

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Department of Libraries

1:00 PM

The agenda was posted at 200 NE 18th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 9:02 a.m.

Call to Order

Natalie Burns, Chair, called the meeting to order 1:10 p.m.

Natalie Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting. Natalie Burns made a special introduction of Patrick Klein from the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Jennifer McKay and Tiffany Neill from the State Department of Education. Patrick Klein, Director of Adult and Family Services, will fill in until a replacement is found for Lesli Blazer, who retired. Sharon Morgan, from the State Department of Education, transitioned positions and has moved off the Board. Vaughn Clark and Susan McVey will be retiring and new members will join the Board. Jake Yunker from the governor's office has left his position and there will be a new point of contact with the new governor.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Misty Montgomery.

Members Present

Debra Andersen, Blayne Arthur, Natalie Burns, Ann Cameron, Vaughn Clark (*Designee to Deby Snodgrass*), Angela Clayton, Kathy Cronemiller, Marny Dunlap, Rita Echelle (*Designee to Melinda Fruendt*), Kay Floyd, Kent Gardner, Audra Haney (*Designee to Terri White*), Annette Jacobi, Janet Karner (*Designee to Marcie Mack*), Cindy Koss (*Designee to Joy Hofmeister*), Edd Rhoades (*Designee to Tom Bates*), Gina McPherson (*Designee to Glen Johnson*), William Lightfoot, Susan McVey, Misty Montgomery, Ryan Posey, Anthony Stafford and Jennifer Stepp (*Designee to Stephan Wilson*).

Members Not Present

Curtis Calvin (*Designee to Polly Anderson*), Joy Culbreath, Bill Doenges, Melissa McLawhorn Houston, Jessica Ockershauser, Shelly Patterson (*Designee to Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard*), Ray Potts, Sarah Roberts and Annie Koppel Van Hanken,

Staff Present

Diane Bell, Gabrielle Jacobi, Christopher Lee and Katie Parker.

Guests Present

Jennifer McKay, Peggy Byerly, Patrick Klein, Courtney Massey and Adrienne Elder

Approval of Minutes

Natalie Burns requested the Board review the minutes from the September 20, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made by Kent Gardner to accept the September 20, 2018 minutes. Annette Jacobi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OPSR Financial Review

Ryan Posey presented the quarterly financials which reflect DHS funds are being spent on OPSR staff salary, fringe benefits and development of the new OPSR website. Debra Andersen stated if OPSR receives the Preschool Development Grant, DHS will provide a cash match of \$450,000 to OPSR this calendar year, which will be the grant project year. Debra thanked DHS for this match. These matching funds will be added to the current FY19 budget. Debra shared plans to refill Megan Scott's position to support data integration activities.

Approval of 2019 Meeting Dates

Natalie presented the proposed dates for the 2019 OPSR Board, Executive Committee and Finance and Operations Committee meetings.

OPSR Board 2019 Meetings:

OPSR Executive Committee 2019 Meetings:

OPSR Finance and Operations Committee 2019 Meetings:

A motion was made by Ray Potts to accept the proposed 2019 meeting dates. Kathy Cronemiller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OPSR Foundation Report

Ann Cameron presented the foundation report. OPSR Foundation is anticipating the notification of the Preschool Development Grant very soon. Due to the size of the work, if granted, the Foundation will hire additional staff for one year. The third annual OPSR Research Symposium is on January 17. OPSRF Board Chair and OPSR Board member Bill Doenges will be recognized at the symposium for his exceptional contribution to early childhood. A new private funder was added to the impressive list of annual sponsors for the symposium. January 16 will be symposium reception and OPSR Board members and designees are invited.

Oklahoma's Future Begins with Children (OKFutures) Preschool Development Grant

Grant Development

- Debra Andersen presented on the Preschool Development Grant. The Preschool Development Grant, or OKFutures as Oklahoma's PDG grant proposal is titled, promotes the improvement of a state's mixed delivery system that supports young children and families. The federal grant being administered by the US Dept of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families (ACF), is being offered as a one-year grant to 40 states or territories. Successful

applicants may then apply for a follow-up three-year grant; 20 of these grant awards will be made. Debra thanked board members and designees who helped in preparing the OPSR's grant application including the George Kaiser Family Foundation's introduction to the Urban Institute who offered professional support to the application. Debra informed the Board that OPSR expected to hear about awards later in December. Debra shared that OPSR requested \$4,389,759, which includes match dollars from public and private entities. If awarded, the grant must be spent during the 12-month period. OPSR would add 5 staff members, between 25-35 professional contracts, and 250-300 small contracts to manage and complete the work. The OPSR Foundation would manage all contracts and personnel.

- Debra explained the five required activities of the grant: 1) needs assessment, 2) strategic plan, 3) maximizing parental choice, 4) sharing best practices and 5) quality improvements. Board member discussion ensued regarding the funding structure should the grant be awarded. Debra explained that the funds will go through the OSPR 501(c)(3) foundation and will follow federal procurement regulations. New match commitment from DHS will be contracted to UCO and purchases will occur through their procurement process as other DHS funding currently does.
- Debra shared the OKFutures structure on how all the activities will be managed. Three teams, made up of OSPR board members, OSPR staff, state agencies and other stakeholders, will provide input, expertise and oversight of the grant activities, including giving input on the needs assessment and strategic plan. Those teams are 1) Family and Community Engagement Team, 2) Professional Development Team, and 3) Quality Improvement Team.

