

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – 2:00 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, June 28, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Call to Order

Chairperson Annette Wisk Jacobi called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm

Roll Call

The roll was called by OPSR staff member Taylor Knoohuizen.

Members Present

Annette Wisk Jacobi, *Shellie Schlegel, *Joann Carter, Jennifer Pham, *Joyce Marshall, Sarah Roberts, Audra Haney, Brett Vanderzee, Vicki We3aver Payne, Tamara Bryan, Karlee Gholson, Curtis Calvin, Jennifer King, Paula Brown, *Adrienne Butler, Nathan Valentine, Melinda Freundt, *Gina McPherson 1:58, Zoe Campbell 2:03, Melissa Larimore 2:03, Gabrielle Jacobi 2:31

Members Not Present

Kelly Kay, Brent Kisling, *Marshall Vogts, Sada Knowles, Marcie Mack, Amanda McCabe, Dr. Jon Pederson, *Jennifer Step, Rachel Proper, Keith Reed, *Lori Essary, Carrie Slatton- Hodges, Anthony Stafford, Annie Koppel Van Hanken, Polly Anderson, Christin Bolinger, Justin Brown, Brittany Lee, *Zoe Campbell, Angie Clayton, Kevin Corbett, Natalie Currie, Marny Dunlap, Hokehe Effiong, Jacqueline Evans, Tina Floyd, Rita Echelle, Chris Dvorak, Allison Garrett, Joy Hofmeister, *Tiffany Neill, *Lauren Jenks Jones,

Staff Present

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

Guests Present

Isabel Rodriguez Castaneda, Tamara Bryan, Gabrielle Jacobi, and Stephanie Lippert

***Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Annette Jacobi presented the board meeting minutes from April 14, 2022.

OPSR Board Member Paula Brown moved to approve the minutes as written. OPSR Board Member Sarah Roberts seconded the motion. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative except for Jennifer King and Melinda Freundt who abstained.

Chairperson Comments

The Chairperson thanked members for coming to the meeting.

Approval of OPSR Financial Report

OPSR Executive Director Carrie Williams presented financials to board members. Carrie noted the difference on the OKDHS base contract and the Clearinghouse budget, which explained the net income. Carrie presented the financials for the next fiscal year and explained the enlarged budget is due to the merger with OCCRRA and the increase in the Clearinghouse contracts. OPSR also received an increase

of 5% to the OKDHS base contract and the funding addition of Child Care Resource and Referral. A board member asked a question about the resource and referral contract and Carrie explained this was due to the statute. There was another question asked about the amount in the budget for administration and Carrie explained how OPSR would be handling those costs. A member asked if all staff is included on the 18 salaries and if all of the administrative is in-house. Carrie explained how certain employees are specific to certain programs. Carrie shared an additional slide showing how the foundation contributes to the operational costs which does not need to be voted on.

OPSR Board Member Melinda Freundt moved to approve the financials as presented. OPSR Board Member Paula Brown seconded the motion. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Parent Partner Board

Isabel Rodriguez introduced Tamara Bryan as a member of the OCCY Parent Partnership Board.

Child Well-Being in Oklahoma:

Gabrielle Jacobi presented an overview of child well-being in Oklahoma. Chairperson Annette Jacobi asked Gabrielle to talk about the earned income tax credit and what is currently being promoted by OCCY.

OPSR and OCCRRA Intent to Merge

Carrie Williams shared that OPSR is officially merging with OCCRRA July 1st, 2022 and the ways the two organizations have combined. Carrie announced that Stephanie Lippert will be OPSR's Chief Operating Officer beginning July 1st, 2022. Carrie presented an OPSR/OCCRRA Merger video to board members. Chairperson Annette Jacobi shared that there will be a retirement celebration for Paula Koos June 30th, 2022.

ARPA Funding Update

Carrie Williams had no updates for ARPA funding.

Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success

Carrie Williams shared that round 2 of the Clearinghouse was opened under the focus area of Child Development. OPSR will present 10 submissions to Oklahoma Department of Human Services, with 7 practice-based ideas and 3 innovative ideas, specifically. Annette asked Carrie to explain the difference between the types of submissions. Carrie gave a brief explanation of the difference between practice-based submissions and innovative ideas. Carrie shared that one research-based submission was submitted and based on committee review ratings, it will be posted to the Clearinghouse website but will not be implemented. Carrie reminded committee members that OPSR does not make funding decisions regarding submissions. Carrie gave an update on the first round submissions that were funded.

Executive Director's Report

Carrie Williams shared two pieces of legislation of note - SB1280 and SB1408. SB1280 removes provisions that the Governor chooses from a list submitted by OPSR to serve on the OPSR Board. Carrie shared that OPSR is working on creating solutions to solve the workforce shortage for child care providers. OPSR has launched a job board site through OK Shared Services called Acquire for Hire that will be specific for early childhood positions. A member asked if people posting jobs would need to pay an amount of money to post. Carrie shared DHS has made it free to join OK Shared Services and post on Acquire for Hire and explained how the job postings would work.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

Jana McPherson shared Scholars for Excellence is using ARPA dollars to pay 100% of scholarships to child care professionals to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA) or a Certified Childcare Professional (CCP).

Paula Brown shared the first annual Early Childhood Transition Summit was held June 22nd with Head Start, SoonerStart, child care, and public-school transition teams. Participants learned more about transitions and developed plans. This will be an annual summit for early childhood transition teams.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Chairperson Annette Jacobi asked for a motion of adjournment.

OPSR Board Member Curtis Calvin moved to adjourn the OPSR meeting. Joyce Marshall seconded. The OPSR meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Signature: _____
Carrie Williams, Executive Director, OPSR

Signature: _____
Annette Wisk Jacoby, Chair, OPSR Partnership Board of Directors