

MINUTES OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

October 19, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Jay Keel
Lonelia Simmons
Edward Smith
Gary Taylor
Linda Ware Toure
George Lindley
Charlie Jackson

PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Gary Bolin, Gene Christian, Jeff Gifford, Donna Glandon, Dennis Gober, Jim Goble, Kim Gray, Wayne Johnson, Tammy Kelly, Linda McLennan, Len Morris, Cathy Olberding, Denise Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart, Mary Jo Sullivan, Shantha Varahan

OTHERS PRESENT

Stella Church, Ellen Harwell, Barbara Hoberock, Alan Holt, Gary Jones, Kindy Jones, Darrell Lewis, Nancy Morin, Josh, Robe, Georgiana Stephens, Holly Webb

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Jackson called the October, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Office of Juvenile Affairs to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Juvenile Affairs State Office, 3812 N. Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT

Ms. Linda McLennan, Board Secretary, confirmed the Board of Juvenile Affairs is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Gene Christian, Executive Director, introduced guests attending the meeting. Nancy Morin and Holly Webb from ROCMND Group Home, Stella Church representing Secretary Howard Hendrick, Barbara Hoberock of the *Tulsa World*, Josh Robe of *The Oklahoman*, Gary Jones representing ETI, Georgiana Stephens from the Office of State Finance, Ellen Harwell representing OCCY, and Alan Holt and Darrell Lewis from Community Communications and Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Jones, representing Effective Transitions Inc. and Executive Director Myron Mayberry. Mr. Jones thanked the Board Members and the Director for allowing him this opportunity to speak. Myron Mayberry wanted to present as a follow-up to a letter he sent to the Board Members. Unfortunately, there was a death in his family and he is unable to attend. Mr. Jones said his presentation is based on notes from a conversation with Mr. Mayberry.

In Mr. Mayberry's opinion, one of the most important pieces of legislation to be pursued in 2008 is increased funding for gang intervention and prevention. It is his hope that with the following comments, this Board would be willing to put gang intervention and prevention in its legislative program for 2008.

This past year and a half there has been work done by several different groups, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, Effective Transitions, Inc., CSC in Tulsa which has the intervention and prevention contract, law enforcement from both US District Attorneys in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, to bring the issue of gang growth and violence to the forefront. As part of this effort, ETI started a partnership with numerous groups to help the legislature see the importance of developing a statewide approach to the gang issue. Unfortunately one of the things viewed about gangs is that it is an urban problem. The truth is, it's not an urban problem. There are gangs in Woodward, Guthrie, Muskogee, Enid and all across the state of Oklahoma. Because of our current approach, many communities don't have the resources or the leadership to deal with gang issues.

One of the biggest unfortunate responses to youth gang violence in the state of Oklahoma is suppression. What this means is basically the gang members are identified, they are involved in the legal activity, and they are court adjudicated and generally move onto the Department of Corrections. What is said is that there is not a lot of intervening with the families in order to provide alternatives. ETI and CSC have provided alternatives in a limited way to a few specific neighborhoods. Right now the Legislature is looking at a comprehensive statewide approach to the issue of gangs and especially the way gangs impact their families.

Mr. Christian did an excellent job in his presentation on Wednesday about approaching that we can take in the state of Oklahoma. What is great about all of this is that the legislature is starting to understand and get it. There is finally starting to be big time focus on what can be done as a state to respond to the gang issue.

Our hope is that OJA will be a leader in pushing this program. It would be a shame if there were nothing dealing with the gang intervention and presentation of the legislative list. Please be on the forefront in making this a part of your 2008 Legislation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Christian presented. A list of the Director's Activities from September 21 through October 18 is available for the Board Members in their binder books. The majority of the Director and Gary Bolin's time has been working on the DOJ lawsuit with the Attorney General's office and attorneys.

The Director called attention to the meeting with Representative Gus Blackwell who is very actively pursuing the issue involving gangs. Representative Blackwell has a very keen understanding that gangs are not just metropolitan and are in the rural areas. The Director had a luncheon with Lt. Gov. Jari Askins involving the gang issues.

Staff had an excellent opportunity to tour the Tulsa County Jail. We were actually there talking with the Tulsa County Jail to address the issues of the youthful offenders. OJA was invited to look at their facility and to start discussing that issue. There has been ongoing litigation between OJA and Oklahoma and Tulsa County officials about YO's. I would like to applaud Tulsa in the sense that the jail and the sheriff's department are taking a very active role in discussing youthful offenders with OJA. They want to be part of the solution.

Staff has also toured the facility at Union City to see what OJA had used in the past for a youthful offenders facility. Staff is looking at options in the event that funding for a new building is not received.

PRESENTATION OF THE TRACK-A-CON SYSTEM FOR THE L.E. RADER CENTER

Mr. Alan Holt and Mr. Darrell Lewis from the community communications authority presented.

