



OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Department of Libraries

1:00 PM

The agenda was posted at 200 NE 18th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 9:09 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Natalie Burns at 1:05 p.m.

Natalie Burns welcomed and introduced new board members Jessica Ockershauser and Blayne Arthur. Natalie Burns reminded the Board of elections held during the May, 2017 meeting and introduced the Executive Committee; Ray Potts, Vice-Chair, Ryan Posey, Treasurer, Misty Montgomery, Secretary, and Anthony Stafford and Vaughn Clark, Members at Large. Natalie had all the Board members introduce themselves for the new members.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Misty Montgomery.

Members Present

Debra Andersen, Blayne Arthur, Lesli Blazer (*Designee for Ed Lake*), Natalie Burns, Ann Cameron, Joy Culbreath, Bill Doenges, Marny Dunlap, Rita Echelle (*Designee to Noel Tyler*), Kay Floyd, Janet Karner (*Designee to Marcie Mack*), William Lightfoot, Kermit McMurry (*Designee to Glen Johnson*), Sharon Morgan (*Designee to Joy Hofmeister*), Susan McVey, Misty Montgomery, Jessica Ockershauser, Shelly Patterson (*Designee to Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard*), Ryan Posey, Ray Potts, Sarah Roberts, Amy Tate (*Designee to Stephan Wilson*)

Sarah Roberts arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Jessica Ockershauser left at 2:00 p.m.

William Lightfoot left at 2:30 p.m.

Sarah Roberts left at 2:30 p.m.

Kermit McMurry left at 3:04 p.m.

Lesli Blazer left at 3:36 p.m.

Ray Potts left at 3:37 p.m.

Members Not Present

Curtis Calvin (*Designee to Mark Norman*), Vaughn Clark (*Designee to Deby Snodgrass*), Kathy Cronemiller, Bob Harbison, Mark James, Pam Kerr, Shannon Lee (*Designee to Terri White*), Kim Pearsall, Edd Rhoades (*Designee to Terry Cline*), Lisa Smith, Anthony Stafford, Annie Koppel Van Hanke

Staff Present

Diane Bell, Peggy Byerly, Kiersten Durning, Laura Hamilton, Christopher Lee, and Megan Scott

Approval of Minutes

Natalie Burns requested the Board review the minutes from May 18, 2017.

A motion was made by Kermit McMurry to accept the May 18, 2017 minutes. Ray Potts seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Chairperson Comments

Natalie Burns framed FY18 for the OPSR Board. She discussed the budget, which included state funding from the Department of Human Services and the financial support the OPSR Foundation will contribute toward supporting operating and other expenses this year for the organization.

Financial Review

Ryan Posey presented the finance report. He highlighted certain areas of the report for the Board such as the amount spent under community mobilization and staff salaries. The next documents Ryan Posey presented were the FY18 OPSR and Foundation budget to be approved by the Board. This budget format differs from previous budgets to also reflect private funding from the OPSR Foundation due to the reduction of public funding.

A motion was made by Ryan Posey to approve the FY18 budget. Ann Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Executive Director Report

Debra Andersen reported the following:

- OPSR State Activities
 - Debra shared a graph that reflected total state, federal and private funding for OPSR for each year since 2003 when the organization was created. State funding for OPSR was a line item appropriation in the DHS budget until FY10 and for several years, OPSR received \$2 million dollars. In FY10 the legislature eliminated most line items and OPSR began to see a decrease in funding. Over 14 years OPSR invested \$16 million dollars in

- community initiatives. This year DHS specifically directed all funding to OPSR to state office support only.
- Debra presented a state-level indicators, community needs assessment and parent survey combined report. The intent is to finalize this presentation so that it may be shared with a wide range of audiences who are concerned about the needs of young children in Oklahoma.
 - Smart Start Oklahoma received more than 700 parent surveys from the seven communities that were funded through the DHS contract in FY17.
 - OPSR Foundation Activities
 - Sharon Morgan will travel to Georgia for a site visit arranged by the Alliance for Early Success to learn more about Georgia's early childhood system. Georgia is also a state with a universal pre-k program.
 - The OPSRF Early Childhood Research Symposium is scheduled on January 25, 2018. The title of this Symposium is Power of Parenting: Effective Strategies for Supporting Oklahomans Living in Poverty. The Symposium will be held at the University of Central Oklahoma from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.
 - Forty-nine educators participated in professional development on the Early Learning Inventory in September. These educators represented more than 1000 students in 16 districts across Oklahoma.
 - The Data Quality Campaign prepared materials to be used in communicating the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS.) The draft documents may be viewed on the iPads. The staff would like feedback on the documents before finalizing and disseminating.
 - OPSR was invited to apply for a Child Trends grant for technical assistance and \$20,000 to specifically focus on integrating home visiting data with other ECE program data.
 - The OPSR Foundation is looking at improving communication strategies. The Foundation is currently exploring some options.

OSPR Bylaw Revision

Natalie Burns shared that the Executive Committee voted to revise the OPSR Bylaws to include officers' duties in the Bylaws, add the Finance Committee and Chair to Article 7, add language that OPSR Board Chair is responsible for appointing Special Committees and change the reference to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services under section 8.3 to instead read "designated lead state agency."

A motion was made by Susan McVey to accept the revisions to the OPSR Bylaws. Marny Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

OSPR Focus Areas for FY18

Natalie Burns acknowledged Jake Yunker for stopping by for the meeting. Mr. Yunker works in the Governor's Office and has consulted with OPSR on early childhood issues and provides assistance with identifying governor appointees to the OPSR Board.

Natalie Burns presented what would be referred to as the OPSR Focus Areas for FY18 for the OPSR Board. She explained the deep review done by the Executive Committee

to assess the current budget climate, the state of the early childhood system in Oklahoma, and the seven legislative mandates of OPSR. Juxtaposing these areas allowed the Executive Committee to determine the key areas of focus for OPSR. These Focus Areas will provide the highest impact utilizing OPSR's finite resources while maintaining alignment with the legislative mandates. Those FY18 Focus Areas are identified as: Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS), Early Learning Inventory, Early Childhood Research Symposium, Home Visiting Report with Expansion Opportunity, Resource Sharing Through Partner Networks and Building Political Will Campaign. Debra Andersen shared more information about the Early Learning Inventory, Research Symposium, and Home Visiting Report. Natalie Burns elaborated on early ideas for structuring OPSR's work with communities as part of the Resources Sharing through Partner Networks and referenced the work that will be done in this area in the soon-to-be launched Board workgroups. Debra shared that building political will campaign is important with upcoming elections. It is important to get candidates to understand the importance of early childhood and how the OPSR Board can serve as a resource to them on policies on early childhood.

Annual Report

Debra Andersen reminded the OPSR Board that the Annual Report, as required in legislation, will be sent to Legislators and the Governor by November 1, 2017. This year the report will be in an interactive format. This will not only reduce printing costs but also provides a more interesting and navigable report and an improved year-round resource for Board members, state leaders and anyone accessing it from the website.

Chairperson Comments

Natalie Burns asked for Legislative updates from board members and staff. Debra Andersen shared about an Interim study on adverse childhood experiences sponsored by the Potts Foundation. Marny Dunlap shared about Graham-Cassidy proposal, which would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and the effect it will have on health care, especially for children.

Announcements

- No announcements

New Business

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

Adjourn

Natalie Burns declared that the meeting be adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in Oklahoma City.