Overview of the grant goals and implementation plan

- Debra shared that the OPSR Board will be invited to participate in the strategic planning and team meetings.
- Experts will be brought in to assist in the development of the needs assessment and strategic plan. At board meetings, the board will approve the needs assessment and strategic plan before being sent to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at US HHS. The Board will receive quarterly reports on all grant activities and establish a consensus on policy and funding recommendations.
- In reviewing information about the needs assessment, Debra shared how the Preschool Development Grant funding can help fund a contract with State Department of Education and OMES so that OMES can create a data point on student records to create an unduplicated count for children participating in both Pre-K and Head Start. Annette Jacobi asked about creating a mark for Home Visiting. Debra stated that we could explore this.
- The strategic planning process will create a five-year comprehensive plan built through the collection of data and input throughout the state as well as from existing data and plans conducted by OPSR and its partners.
- Maximizing Parent Choice – Based on the needs assessment, OPSR and partners will examine how to improve awareness of available early childhood programs and develop a parent communication strategy.

- Sharing Best Practices – Based on the needs assessment, OPSR and partners will focus on increasing the capacity of early childhood providers utilizing programs and tools such as the Program for Infant Toddler Care, Mental Health Consultation, LENA and classroom coaching and mentoring.
- Quality Improvements – Based on the needs assessment, OPSR and partners will explore strategies to streamline efficiency and effectiveness of the state’s early childhood programs and policies.

Board Meetings

- Due to the scope of work, there was discussion of adding dates in February 2019 for the Preschool Development Grant and/or adding time to existing board meetings.

A motion was made by Ann Cameron to add additional meeting dates to the already approved 2019 schedule. These dates are as followed: February 7, 21, and 28th to the 2019 meeting dates from 1-4pm. Jennifer Stepp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

William Lightfoot arrived at 1:52pm.

***Funding Opportunity: Pritzker Prenatal-to-Age-Three State Grant Competition**

Natalie Burns chose to move this voting item up in the Board agenda. Debra Andersen explained this new private funding opportunity and the needed designation of a state level coalition to participate in the grant. Discussion ensued regarding OPSR as the entity to be named in the grant application.

A motion was made by Annette Jacobi that OPSR be the state level coalition for the Pritzker Prenatal-to-Age-Three State Grant Competition. Kathy Cronemiller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Second Quarter: Recommendations

Debra Andersen

- School Readiness Pathway Strategic Plan Progress
 - Diane Bell shared the updated School Readiness Pathway. Diane shared that Shelly Patterson and Dr. Edd Rhoades co-chaired the needs assessment workgroup. The group surveyed national indicators with state agencies. The purpose of this group is to look at school readiness through a multi-dimensional system lens and how school readiness is impacted by the developmental trajectory of the child within the context of family and community. Next steps will be to gather statewide stakeholder input on the indicators.
- 2019 Legislative/Political Will Building
 - Debra Andersen shared a document OPSR created of legislative deadlines. This document is for informational purposes.
 - Kathy Cronemiller shared information about two interim studies. The first study was about increasing provider rates. The second study was about data linking.

- Natalie Burns shared information from meetings with Oklahoma gubernatorial candidates Kevin Stitt and Chris Powell. Candidate Drew Edmondson's schedule did not allow for a meeting. Natalie reminded members of the upcoming staff changes as Governor-elect Stitt takes office. Blayne Arthur informed the board of how Governor-elect's transition team had been constructed.
- Debra shared that 1/3 of the members of the House of Representatives and Senate are new and that two new NCSL Early Learning Fellows had been named: Representative Carol Bush and Representative Rhonda Baker. Debra plans to meet with them to discuss early childhood in Oklahoma.
- Federal and/or State Trends Impacting Early Childhood
 - Debra highlighted that leveraging Medicaid for adults and children is getting national attention. Debra had a consultation with a Senior Fellow at the Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Children and Families and was told it would be a great benefit to families if Oklahoma extended Medicaid eligibility to 12 months for kids. Marny Dunlap stated she believed Oklahoma has already made that eligibility extension. Debra promised to look into this further since there was confusion from those outside the state of Oklahoma.
 - Oklahoma is doing well with well-child visits for young children. However, when looking at ages four, five and six, Oklahoma's numbers are lower. Marny Dunlap, a pediatrician, shared that the Health Care Authority adopted the program Bright Futures, which increases well visits in the later years of the children.

Vaughn Clark left at 2:36pm
 Jennifer Stepp left at 2:45pm
 Kent Gardner left at 2:52pm
 Misty Montgomery left at 2:59pm
 Blayne Arthur left at 3:01pm

OPSR Annual Report and Home Visiting Accountability

The OPSR Annual Report has been sent to the OPSR Board Friday November 2 and the Home Visiting report will be sent to the board members today at 4 pm. On a related subject, Debra shared that the Master Person Index has been used to link data between SoonerStart and Home Visiting programs to aid in reporting of program benchmarks.

Website Premiere

Katie Parker premiered the new OPSR website. Liquidfish developed the website under contract for OPSR. Katie briefly highlighted different sections of the website for the board members.

Ann Cameron left at 3:12pm

Executive Director Report

Debra Andersen shared the following:

- A High Quality Pre-K meeting occurred most recently in Boston. In addition to Debra, Dr. Koss and Jennifer McKay from SDE were able to attend for Oklahoma. This meeting focused on professional development for teachers.
- Alliance for Early Success – Debra and Rebecca Fine attended the Alliance for Early Success Meeting in Colorado. Rebecca is the new education policy analyst at Oklahoma Policy Institute; she will be in charge of the Kids Count Grant.

Chairperson Comments

Natalie Burns wished the Board a happy holiday season and thanked them for their service.

Announcements

- 2019 Early Childhood Research Symposium, January 17, 2019 & Reception January 16, 2019.

New Business

Natalie Burns asked for any new business. No new business.

Adjourn

Natalie Burns declared that the meeting be adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in Oklahoma City.