

OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
500 N. Broadway, 5th Floor Conference Room
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2007

MINUTES

Call to order and roll call

Chairman Bouse called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Members present were: Bart Bouse, Darlene Callahan, Glenn Dale Carter, Terrica Grunewald, Howard Hendrick, Cynthia Meyerson, Gary Miller, Linda Parker, Becky Reuter, Ann Taylor, Brent Thackerson and Terri White. Mike Fogarty arrived at 9:09 a.m. Members not present were: Tammy Jo Bachman, Gene Christian, Mike Crutcher, Sandy Garrett, Mary Ann Karns, and Ben Loring.

**Review and approval of minutes from the April 19, 2007, Regular Commission Meeting –
*Chairman Bart Bouse***

Reuter moved, Thackerson seconded to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2007, Regular Commission Meeting as presented. Grunewald, Miller and White abstained. All other members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Legislative Update – *Anne Roberts*

Ms. Roberts distributed copies of the 2007 Legislative Agenda for Children and Youth updated May 18, 2007, as well as a copy of the Children's Information Network report dated the same day. As noted in the Legislative Agenda and reported by Ms. Roberts, the budget agreement reached by legislative leaders and the Governor denied any new funding for most of the children's services requests. Please refer to your hand-outs for more complete information or contact Ms. Roberts.

Director's Report on Agency Activities – *Janice Hendryx*

A written report from Ms. Hendryx was included in the Commission packet. She highlighted some of the information included in her report. She reported that she had attended a roundtable discussion on juvenile justice issues sponsored by the Tulsa Bar Association. She also attended the Statewide Youth Speak. Both groups spoke of the need for more mentors for young people.

Ms. Hendryx further reported that interviews for the Programs Manager position in the Office of Juvenile System Oversight have been completed. They will work on filling the position as soon as possible.

Report on contracts for Child Abuse Prevention Funds from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, State Department of Health – *Annette Wisk Jacobi*

A summary report on recommendations for Child Abuse Prevention Fund awards to 17 review teams was emailed to Commissioners and OCCY staff. The total amount of recommended funding for all 17 is \$3,436,482.

Ms. Jacobi and asked the Commission to find that the findings and recommendations of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention were in compliance with the approved comprehensive state plan and district plans as presented.

Hendrick moved, Reuter seconded to approve the findings and recommendations of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in awarding Child Abuse Prevention Funds to 17 district review teams. Callahan abstained, Carter voted no. All other members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Report from the Nominating Committee on appointments to the Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force (ITF) and the Child Abuse Training and Coordinating Council (CATCC) – Brent Thackerson (Chairman), Bart Bouse, and Glenn Dale Carter

A written report from the Nominating Committee recommending appointments to the ITF and CATCC was included in the Commission packet. Also as part of this report, a draft Acknowledgement and Pledge form to be completed and returned to the OCCY offices by appointee was included. This form was designed to help with attendance at the meetings.

Howard Hendrick suggested deleting the words “as part of this appointment” in the 1st paragraph of the form for both the ITF and CATCC, and replace it with “to use my best efforts”.

Thackerson moved, Taylor seconded to approve Ms. Karina Forrest and Ms. Tamatha Mosier for appointment to the ITF, and Dr. Ramona Paul, Ms. Marcia Smith, Mr. Steven Wells and Ms. Brenda Gentry to the CATCC, and that each receive an Acknowledgement and Pledge form, as amended in the 1st paragraph, to be completed and returned to the OCCY offices. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Report and update on Agency Workforce Development – Lisa Smith

Ms. Smith presented a power point on Direct Care Staff Retention. This report contained information on turnover rates from the Departments of Human Services and Rehabilitation Services, as well as from the Office of Juvenile Affairs. No information was provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Salary comparison information was also included in the report based on information received from the Office of Personnel Management.

Report and update on the OCCY FY-2007 Workplan – Lisa Smith

A written report on the status of the FY 2007 Workplan was included in the Commission packet.

At the June meeting, Commissioners will be asked to take action on the recommendations for FY 2008, and the CY 2006 Annual Report.

Written reports from the OJSO, PARB and P&C were also included in the Commission packet. Questions about the content of these reports can be directed to the appropriate programs manager or to Janice or Lisa.

It was noted that the Office of Planning and Coordination will hosts its 4th Annual Community Partnership Conference on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. All Commissioners are invited to attend. The Honorable Jari Askins, Lt. Governor of Oklahoma is slated to be the keynote speaker.

Public Comment

None

New Business

Cynthia Meyerson asked if the Commission would begin discussing what will be the topic for discussion at this year's retreat, and Janice Hendryx responded that she had been talking with a few people about pursuing some of the information she and Bart Bouse obtained while in Des Moines, IA; looking at indicators for success and working on bringing those forth to the Commission for adoption.

Janice Hendryx asked Commissioners to be prepared for a more lengthy Commission meeting in June, as we will be working on adopting recommendations for the upcoming year, reviewing and voting on the 2006-07 Annual Report, and reviewing and voting on the 2008 OCCY Budget.

Adjournment

Chairman Bouse adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 22, 2007