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
Call In: +1(669) 900-6833
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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:

Members not Present
Ann Cameron, Angie Clayton, Bill Doenges, Melinda Fruendt, 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
Beth Martin, Lynn Karoly, Paula Koos, and Constanza 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.
**Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness**  
**DHS Contract to University of Central Oklahoma**  
**FY2020 Expenditures 7/1/19 - 3/31/20**  
**3rd Quarter OPSR Board Financials**  
**Final**

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3rd Quarter OPSR Board Financials  
Preliminary

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**Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness**  
**2019 OK Futures Preschool Development Grant**  
**Direct Expenditures for Grant Period 12/30/18-9/30/20**  
**Reported as of 6/10/2020**

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(1) Encumbrances - Obligated contracts and expenses to be completed in NCE - balance remaining:

**Activity 1 - Needs Assessment**
- RAND Corporation: Estimate cost of quality care $30,000

**Activity 2 - Strategic Planning**
- Saint Francis Ministries: Strategic Planning $5,465

**Activity 3 - Family Engagement**
- 

**Activity 4 - Professional Development**
- 

**Activity 5 - Quality Improvement**
- Encumbered contracts and expenses - balance remaining total $35,465

Additional Salaries & IDC available on Encumbrances $65,970

Grant Funds - Balance Remaining after Encumbrances & IDC $-

(2) Travel for OPSRF employees: out-of-state to National PDG conference and in-state to community sites

(3) Program expenses include contracts with individual professionals, payroll processing and in-state travel for staff & community partners for convenings. The OKFutures Professional Development Conferences held 11/2/19 at 8 locations across the state brought in $88,026 in sponsorships & registrations and cost $125,321 in expenses; $37,294 was transferred to OKFutures as a direct expense to the grant.

(4) Indirect Cost reimbursement at 10% de minimis rate. $25,856.23 is currently available for drawdown.

(5) PDG Budget extends to 9/30/20 with the approved additional no cost extension; all grant funds will be spent.

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## FY2020 Contract Budget Revised

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(1) UCO Indirect Cost is 13.175% of all Direct Charges  
(2) State of Oklahoma - Department of Human Services FY2020 Budget  
Modification requested 4/30/20, approved 7/1/20
Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness  
DHS Contract with University of Central Oklahoma  
Preliminary FY2021 Budget for 7/1/20-6/30/21

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(1) FY21 reflects a 19% Budget reduction from FY20  
(2) UCO Indirect Cost Rate is 13.175% on all Direct Charges

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DHS Contract

A budget revision for the current fiscal year (FY20) was sent for approval by UCO on June 9, 2020. This revision moves funding that was lapsing from salaries to contracts. Due to the delay in getting this revision approved and processed, OPSR anticipates a lapse in state funding for FY20.

As of this date, OPSR has not been notified of the amount or scope for a contract for FY21.

Preschool Development Grant

As stated at the April meeting, the Preschool Development Grant period has been extended through September, 2020. The Administration for Children and Families includes all states that received 1st year planning grants in all correspondence, calls and webinars regarding PDG. This has been helpful to stay updated on federal guidance for both PDG and Child Care funding. ACF has provided guidance on use of PDG funds in response to COVID-19 and funds may not be used to provide direct relief, however collaboration and communication work such as that being conducted by OPSR are supported as appropriate PDG/COVID-19 response efforts.

At this time, it does not appear that OPSR will have an opportunity to apply for a PDG grant in the fall. The states that received renewal grants will need to submit a second-year renewal application, and the 6 new states or territories will be able to apply for a renewal grant. Our understanding is that some states are struggling to complete their workplans due to COVID-19. ACF has made a couple of requests to OPSR about PDG related activities and any innovate practices in our state. We will continue to monitor federal decisions around PDG funding opportunities and stay connected with ACF.

On July 6th, 2020 the US House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies released its FY2021 funding bill. Congressman Tom Cole is the Ranking Member (and former chair) of this committee. Among increases for child care, Head Start and Early Head Start, an increase of $25 million was included for the Preschool Development Grant, bringing the total federal funding to $300 million.

OPSR Staffing

Staffing is stable and OPSR does not plan to add any new positions at this time. Our staff work as a team on the multiple initiatives and legislative responsibilities. We will continue to telework through July per UCO campus policy. I supervise work time by monitoring staff calendars. Each staff member populates their calendar with daily activities and time off.

