

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Department of Libraries

1:00 p.m.

The agenda was posted at 421 NW 13th St, Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on September 18, 2019 at 11:20 am.

Call to Order

Annette Jacobi called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Angie Clayton.

Members Present

Debra Andersen, Ann Cameron, Angie Clayton, Kathy Cronemiller, Joy Culbreath, Chris Dvorak (*designee to Melinda Freundt*), Kay Floyd, Janet Karner (*designee to Marcie Mack*), Melody Kellogg, Annette Jacobi, Will Lightfoot, Ray Potts, Sarah Roberts, Edd Rhoades (*designee to Gary Cox*), Jennifer Stepp (*designee to Stephan Wilson*), Jennifer Towell (*designee to Justin Brown*), and Marshall Vogts (*designee to Brent Kisling*).

Members Not Present

Natalie Burns, Curtis Calvin (*designee to Polly Anderson*), Bill Doenges, Marny Dunlap, Kent Gardner, Audra Haney (*designee to Terri White*), Cindy Koss (*designee to Joy Hofmeister*), Gina McPherson (*designee to Glen Johnson*), Misty Montgomery, Shelly Patterson (*designee to Kevin Corbett*), Anthony Stafford, and Annie Van Hanken.

Staff Present

Kim Brown, Torri Christian, Angela Duckett, Gabrielle Jacobi, Chris Lee, Courtney Maker, and Katie Parker.

Guests Present

Folake Adedeji, Mark Sharp, Nancy vonBargen and Quen Wilczek,.

***Approval of Minutes**

Ray Potts motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathy Cronemiller. Jennifer Towell abstained. The motion passed.

***OPSR Financials**

Treasurer Will Lightfoot explained that due to timing, additional DHS dollars for OKFutures match were not included in the FY19 budget and will instead roll over into the FY20 budget. Debra Andersen said that staff turnover also inhibited OPSR's ability to spend all of its dollars. Annette informed the board that they will not vote on these financials as they have already been vetted and approved by the Finance and Executive Committee.

The board then reviewed the OKFutures PDG Budget, UCO Contract, and Combined Budget. Will explained that the combined budget shows the big picture and is a nice example of the public-private partnership. Marshall Vogts pointed out that the OKFutures Budget ends in December, which is not aligned with the fiscal year, and Debra explained that this is why the OKFutures Budget is not included in the Combined Budget.

OPSR Board Rules and Responsibilities

Annette shared that at the Executive Committee, they had a very robust discussion about the roles, responsibilities and expectations of board members. Debra reminded the board that these expectations had been created and approved by the board several years ago, but it might be due for an update in the future.

***Review and Approval of OKFutures' Strategic Plan**

Debra thanked the board and all of the many partners who have been vital in accomplishing grant goals and said that Oklahoma has been noted for our strong partnership work. She then introduced Grace Kelley of SRI who has been a consultant for OPSR on grant activities, as well as Nancy von Bargen, former OPSR Executive Director.

Grace highlighted several key findings from the Needs Assessment, including:

- Oklahoma is very diverse, rural and high-poverty.
- Unmet needs vary between urban and rural areas.
- There is a strong need for professional development, especially trauma-informed care.
- Oklahoma has the second highest rate in the country for suspension.
- Oklahoma is noted for QRIS, universal pre-k, stable funding for pre-k – 12, alignment of standards, and high standards for teachers.

The board then discussed the Strategic Plan's desired outcomes and goals. Grace reminded the board that OPSR is still seeking input and encouraged the board to read through and submit feedback. Ann Cameron commended the staff for their work and being able to provide such a high-level overview of the plan for the board.

Grace then posed the following questions to the board:

- What does improved coordination and collaboration look like in the future for the ECE system?
- What role does OPSR have in the ongoing governing oversight of the ECE system and engagement of stakeholders?
- What is the role of communities?

The board discussed creating more consumer friendly ways for families to access information, creating a single brand of resources that isn't connected to the government, working closely with physicians, and increasing collaboration between childcare and pre-k to improve coordination across the ECE system. The board agreed that it is important to maintain the depolarization of early childhood in Oklahoma and that the board's influence comes from its collective power.

Jennifer Towell motioned to approve the Strategic Plan with submission to the Administration for Children and Families, seconded by Will Lightfoot. The motion passed by acclamation.

OPSR Foundation Report

Ann shared that she and her family are moving to Washington D.C. at the end of December. Annie van Hanken will serve as OPSRF President in the interim. Ann told the board that OPSR received \$65,000 from the Alliance for Early Success in order to work on grassroots advocacy efforts and rural childcare. She also thanked Kaiser Family Foundation, Potts Family Foundation and Inasmuch Foundation for their contributions to OPSR.

Ann explained that ACF received our Needs Assessment and it has been approved. Oklahoma has been very successful in accomplishing grant goals and we feel poised to be competitive for the next round of applications.

Executive Director's Report

Debra introduced new OPSR employee, Carlye McQuiston, who serves as Program Director.

Chairperson Comments

Annette congratulated Dr. Edd Rhoades on his upcoming retirement.

Announcements

OPSR is hosting a professional development conference at eight different locations across the state.

Adjourn

Annette adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.