money was only moved because it would have lapsed, and OPSR wanted to put those funds to good use.

OCCY Parent Partnership Board

Annette gave update about how the board is open to anyone to use the 10 parents. Gabrielle Jacobi from the Oklahoma Policy Institute came and gave the kids count update so they got a rich overview of the data on child well-being in Oklahoma. In June OCCY's PBB will host a strategic planning to learn who to hone their personal stories and lived experience into two minutes so they can help advocate. In May they will meet with different OCCY Commissioners as a meet and greet opportunity for commissioners to share with parents how they got their position and who to tap into for certain issues. This parent group is different because of the broad spectrum of interests, so giving them access to their leadership will be helpful. Isabel Costanata (Rodriguez) to be hired to coordinate the parents and OCCY.

OPSR and OCCRRA Intent to Merge

Carrie shared that SB1408 amends our statute to include that OPSR will be the statewide network for Child Care Resource and Referral and also serve as the Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Programs in Oklahoma. Both items are set to memorialize the work that OPSR is doing as of July 1st and that on Tuesday the bill has been presented to the common education committee of the house and has already passed the Senate. OPSR is now waiting on the full house vote and the next step would be to move onto the governor's desk for his approval. Annette asked about the actual name of the bill and that it sounded more comprehensive and asked Carrie to speak to that. Carrie explained that the language is pretty broad, but it simply says that OPSR is the Clearinghouse for early childhood programs in the state as opposed to calling it the clearinghouse for early childhood success. Tiffany Neill asked if the bill would impact the way their agency operates programs like Sooner Start or IDA part C for students receiving special education services earlier than pre-k, since the bill language is broad, they are wondering because it suggests OPSR is over referral that it would encompass those services? Carrie responded by sharing that Child Care Resource and Referral is a federally mandated program to exist as a part of the childcare development block grant. It has been mandated to exist specifically related to childcare and does not impact Sooner Start or any other programs. Tiffany Neill asked if she could receive something in writing that she could share.

Carrie introduced Paula Koos the current executive director of Oklahoma Childcare Resource and Referral Association. Paula gave a brief overview of the history of Resource and Referral. OCCRRA is mandated to provide services to all 77 counties, with eight regional offices. Resource and Referral started out by answering phone calls and helping parents locate childcare. It has grown by additionally offering trainings and providing technical assistance. Resource and Referral also advocates for bills that are beneficial for children in Oklahoma.

ARPA Funding Update

Carrie gave an update on the ARPA funds, OPSR submitted a request back in October of 2021 for 100 million dollars, the goal of which is to increase capacity of childhood serving organizations, integrated data system, training, work force, and curriculum development. The request has gone into chair review and OPSR believes it will be heard by the education subcommittee of the joint committee.

Private philanthropy on board to cover administrative costs for sub-granting to small businesses and non-profits. No indication as to what level the request will be supported. Still speaking into the priorities of that. We believe a necessary component of rebounding from pandemic to invest in child serving organizations.

Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success

Carrie announced the Clearinghouse is very close to opening round two of the submission window. OPSR is also very close to making an announcement on what projects will be awarded support for implementation and which submission have been approved by the Clearinghouse to be posted on the website. We did take some time to evaluate the process after the first round. We wanted a more

streamlined submission process for round 2. The focus of round 2 will be child development and the submission window will open from April 18-29. OPSR has hosted two townhalls where potential submitters were able to ask questions about the submission process. OPSR has also made updates to the submission form and the rubric. We are hoping to be able to present with round 2 sometime in July.

Executive Director's Report

Carrie submitted a lengthy written executive report and shared two highlights from that report. OPSR cohosted INK Day (Invest in Kids) at the capital which is an annual event that Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral staff. OPSR helped to make it a larger event, there were over 130 participants. The day started off with a training at the Capital Event Center. Brittany Lee spoke as well as AJ Griffin about the importance of quality for early childcare in Oklahoma. Price Lang then presented an advocacy training about how to speak with representatives.

OPSR will be hosting an annual research symposium, the dates are June 7th-9th. There will be a reception at the Omni Hotel on June 6th and the research symposium will be virtual. The symposium will be interactive and OPSR has a great group of speakers already lined up. OPSR is excited to look at the innovations that have come out of the last two years of the pandemic and how Oklahoma has responded.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Lauren Jenks-Jones shares OK State Department of Education are getting ready to launch the Oklahoma Imagination Library, which is a partnership with the Dolly Parton Foundation. Working on sending books to children birth through 5 years old. They are looking to make the public announcement in May.

Audra Haney announced that their work with infants and toddlers exposed to substances and families involved in substance abuse. They are rolling out e-modules around family care plans that line up with Plans of safe care or Family care plans. This is to move that work earlier to prenatal work, so that they can avoid the need for removal from the family with treatment supports and services wrapped around the family.

Audra Haney shares Oklahoma Health Care Authority has been chosen for a TA project in alignment with early childhood and Medicaid policy. They have continued those efforts in work force development and working with families with appropriate models.

Paula Brown shared that the Head Start conference in Arkansas will have a day for states to share their opioid substance abuse with mothers and services provided. Paula shared that Head Start will be working closer with DHS to have imbedded case workers. There will also be an early childhood transition summit in June and the goal is to learn more about strengthening the transition process.

Jennifer Step announced that they have the largest committed group of freshmen for early childhood teachers at Oklahoma State since the teacher walkout. Also have some partnerships with community colleges and Vo-Techs.

Rachel Proper shared that tribes are doing childcare stabilization grants. Even if providers do not have a current contract with the tribe, but serve native community or are in the area are still eligible to qualify.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Annette Jacobi adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Curtis Calvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Marshall seconded.

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Annie Koppel Van Hanken

Annette Jacobi

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