State Partnerships and Initiatives

OKFutures Strategic Plan Implementation Teams

The Family and Community Engagement and Professional Development Teams, formed through the Preschool Development Grant (B-5), has been combined to maintain the momentum of work done in the past year and is now titled Family, Community, and Workforce Team. This team will be charged with carrying out the priorities of both former teams and will continue to meet monthly to make progress on the Strategic Plan goals. During June and July, the team has decided to meet weekly to create a roadmap and recommendations for early childhood care and education collaboration as access to child care has
become increasingly more difficult during the global pandemic. The group is called the ECCE Access workgroup and will submit a final report for recommendations for state actions by mid-August.

The OKFutures Steering Committee continues with monthly meetings and is in the process of developing a charter to guide the purpose and function of the committee. The committee is comprised of stakeholders from diverse perspectives who collectively will guide the implementation of the strategic plan. They will monitor the implementation of the OKFutures strategic plan and make annual recommendations to the OPSR Board for plan amendments, and they will implement practices and policies within their own sphere of influence that align with the OKFutures Strategic Plan goals and report progress to the Steering Committee.

**Pyramid Model**

Since meeting with key stakeholders to form the State Leadership Team of the Pyramid Model, four workgroups have been established to move this work forward. The communication, professional development, implementation site, and data/evaluation workgroups have all met monthly. The next full State Leadership Team meeting will be held in August. Rob Corso, a consultant with the Pyramid Model Consortium has been engaged to facilitate the implementation of the State Leadership Team and supporting workgroups.

**Oklahoma Standard Messages Project**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, OPSR has partnered with the Lieutenant Governor for a project called the Oklahoma Standard. The project uses the SenseMaker framework to collect stories from Oklahomans across the state about challenges, resilience and hope that will help Oklahoma become stronger in the uncertain days. OPSR released an application for community organizations to receive a $500 stipend to collect a minimum of 35 stories. A total of 29 applications were received from organizations across the state, serving a wide range of people and geographic areas. To date, we have held ten trainings on using SenseMaker.

**Family First Prevention Services Act**

On May 20, OPSR and DHS jointly hosted From Strong Communities Come Resilient Families; Strengthening Child Welfare and Early Childhood Collaborations Through FFPSA and Beyond, a virtual convening that focused on strengthening collaborations for Oklahoma’s young children and their families who face adversity in their communities and homes that can lead to child maltreatment. This convening leveraged the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five Strategic Plan (2019) and the Family First Prevention Services Act to identify and address gaps to strengthen families and promote well-being for young children, and to ensure safety is restored when the trauma of abuse or neglect has occurred. The convening shared plans and strategies for how Oklahoma’s early childhood and child welfare systems, and other key systems, can work together to build a roadmap to more fully address the needs of young children and their families who are involved in the child welfare system or at-risk of involvement without effective resources and supports. This initiative was included in the PDG OKFutures no cost extension request, and funds supported Marlo Nash, St. Francis Ministries to guide the development of the agenda and content for the meeting, and to prepare a brief on the process and results of this collaboration.

Oklahoma is receiving national attention for this collaboration. Marlo submitted a proposal to the BUILD QRIS conference to share the process and results of this collaboration. Her proposal was accepted and Debra will join Marlo and Dr. Deb Shropshire in presenting this session at the virtual conference on July 22, 2020.
LENA

Following the completion of LENA Grow at Oklahoma City Special Care and Head Start in Stillwater, OPSR is working to find creative ways to offer LENA to parents and providers amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. OPSR is currently looking at how to use the available equipment to offer LENA Home to programs providing center and home-based services to parents. This initiative was supported with PDG funds.

Early Childhood Integrated Data System

Progress continues in working with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to establish an Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS). OPSRF contracted with the data team of Third Sector Intelligence and Foresight Law + Policy using a grant from GKFF through the end of June to build capacity within OMES by consulting on data integration and data governance.

Cost of Quality Child Care Study

The RAND Corporation has completed its analysis of Oklahoma’s cost of quality child care. This study examined cost by age group, setting (home and centers), and quality levels. Results were shared with DHS on June 17, 2020. Next steps are to hold a virtual pre-release with OPSR stakeholders, followed by a public release of the results later this summer.

National Partnerships

The Alliance for Early Success has awarded OSPR a grant ($10,000) to conduct federal advocacy to support an increase of $50 billion child care funds at the federal level. Upon notice of not receiving the Preschool Development Renewal Grant, Natalie Burns reached out to U.S. congressional members’ staff. These contacts will be beneficial for this campaign. Grant funds may not be used for lobbying. OPSR is supporting a Federal Advocacy Community of Practice with Oklahoma early childhood stakeholders and will be providing education to our U.S. delegation about the importance of child care to a thriving economy and discuss the challenges the system is facing in the absence of additional dollars to maintain the industry through the pandemic.

