

**OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS
MEETING AGENDA**

April 16, 2020 1:00 P.M.

All Board Members and Designees attended via teleconference or videoconference

Zoom Meeting: <https://uco.zoom.us/j/193085470?pwd=OTJMaGlPNGdCcndjTU1mTzR3RXdyQT09>

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Mission: To lead Oklahoma in coordinating an early childhood system focused on strengthening families and school readiness for all children.

Please note per Senate Bill 661 all votes will occur and be recorded by roll call votes. If at any time audio connection is disconnected the meeting shall stop and be reconvened once the audio connection is restored.

Call to Order and Welcome

Annette Jacobi had connectivity issues, so Sarah Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Carlye McQuiston called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Debra Andersen, Natalie Burns, Kathy Cronemiller, Curtis Calvin, Joy Culbreath, Marny Dunlap, Kay Floyd, Kent Gardner, Audra Haney, Annette Jacobi, Janet Karner, Melody Kellogg, Cindy Koss, Will Lightfoot, Joyce Marshall, Gina McPherson, Misty Montgomery, Tiffany Neill, Sarah Roberts, Jennifer Stepp, Jennifer Towell, Shelly Patterson and Marshall Vogts.

Members not Present

Ann Cameron, Angie Clayton, Bill Doenges, Melinda Freundt, Ray Potts, Anthony Stafford and Annie Van Hanken.

OPSR Staff

Torri Christian, Gabrielle Jacobi, Kim Jumper-Brown, Chris Lee, Courtney Maker, Carlye McQuiston and Katie Parker.

Guests Present

Vicki Bumpas, Lynn Karoly, Paula Koos, Beth Martin, and Constanzia Nizza.

Approval of Minutes

Kent Gardner motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Natalie Burns. Motion passed.

Chairperson Comments

OPSR is working with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on a COVID-19 response story gathering process. Debra said the goal of collecting this information is to understand both what is happening right now and what to do in the recovery phase. Natalie asked about the budget for this project, and Debra said that the license for the SenseMaker tool is paid for by Project HOPE.

ACF has granted OPSR a second no cost extension for the Preschool Development Grant. We have about \$80,000 of unobligated dollars. Through this, we'll be able to support staff time on implementing additional projects through the strategic plan. We're approved for this additional money through September.

RAND Cost of Quality Care Study

Dr. Lynn Karoly presented her report on Estimating the Cost of Quality Early Childhood Care and Education in Oklahoma funded by the OKFutures grant. Having a strong understanding of the costs providers face and how that relates to reimbursement is important. The context of the study is licensed private centers and homes, which excluded head start, tribal, family/friend/neighbor care, and pre-k. The second strategy is to build models of scenarios that could be expected in certain centers and homes.

Findings

- Most center-based programs reported waiting lists for every age group served.
- Fewer than half of the center-based programs studied offer health insurance, sick pay, retirement benefits, etc.
- Of family childcare providers studied, benefits like PTO, health insurance, and retirement are not included.
- Overall, providers reported not making a profit.
- Having an up to date integrated data system would be hugely beneficial for Oklahoma.

Marny Dunlap asked how many child care slots Oklahoma will lose because providers are out of business during the pandemic. Kathy Cronemiller said that it depends on if providers are able to receive stimulus money. Kathy also shared that child care provider morale is extremely low right now.

OPSR Board Recommendations

Establish a Pyramid Model State Leadership Team

This team would operate under the OPSR Board. It will provide structure for quality benchmarks to ensure that we are accomplishing goals. Gina McPherson asked if the team would be selected by the Board or volunteer-based. Debra answered that the team is being formed through technical assistance and state-level leadership. Jennifer Towell shared that OKDHS is currently in the process of revising QRIS. One of the goals is including social-emotional components in the rating system and the Pyramid Model will be incorporated into that. OKDHS is excited about the opportunity to bring this to our state and is working with Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association to work with capacity and technical assistance. This will be an opportunity to maximize all resources across the state.

Natalie motioned to establish a Pyramid Model State Leadership Team, seconded by Kent. Motion passed by acclamation.

ECIDS

Natalie asked if OPSR is transitioning OMES as the manager of the ECIDS. Debra said yes ECIDS will be housed within OMES and that there is still work for OPSR to do in order to transition this plan. Kay Floyd asked if the ECIDS is still working to create an unduplicated count and Debra informed her that this is the first priority. Melody Kellogg asked if all of the agencies represented will have a cost implication. Debra's understanding is that OMES is identifying how they will support the system and center within their budget.

Joyce motioned to approve the ECIDS plan, which is not a financial obligation on any agencies part, so the plan can move forward with OPSR involved in the process, seconded by Marny. Motion passed by acclamation.

Implementation of SenseMaker Community Tool

Marny asked if we continue to use this tool, if it's something we'll always have to pay the University of Kansas (KU) for or if there's a way we can do it internally. Debra shared that in the short-term it is timely and financially advantageous to work with KU. Additionally, they have worked for four years on training in SenseMaker on how to analyze and use that data. Annette shared that another benefit of working with KU is that we can learn from the work they're doing. We have approval through Project HOPE to cover the cost of this SenseMaker license. Jennifer asked if this project has been discussed with Sec. Brown. Debra said that Annette discussed it with him several weeks ago and Debra and Annette are on the agenda to discuss this tomorrow. Annette shared that the idea is that this can be a compliment to the Be a Neighbor Initiative.

Kent motioned to implement the SenseMaker Community tool, seconded by Will Lightfoot. Motion passed by acclamation.

Approval of Financials

Will presented the DHS Contract to UCO FY2020 Expenditures 7/1/19-12/31/19.

Kathy motioned to approve the UCO FY2020 Expenditures second and third quarter, seconded by Shelly Patterson. Motion passed by acclamation.

Review and Discussion of Written Reports

Public Comment

New Business

Kay shared that Head Start has received additional federal funding, specifically for summer programs.

Marny wanted to remind the group that aside from child care, the health care needs of our young children are suffering as well. The recommendations now are that routine check-ups should not be happening and a lot of our primary care providers, especially in rural areas, are suffering.

Adjourn

Annette adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.