

**OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS
OPSR BOARD AND FOUNDATION JOINT MEETING AGENDA**

March 2, 2021 2:30 P.M.

All Board Members and Designees will attend via teleconference or videoconference

Declaration of Recording Begins Call to Order and Welcome

Annette Jacobi called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Roll Call and declaration of quorum OPSR Board

Angie Clayton, OPSR Board Secretary, called the roll.

Roll Call and declaration of quorum OPSR Foundation

Carlye McQuiston called the roll.

Honor and Remembrance of Kathy Cronemiller

Annette Jacobi acknowledged the work and influence of long-time OPSR Board and Foundation member Kathy Cronemiller. Kathy was a founding member of OPSR and a lifelong advocate for early childhood in Oklahoma. Her contributions to OPSR and the state of Oklahoma will be sorely missed.

Introduction of OPSR Interim Executive Director

Annie Van Hanken acknowledged the great contributions of former OPSR Executive Director, Debra Andersen. Fortunately, the OPSR Foundation has recently hired Dr. Amy Emerson as OPSR Interim Executive Director. Dr. Emerson is a pediatrician who has focused on early childhood in her work. OPSR is excited to have her on board and is grateful for her willingness to jump into this work.

Dr. Emerson thanked both boards for trusting her to carry on this work. She shared that the mission of OPSR is more relevant than ever and is excited about this future opportunity.

Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success Presentation

Secretary Brown acknowledged and thanked Debra Andersen for her work and welcomed Dr. Emerson to OPSR.

Secretary Brown thinks it makes complete sense that OPSR is the “owner” of the Clearinghouse.

Marny Dunlap said that she loves the idea of the clearinghouse and thinks that OPSR is a natural home. She pointed out that child well-being revolves around more than just childcare, so she hopes that it will include health and mental health as well. Phil Dessauer clarified this question to understand that contributors to the Clearinghouse will need to have broad representation beyond just childcare. However, Annie Van Hanken added that the funding for this project will be centered around childcare because the funding is coming out of DHS’s quality dollars available to the state.

Annette asked the timeframe of this project. Secretary Brown is hopeful that ideas can start going through the clearinghouse in the summer.

Marny Dunlap asked what the relationship between the clearinghouse and OPSR board/staff/and foundation will be. Secretary Brown believes that the formal entity will be the Foundation because they can more easily take dollars and hire staff as needed. However, these discussions will be ongoing.

The website is up, but is not complete or as robust as it will be when the full clearinghouse is launched.

Adjourn

Annie and Annette adjourned the meeting at 3:30p.m.