OPSR continues to speak virtually with national partners and is staying up to date on state’s COVID-19 responses across the country. To see an updated resource list of responses, please visit this link found through our national partner, the Alliance for Early Success: http://earlysuccess.org/resources/coronavirus

Equity

Project HOPE

OPSR’s work with Project HOPE was featured in a Nemours Health Foundation brief, *Lived Experience: The Practice of Engagement in Policy*. The brief provides recommendations that stakeholders can use to promote and lift our work with Project HOPE. OPSR attended a webinar with Nemours and Program and Policy Consultant Laura Hogan on June 1. The webinar continued the conversation around the value of lived experience and community engagement, with OPSR presenting the work from our story gathering tool, SenseMaker. Nemours granted a no cost extension of the original grant through September, 2020.

Respectfully,

Debra Andersen
The **vision** for OKFutures is that all of Oklahoma’s infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will be prepared for healthy, happy, and successful lives.

The **mission** of OKFutures is to develop the capacity of parents, communities, public agencies, and private organizations to provide children ages birth to five with equitable access to the physical, emotional, and educational supports they need to thrive.

The **OKFutures Steering Committee** is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the OKFutures Strategic Plan, Oklahoma’s five-year plan to improve early childhood outcomes. The Steering Committee meets monthly and will forward policy recommendations to the OPSR Board for approval and annual recommendations for plan revisions to ensure the plan remains responsive to the current needs of families and communities.
Accomplishments as of 7.16.2020

Goal 1: Align Systems of Care to produce more seamless, high-quality and cost-effective services for families with young children.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 ADVANCE OKLAHOMA’S MIXED DELIVERY SYSTEM BY CREATING A SHARED VISION AND COMMON GOALS AMONG STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS

- Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)/OKFutures Alignment: Strengthening Collaboration between Child Welfare and Early Childhood Systems Convening next steps recommendations include requesting Governor Stitt to appoint 2 parent representatives on the OPSR Board with lived experiences of child welfare involvement.

OBJECTIVE 1.4. EQUIP POLICY-MAKERS AND OKFUTURES STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS

Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) work continues in collaboration with OMES. The implementation plan is located at:


OBJECTIVE 1.5. OFFER SUPPORTS THAT EASE TRANSITIONS ACROSS THE MIXED DELIVERY SYSTEM

- The Oklahoma School Readiness Transition Toolkit prepared by the Oklahoma State Department of Education is complete and available for viewing. COVID-19 has impacted original plans for dissemination.

Goal 2: Secure affordable, quality early care and education for children from birth to age 3

OBJECTIVE 2.1. EVALUATE AND ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES

- ECCE Access Workgroup RAPID response weekly meetings are studying capacity, barriers and needs and will submit recommendations relevant to response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Federal Advocacy Community of Practice will advocate for increase federal investments for a child care relief package to sustain the child care infrastructure through the pandemic.

OBJECTIVE 2.4. IMPROVE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES, ESPECIALLY FOR PROVIDERS MEETING DIVERSE FAMILY NEEDS

- RAND Cost of Quality Child Care Study will be released to the public in August and will inform financial strategies to improve quality.
Goal 3: Boost Choices families have for culturally responsive care and services that support parents’ ability to work and family well-being

OBJECTIVE 3.7. ESTABLISH CULTURALLY-RESPONSIVE PRACTICES THROUGHOUT OKLAHOMA’S MIXED DELIVERY SYSTEM, INCLUDING PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

- Pyramid Model State Leadership Team is playing a key role in coordinating cross-sector implementation.

OBJECTIVE 3.8. INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND PRACTICES AT BOTH THE STATE AND COMMUNITY LEVEL

- The Lived Experiences Brief highlighted Oklahoma’s process to gather stories in the context of creating equitable policies and processes.
- The Oklahoma Standards Messaging Project has been expanded to learn how COVID-19 has impacted Oklahomans in all sectors and will inform state leadership, community partners and OPSR on policy and funding decisions.

Goal 4: Prioritize the urgent health and mental health needs of young children and their families.

- The Pyramid Model State Leadership Team supports coordination of best practices to support early childhood care and education professionals in supporting children’s social and emotional development as the foundation to early learning and optimal development.

Goal 5: Communicate better with families about how to support the development and well-being of their children.

OBJECTIVE 5.2: PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON KEY TOPICS SO FAMILIES CAN MAKE INFORMED CHOICES AND DECISIONS

- The ECCE Access Workgroup is identifying strategies to communicate health and safety standards in relation to COVID-19 concerns so that they can make informed enrollment decisions for the fall.