

OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
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REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

MINUTES

Call to order and roll call

Chairman Bouse called the meeting to order at approximately 3:20 p.m. Members present were: Bart Bouse, Jay Scott Brown, Sid Brown, Darlene Callahan, Gene Christian, Ken Couchman, Wanda Felty, Mike Fogarty, Lisa Hammond, Ben Loring, Michael O'Brien, and Brent Thackerson. Members not present were: Tom Alford, Janet Barresi, Terry Cline, Howard Hendrick, Richard Kirby, and Terri White.

Note: This meeting was also the meeting in which we held the OCCY Commission Retreat, and some of the members who are noted as not being present for the Commission meeting portion of this meeting were in fact present during the Retreat portion (i.e. Tom Alford and Howard Hendrick)

Review and approval of the FY 2013 Budget Request for the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth – Budget Committee Members, Chairman Bart Bouse and Commissioner Brent Thackerson

A written report on the FY 2013 Budget Request was included with the Commission packet.

Chairman Bouse reported that the Budget Committee had met by phone the week prior to discuss the FY 2013 Budget Request and asked Diane Lewis to provide highlights from that meeting.

Ms. Lewis reported that the OCCY is requesting one additional item of funding (\$150,000) for the Interagency Coordinating Council. Even though the State Department of Education ceased their funding to this program, the OCCY continues to be responsible for it and it also allows the agency to continue receiving IDEA federal funding.

The second item the agency is asking approval from the Commission is for two unclassified FTEs to the agency; this will complete the move of the Child Death Review Board staff from the O.U. Health Sciences Center and end the agency's contract with them.

Commissioner Loring wanted to know if there was a recommendation put forth for additional staff in the Office Planning and Coordination, how it would fit in with the current budget request?

Lisa Smith responded that some of the funds now being used for special project funding in the Office of Planning and Coordination could be converted to pay for an FTE if it were to come open, and Diane Lewis added that there is available \$100,000 that she builds into the budget each year in the event the agency decides to contract with anyone for something.

O'Brien moved, Fogarty seconded to approve the FY 2013 OCCY Budget Request as presented. All members present voted in the affirmative, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

New Business

Commissioner Thackerson asked how long it had been since the OCCY asked for any changes to the current statute governing this agency/board?

Lisa Smith responded that a few years ago there was some clean up language changes made to the statute; taking away regional planning boards and the language on Community Partnership Boards, as well as public release of certain reports from the Office of Juvenile System Oversight.

Commission Thackerson further asked if Lisa Smith or other staff had any recommendations for any additional changes to be made the statute; and Lisa Smith responded that we are right now looking at the Office of Planning and Coordination; however, nothing has been finalized and before anything is, it will be brought to the Commission.

Commissioner Jay Scott Brown suggested having oral reports from both the Foster Care Review Task Force and the Incarcerated Parents Task Force at the next meeting of the Commission in November.

Adjournment

Chairman Bouse adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.