



Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign (OHEC)
Partnership Meeting
November 19, 2015

Tom Anderson, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB), OKC
Maria Arroyo, Variety Care, OKC
Emily Bajko, Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), Stillwater (VC)
Samantha Bender, American Heart Association (AHA), OKC
Christine Benner, OSDH, Prevention and Preparedness Service, OKC
Johnna Blair, OSDH, Wagoner County Health Department, Wagoner (VC)
Jody Burch, Washington County Transportation Coalition, Bartlesville (VC)
Terry Burris, Indian Health Service (IHS), Stillwater (VC)
Peggy Byerly, OSDH, Community and Family Health Services, OKC
Debra Fry, OSDH, Canadian County Health Department, El Reno (VC)
Isabel Coronado, Northeastern State University (NSU), OKC
John Corpolongo, OSDH, SoonerStart, OKC
Michelle Dennison, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC), OKC
Paula Dennison, City of Stillwater, Development Services, Stillwater (VC)
Joani Dotson, Tulsa Health Department (THD), Tulsa (VC)
David Dude, American Cancer Society, OKC
Melissa Fenrick, OSDH, Center for Health Innovation, OKC
Yvon Fils-Aime, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), OKC
Debra Fry, OSDH, Canadian County Health Department, Yukon (VC)
Susan Gay, OCAITHB, OKC
Leslie Gelders, Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL), OKC
Katie Gill-Miller, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), Tulsa (VC)
Steve Goldman, Oklahoma Primary Care Association (OKPCA), OKC
Laura Gregory, Oklahoma City Housing Authority (OCHA), OKC
Patricia Heer, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), OKC
Alisha Hemani-Harris, OSDH, Center for Health Innovation and Effectiveness, OKC
Timothy Hill, MD, Health Alliance for the Uninsured (HAU), OKC
Larry Hopper, Central Oklahoma Transit and Parking Authority (COTPA), OKC
Elton Horton Sr., Oklahoma County Community Awareness Network (OCCAN), OKC
Albert Janco, OKC
M'Liss Jenkins, Washington County Transportation Coalition, Bartlesville (VC)
Angel Johnson, Faith Community Nurses Association of Oklahoma, OKC
Jenny Kellbach, OSDH, Center for Health Innovation and Effectiveness, OKC
Jean Kelsey, Variety Care, OKC
Keith Kleszynski, Oklahoma City County Health Department (OCCHD), OKC
Luisa Krug, THD, Tulsa (VC)
Vicki Land, Smart Start Oklahoma, OKC
Bridget Lohn, THD, Tulsa (VC)
Tonia Lowrey, OCCHD, OKC
Jon Lowry, OSDH, Chronic Disease Service, OKC
Valerie McCartney, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, OKC
Monica McCrary, OSDH, Wagoner County Health Department, Wagoner (VC)
Karla McGuire, OSDH, Health Equity and Resource Opportunities (HERO), OKC
Freda Mechian, OSDH, Center for Health Statistics, OKC
Candice Milard, Oklahoma State Office of the Attorney General (OAG), OKC



Thad Mock, Open Arms Clinic, OKC
Latricia Morgan, OSDH, Center for the Advancement of Wellness, Disparities and Faith-Based Initiatives, OKC
Marisa New, OSDH, Health Equity & Resource Opportunities Division (HERO), OKC
Irene Perez, Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), OKC
Ellen Pogemiller, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, OKC
Susan Quigley, OSDH, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, OKC
Zach Root, DHS, OKC
Breanna Russell, American Health Association, OKC
Ruth Sanchez, Metropolitan Fair Housing Council, OKC
Roger Schilling, OSDH, Wagoner County Health Department, Wagoner (VC)
Dedra Shipman, OSDH, Wagoner County Health Department, Wagoner (VC)
John Tankard, City of OKC, Planning Department, OKC
William Tolbert, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), OKC
James Wagner, Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG), Tulsa (VC)
Donette Widdoes, OSDH, Creek County Health Department, Sapulpa (VC)
Beverly Williams, OSDH, Partnerships for Health Improvement, Turning Point, OKC
Hillary Winn, OHCA, OKC
Jennifer Yeaman, Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA), OKC

