

OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau
5905 N. Classen Court, 3rd Floor Conference Room

REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 2009

MINUTES

Call to order and roll call

Chairman Bouse called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Members present were: Bart Bouse, Darlene Callahan, Gene Christian, Terry Cline, Ken Couchman, Wanda Felty, Terrica Grunewald, Lisa Hammond, Howard Hendrick, Richard Kirby, Ben Loring, Claudette Selph, and Brent Thackerson. Sid Brown arrived at 9:18 a.m. Members not present: Tom Alford, Mike Fogarty, Sandy Garrett, Mike O'Brien, and Terri White.

Chairman Bouse recognized the newest member to join the OCCY Commission, The Honorable Richard Kirby, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who was also gracious enough to host our meeting at the Bureau. **WELCOME TO THE BOARD JUDGE KIRBY!!!**

Review and approval of minutes from the June 25, 2009, Regular Commission meeting and the September 3, 2009, Special Commission Meeting

Loring moving, Callahan seconded to the approve the minutes of the June 25, 2009, Regular Commission meeting and the September 3, 2009, Special Commission meeting as presented. Cline, Grunewald, and Kirby abstained. All other members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

CY-2010 Commission Meeting Dates, *Chairman Bart Bouse*

A written report on proposed meeting dates for CY-2010 was included in the Commission packet.

Selph moved to approve the CY-2010 meeting dates as presented.

Commissioner Loring noted an error on one of the dates; the calendar included in the Commission packet marked the 25th of March, but the dates listed on the memorandum noted March 26th. It was decided that the March meeting would be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010.

Loring seconded the motion, and with approval of Commissioner Selph, the motion was amended to set the CY-2010, OCCY Commission meetings as follows: Friday, January 15; Thursday, March 25; Friday, May 21; Thursday, June 17; Thursday and Friday, August 19-20 (Retreat); Thursday, September 23; and Thursday, November 18th. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Review and approval of the FY-2011 OCCY Budget Request – *Commissioner Brent Thackerson*

A proposed Budget Request for FY-2011 was included in the Commission packet.

Commissioner Thackerson reported that the Budget Committee met to review the proposed budget for FY-2011. He stated that it is his understanding that state agencies are looking, right now, at a 5% budget reduction. The Governor had mentioned a possible special session of the legislature to discuss how these reductions would be handled. He stated that the Committee felt very comfortable and positive about how OCCY would handle budget reductions and he questioned the possibility of the agency ever getting out of the business of renting its office space and going into something that

was permanently ours.

Thackerson moved, Loring seconded to approve the FY-2011, OCCY Budget Request as presented. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Nominating Committee on appointments to the Child Abuse Training and Coordinating Council (CATCC) – Commissioners Howard Hendrick, Ben Loring and Brent Thackerson

A written report from the Committee was included in the Commission packet.

Hendrick moved, Cline seconded to approve the appointments of Ms. Sheryl Marseilles, representing the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, and Mr. Jeffrey Singer, representing the District Attorneys Council to the Child Abuse Training and Coordinating Council. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Review and approval of possible 2009 Retreat Strategy Outcomes – Dr. Gary Theilan and Brandy Smith

A written report on possible OCCY 2009 Retreat Strategy Outcomes was included in the Commission packet.

Ms. Brandy Smith began the presentation thanking all Commissioners and other participants for all the work they put in prior, during and after the retreat to help in developing the strategy outcomes provided in the report.

She stated that Commissioners might have noticed that the process for developing the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth changed this year, and this was due to us developing the Plan in accordance with the Title 10 statute, which Ms. Smith briefly went through.

The purpose of the State Plan is to (1) address any identified statewide systemic issues within service systems, and (2) set goals and objectives for state and local service systems to achieve outcomes that address identified systemic issues.

Ms. Smith pointed out that a conceptual framework for the development of the State Plan was completed, and this was done in order to provide some continuity in how systemic issues are identified and a system by which the process is monitored.

The following Goals were identified as prominent systemic issues that the State Plan Committee, chaired by Commissioner Ben Loring, is presenting for the Commission to vote on today to work on in the coming year.

(1) INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- A. Establish a Health Access Network in Canadian County
- B. Explore and identify other possible community sites for CHN readiness and establish at least two additional community projects
- C. Develop and expand behavioral health services
- D. Establish school-based behavior health counseling programs

(2) STRENGTHEN CUSTODY SERVICES AND TRANSITION SERVICES

- A. Establish two pilot projects to strengthen custody services in facilities
- B. Establish a pilot community-based transition project in Jackson County

(3) DEVELOP AND EXPAND POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. Expand local capacity and resources for youth services programs and Positive Youth Development activities
- B. Develop local infrastructure to improve the quality and availability of early childhood programs and services
- C. Increase services for prevention of school drop-out and teen pregnancy, as well as increasing supports to expecting teen parents.

Loring moved, Couchman seconded to approve the 2009-10 Retreat Strategy Outcomes as presented. All members presented voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Director’s Report on Agency Activities – Lisa Smith, Director

A written report from Ms. Lisa Smith was included in the Commission packet.

Ms. Smith stated that it was her hope that all Commissioners had received the email from Debbie McCowan indicating that the OCCY was the highlight agency on State of Oklahoma’s website. A rotation of agencies is being done every two weeks and this is our time. Anyone can view all past highlights of agencies on the same website, www.ok.gov. Check it out.

Ms. Smith distributed to everyone a copy of the Governor’s Task Force on Children’s Oral Health Final Report that was recently released.

She further distributed a report put together by our Assistant Director, Mr. Jack Chapman, on Family Fragmentation Interim Study 09-083; “What we have and what we spend: State Programs Assisting Fragile Families”. This report is the result of our participation in an interim study at the Capitol on family fragmentation. OCCY was tasked with identifying all the preventative types of services that are available to families and funds associated with each one.

Ms. Smith reported that OCCY is in the process of finalizing the paperwork for our office to move to the Pasteur Medical Building at 111 N. Lee, just North of St. Anthony Hospital. This is being done because we were served notice by the YMCA of their intent to not renew our lease at the current location.

Commissioner Thackerson again brought up the issue of whether or not we had ever looked into purchasing our own office space rather than continuing to lease space, and Jack Chapman responded that in most cases those state agencies who generate funds from fees collected for services provided are the only ones who are allowed to and are able to purchase their own office space, all others are required to lease space according to state rules.

Report from the Office of Juvenile System Oversight – Joanne Verity

A written report from the Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) was included in the Commission packet. The reporting period for the OJSO report included in the packet was June 12 through November 6, 2009.

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Chairman Bouse adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Immediately following the meeting, a tour of the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau was conducted. No official business of the Commission was conducted during this tour.