

BOARD OF CHILD ABUSE EXAMINATION
500 N. Broadway, 5th Floor Conference Room
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

MARCH 7, 2007
(Rescheduled Meeting)

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Child Abuse Examination meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Block at 9:01 a.m. Members present were: Bob Block, L. Louise Drake (Board of Nursing), Esther Rider-Salem (DHS), Sherri Snyder (CACO), Jay Johnson (Osteopathic Association), Brandon Whitworth (DAC), Jon Loffi (OSBI), Terrie Fritz (OHCA), and Sue Settles (SDH). Members not present: John Stuemky. **Guests Present:** Shannon Liew, Clif Gann, and Grant Moak. **OCCY Staff Present:** Janice Hendryx and Debbie McCowan.

Review and approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2007, Regular meeting of the Board of Child Abuse Examination – Dr. Bob Block
Rider-Salem moved, Drake seconded to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007, Regular meeting of the Board of Child Abuse Examination as presented. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Standards Committee – BCAE Board

Dr. Block distributed a draft of a summary he put together from discussions during Standards Committee meetings on how exams for child sexual abuse should be handled (summary attached).

The six key points of the summary are:

- (1) The Board of Child Abuse Examination should develop “Best Practice” standards.
- (2) Best Practice standards are needed for ensuring practice is focused on the best interests of children
- (3) Standards should be recommended for appropriate referral to a multidisciplinary team and to an Advocacy Center. Reimbursement issues must be addressed.
- (4) There should be a uniform protocol describing initial evaluations, need for supervision and/or second opinions, and for follow-up.
- (5) Should the Board sponsor a list of “experts” available for supervision, second opinions, and follow-up?
- (6) The Board should define the terms “Peer Review” and “Supervisory Review”.

There was a lot of discussion around the table regarding this summary including the definition of what a forensic interview would include and the difference in “peer / supervisory” review.

Dr. Block will take what has been discussed at the meeting today and further develop standards for child sexual abuse exams to be voted on by the Board at the next meeting in

April. He also stated that anyone is welcomed to email him (Robert-Block@ouhsc.edu) with any other suggestions or comments.

Education Committee – Dr. Bob Block

The primary training dates for this spring are April 27-28 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This training will follow a Kathy Bell led pediatric SANE educational program that begins on Wednesday, April 25th and runs through Friday, April 28th. Part of the requirements for this training are that participants also attend the BCAE training. The Oklahoma City training will be May 11-12.

Topics during the trainings include updates in the areas of physical and sexual abuse, as well as legal aspects of a case.

Janice Hendryx encouraged everyone to attend one of the trainings as it is an excellent source of information and will further the Board members input into future trainings.

To enroll for either of the sessions, member should contact Trish Gardner at (405) 271-8858.

Dr. Block further announced that there would be a physician oriented continuing medical education program on Monday, April 30, 2007. The primary presenters will be the Adverse Childhood Experiences co-principal investigators, Drs. Vince Felitti and Rob Anda.

Dr. Block also provided a website address for interested persons to sign up for membership in a program with a primary focus to facilitate research into violence and abuse, and to bring academics into the curriculum of healthcare professionals around violence and abuse. The website is www.avahealth.org. They will hold their first bi-annual meeting as a pre-conference to the family violence prevention taskforce bi-annual meeting March 14-15, 2007.

Reports from Agencies/Organizations on the Board of Child Abuse Examination – ALL
Terrie Fritz, Oklahoma Healthcare Authority – Ms. Fritz reported on SB 424, which would expand coverage under SoonerCare Medicaid to cover children up to 300% of the federal poverty guidelines from the 185% where it is now. The bill had made it out of committee on the Senate side.

She stated that the Health Care Authority has started a Child Health Advisory Taskforce and they have asked others to participate to help improve benefits and programs in the area of children's health.

Sue Settles, State Department of Health – Office of Child Abuse Prevention – Ms. Settles reported that research has come out related to domestic violence that states that when there is a physical assault between partners there is also a higher probability that there was also a sexual assault.

She further stated that under the Children's Justice Act Grant SDH will be able to put on courtroom testimony training designed for physicians and nurses on how to bring testimony to the courtroom and how they can better prepare for courtroom testimony in child abuse cases.

L. Louise Drake, Board of Nursing – Ms. Drake reported on the Oklahoma Taskforce to Stop Sexual Violence indicating that a final report was issued on February 22, 2007, and as result

of this report and its recommendations, two legislative bills were drafted. HB 1650 – requires 6 hours of evidence-based sexual assault and sexual violence training for all incoming police officers and certified CLEET officers to be completed by the year 2012. The bill has passed the House and is now on its way to the Senate.

There was also HB 1649 that would create statewide coordination efforts to prevent sexual violence and a coordinating council would look at ongoing issues surrounding sexual violence.

Esther Rider-Salem, Department of Human Services – Ms. Rider-Salem reported that DHS has more kids coming into the system than they have placement for; an ongoing challenge to care for them all.

She further reported that the DHS Child Welfare division has brought in a national consultant and has developed practice standards for all staff. The standards include how staff should work with clients and families in the field.

Brandon Whitworth, District Attorney's Association – Mr. Whitworth is new to the Board taking over for Dana Kuehn. He will report to the Board at its next meeting in April.

Dr. Jay Johnson, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association – Dr. Johnson had no news to report, but wanted to know what was being done in the area of peer review particularly in rural areas of the state. Sherri Snyder responded by reiterating the Tele-Medical Peer Review sessions that the CACO along with the College of Nursing have been working on. The next session for this peer review is scheduled for April 25, 2007.

Jon Loffi, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation – Mr. Loffi reported that there are some re-organizational efforts taking place within the Child Abuse Report Team (CART) that was legislatively enacted by Senator Nichols.

Sherri Snyder, Child Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma, Inc. – Ms. Snyder reported that last week the CACO did advocacy center management training for all advocacy center directors, covering such topics as: insurance, debriefing, setting up a volunteer program, financial management, etc.

She stated that the CACO has some extra funds that they will ask the southern region CAC to help fund and offset the cost of bringing in Dr. Carol Jenny to the Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Conference.

Janice Hendryx, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth – Ms. Hendryx reported that the Administrative Offices of the Court through their court improvement program will be conducting five regional trainings this summer where they are looking to have multidisciplinary training involving judges, child welfare, CASA, ADA's, etc. The meetings will be held in Woodward, Altus, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and McAlester in July and August, 2007.

2007 Meeting Dates – BCAE Board

Rider-Salem moved, Drake seconded for the Board of Child Abuse Examination to have regular meetings on the following dates for the remainder of CY-2007: April 18, June 13, August 8, October 10 and December 12. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that these dates were posted with the Secretary of State's office by the December 15, 2006, deadline.

New Business

Dr. Block reported that he has been asked to be a contracted expert witness to review cases to see if there is a possible vaccine related cause of death of a child.

Shannon Liew reported that the YWCA is having an adult/adolescent SANE training April 9-13, 2007. Anyone interested can call her at (405) 947-4506.

Adjournment

Dr. Block adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.