

**OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS
MEETING AGENDA**

July 16, 2020 1:00 P.M.

All Board Members and Designees will attend via teleconference or videoconference

Declaration of Quorum and Welcome

Annette Jacobi called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.
Guests, staff, and members introduced themselves.

Roll Call and declaration of quorum

Carlye McQuiston called the roll and declared quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Annie Van Hanken motioned to approve the April minutes, seconded by Marny Dunlap with the removal of calling the meeting to order under the roll call heading. Motion passed by acclamation.

Chairperson Comments

Annette reminded the board to please identify themselves before they speak and that the meeting is being recorded. She also informed that the chat feature is closed for this meeting because it has the potential to distract from the conversation at hand. She encouraged the Board to jump in with any questions or comments.

Approval of OPSR Financial Report FY20

Marshall Vogts asked if DHS offers the option of carry over or if the money is use it or lose it. Debra said that there is a potential for that based on previous administrations, but OPSR still does not have a budget for FY21. Natalie Burns and Debra Andersen reminded the Board that one of the roadblocks to spending the DHS money this year was that it was awarded several months after FY20 began.

Sarah Roberts moved to approve the OPSR Financial Report FY20, seconded by Natalie. Motion passed by acclamation.

Approval of FY21 DHS/UCO Contract Budget

Annette and Debra reminded the Board that there will certainly be adjustments to our budget this year.

Natalie motioned to accept the FY21 DHS/UCO Contract Budget, seconded by Joy Culbreath. Motion passed by acclamation.

OKFutures Collaboration Evaluation Results

Dr. Erin Maher presented on the results of the OKFutures Evaluation Results. OPSR wanted to measure its collaboration in the OKFutures Grant because it was a grant requirement, it is fundamental to a mixed delivery system, and our success depends on cross-collaboration. A survey was sent to all OKFutures Steering Committee and team members with a 53% response rate. Interview requests went to randomly selected Steering Committee members that were moderately or highly involved.

Results of the survey showed that our collaboration was functioning above average. The highest scored items were that members are committed, have a sense of pride, are energetic, and goals are clear. The lowest scoring items were that families are involved and the budget is understood. Overall themes of the Evaluation study were that OPSR is an excellent backbone and the group had many accomplishments. There has been good, conflict-free communication. However, the success of the organization and grant was limited by state budget and lack of infrastructure. Additionally, there was some lack of representation from rural areas, parents, tribes, and children with disabilities.

Dr. Maher said that overall the Evaluation team was very impressed with the results and the quality in the responses they received.

Quality Rating and Improvement System Revisions

Susan Case from OKDHS presented on the Oklahoma QRIS system also known as Reaching for the Stars. This was first rolled out in Oklahoma in 1998. The goals are to improve quality, increase the number of subsidy slots, and provide a system for parents to evaluate the quality of child care. There have been no changes to the QRIS since 2012. However, major effective changes will go into effect November 1, 2021. OKDHS is building its supports to incorporate the Pyramid Model into the development of the new QRIS system. The current goal is to change to a five-level system, increase participation, increase provider commitment to continuous quality improvement, simplify paperwork process, and help ensure the system is no or low cost to the industry. OKDHS is receiving technical assistance from the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance, as well as researching other QRIS states, using the OKFutures Needs Assessment, and many other materials.

Oklahoma Standard Messages Project

Debra and Gabrielle Jacobi presented on the Oklahoma Standard Messages Project. Twenty-six organizations from across the state have applied to collect a minimum of 35 stories from community members about their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Debra reminded the Board that this project came in partnership with the office of the Lieutenant Governor to assess how the state can best help Oklahomans right now.

Executive Director Report

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Dr. Cindy Koss said that Superintendent Hofmeister has been attending weekly meetings with each district, and has recently released local recommendations for safety guidelines. Next Thursday at the State Board of Education meeting will release the most updated guidance. SDE will build color-coded recommendations specific to students at public schools.

Dr. Koss thanked the board and said the partnership with OPSR has been critical and greatly appreciated with by SDE since early learning is critical. Dr. Koss is retiring. On behalf of the Board, Debra thanked Dr. Koss for her years of service.

Debra announced that the RAND Cost of Quality Child Care Study is ready for pre-release on July 29. There will be a presentation on the report to board members and partners, as well as the public.

New business not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the posting of this agenda

No new business.

Adjourn

Annette adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.