Track-A-Con

- Real time Tracking of Clients
- Graphically tracks within a foot of actual location
- Tamper detecting radio transmitters in wrist and/or ankle bracelets
- Two technologies embedded in each bracelet: licensed 450Mhz & GPS
- Tracks anywhere inside the facility (450Mhz) or outside the facility (GPS)

- System alarms alerts guards of clients too close to each other
- System alarms alerts guards if clients enter unauthorized areas
- Evidence retention of tracking

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Jackson presented. The Finance Committee met at 9:00 a.m. this morning with Ms. Shantha Varahan, Financial Services Administrator and moved directly into her finance report.

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Shantha Varahan, Financial Services Division Administrator, presented the Finance Report for the Month ended September 30, 2007.

FY-08 Budget Projections as of September 30, 2007

Description	Totals
FY-2008 Budget Work Program	\$123,183,599
Year-to-Date Expenditures	(22,823,187)
Encumbrances	(57,720,201)
Balance as of September 30, 2007	42,640,211
Less: Pending Encumbrances	(1,765,000)
Less: Remaining Payroll Costs	(40,538,474)
Less: Remaining Travel/Other	(283,222)
Less: Restricted Funds	(618,247)
Balance Available	(\$564,732)

FY-08 Budget to Actual for Payroll as of September 30, 2007

	State Office	Residential Services	JSU	Totals
YTD BWP	1,547,164	6,576,784	4,339,285	12,463,233
YTD Exp	1,537,013	6,516,489	4,270,262	12,323,764
YTD Vary	10,151	60,295	69,023	139,469

State Office includes OJJDP, JAIBG, and MIS

Travel Costs Comparison to Budget as of September 30, 2007

- Agency Year-to-Date Budget \$ 107,989
- Year-to-Date Expenditures \$ 74,062
- Year-to-Date Variance **\$ 33,927**

General Revolving Fund Revenue Status – September 30, 2007

General Revolving Fund	Budget to Date	Receipts	In Transit	Variance
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SSI and SSA Support	46,250	51,805	18,869	24,424
Income from Rent	2,802	1,860	400	(542)
School Lunch Program	130,734	115,458	23,369	8,093
Inter-Agency Reimbursements	1,950	446	10,647	9,143
Reimbursements – Non-Federal	8,647	5,468	0	(3,179)
Sales of Documents & Merchandise	2,823	3,457	422	1,056
Other Receipts	23,025	11,437	10,665	(923)
Parental responsibility-Child Support	58,410	60,858	17,037	19,485
Total Revolving Fund	\$274,641	\$250,789	\$81,409	\$57,557

Agency Special Funds as of September 30, 2007

- 701 Trust Fund \$ 435,192
- 702 Canteen Fund 15,804
- 703 Donation Fund 1,728
- 706 Dedicated Fund 17

Title XIX and Title IV-E Revenue as of September 30, 2007

Type	Projections for FY-08		Actual FY-08		
	Annual Revenue	YTD Revenue	Receipts	In Transit	Variance
TCM	3,000,000	780,000	618,006	215,771	53,777
RBMS	5,177,817	1,346,232	1,055,245	—	(290,987)
Admin	175,000	45,500	49,059	83,526	87,085
Total IV-E	280,000	70,000	81,230	172,183	183,413
Total	\$8,632,817	\$2,241,732	\$1,803,540	\$471,480	\$ 33,288

Sole Source

Control #	Vendor	Date	Cost	Requestor	Division/Purpose
No Sole Source Contracts since the last Board Meeting					

Emergency Purchases

Date	Location	Description	Repair Cost
No Emergency Purchases since the last Board Meeting			

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 20, 2007 BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION BY JAY KEEL WITH SECOND BY LINDA WARE TOURE TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Jay Keel
Edward Smith
Linda Ware Toure
Charlie Jackson

Abstain: Lonelia Simmons
Gary Taylor
George Lindley

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 BOARD MEETING.

MOTION BY LONELIA SIMMONS WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Lonelia Simmons
Edward Smith
Gary Taylor
Linda Ware Toure
George Lindley
Charlie Jackson

Abstain: Jay Keel

Ms. Dorothy Brown, Assistant Attorney General, gave advice to the Board Members before voting to convene into Executive Session.

Items X. (A), (B), and (C) will be discussed in Executive Session due to confidential nature of communications between the Board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations and litigation. To discuss such in open session would seriously impair the ability of the Board to handle the pending litigations in the public's best interest.

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY GEORGE LINDLEY WITH SECOND BY GARY TAYLOR TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Jay Keel
Lonelia Simmons
Edward Smith
Gary Taylor
Linda Ware Toure
George Lindley
Charlie Jackson

VOTE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION BY LONNIE SIMMONS WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Jay Keel
Lonelia Simmons
Edward Smith
Gary Taylor
Linda Ware Toure
George Lindley
Charlie Jackson

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items requiring action.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY GEORGE LINDLEY WITH SECOND BY LONNIE SIMMONS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Jay Keel
Lonelia Simmons
Gary Taylor
Linda Ware Toure
George Lindley
Charlie Jackson

Voting Nay Edward Smith

The meeting was adjourned was 11:55 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 7th day of December, 2007

George Lindley
George Lindley, Vice-Chairman

PREPARED BY:

Linda McLennan
Linda McLennan
Board Secretary