New Members: Johnna Blair, Isabel Coronado, Michelle Dennison, Patricia Heer, Luisa Krug, Tonia Lowrey, Bridget Lohn, Monica McCrary, Ellen Pogemiller, Breanna Russell, Dedra Shipman and Donetta Widdoes

Welcome/Introductions: Introduction of Beatrice Johnston, OHEC Steering Committee Vice-Chair- Marisa New

Review of 9/29/15 Minutes and current status: Minutes Approved

Updates:

- Transportation:
 - American Planning Association Award: Paula Dennison, President of Oklahoma Chapter. The Oklahoma Chapter was awarded the Plan for Health Cohort 2 Grant by the American Planning Association. The \$150,000 grant, funded through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), looks to combat two determinants of chronic disease; lack of physical activity and lack of access to nutritious foods. The grant will provide:
 1. A full time staff person to cover city planning commission meetings and represent Tulsa and surrounding communities to ensure that public health is considered when planning and land use decisions are made.
 2. A full time staff person to focus on shared use agreements. This would allow organizations to enter into agreements to use facilities such as school gyms and other facilities that are normally not assessable to the community at large.

Coalition partners include: Tulsa County Health Department, INCOG, Oklahoma Public Health Association, Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association, Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign, Green Country Perma Culture, Tulsa Food Security Council and Tobacco Settlement Entitlement Grant Health Living Program. www.plan4health.us.



- Faith-Based Health Equity Project – Marisa New, Health Equity and Resource Opportunities Manager, OSDH Partnership for Health Improvement, reporting for Marshan Marick and Sunshine Cowan.
 - Marshan Marick, Langston University, OHEC Steering Committee Member and Sunshine Cowan, University of Central Oklahoma, OHEC Steering Committee Member will be leading a committee emphasizing faith and community based health. They’ve initiated the Delphi Project, which has received Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval through the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) and will proceed to gather information about the priority needs and actions of our faith and community partners. The project seeks out experts in the faith and health community in order to gain consensus and propose actions to address health equity, and will conclude on January 31, 2016. The results of the project will be shared at a future OHEC Partnership Meeting.
 - Health Literacy: Leslie Gelders, Oklahoma State Department of Libraries (ODL)
 - 11 pilot sites have completed their health and literacy projects. Libraries partnered with local health organizations to promote literacy and health projects. The projects dealt with the three top health issues in Oklahoma.
 - Obesity
 - Low consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables
 - Hypertension, Diabetes and other chronic illnesses.
- Funding for 19 new sites throughout the state has been approved for 2016. They will work in collaboration with other community partners to address health, literacy and health literacy.

Presentations:

“Oklahoma City Health Impact Assessment”: John Tankard, Associate Planner with the City Of Oklahoma City [Power Point available upon request]

Washington County Transportation Coalition: Jody Burch, Director of Bartlesville Regional United Way and M’Liss Jenkins, Washington County Wellness Initiative Coordinator

An update and history of the City of Bartlesville’s transportation needs was given, describing how the city plans to sustain the transportation program. They sought any suggestions from the OHEC partners.

Q & A and Comments:

Q. The City of OKC is spending over 20 million dollars on a 4 ½ mile trolley line, will you explain how the vision and commitment of the city is reflected in the location of the line. How did the selection process play into the determination of the location of the trolley line and the stops?

A. [John Tankard] The first health impact assessment in the state of Oklahoma was for the trolley car line. It was conducted by Dr. K. Meghan Wieters, University of Oklahoma. She looked at four different alignments. The streetcars are less public transit as a public service and more public transit as a development tool.

A. [Larry Hopper, Embark] In the assessment, we discovered there is a public housing project in the heart of downtown that includes a car dependent population. Other studies and good policy recommendations came out of the study, an example of this is the realization that streetcars can add livability in the heart of the city, but there should be a feeder bus connection that connects the streetcars with other bus lines in the city. The same is true about traveling to NE OKC; there should be a way for day and night time buses to meet up with streetcars to extend the reach of the streetcar.



Another key policy concerns housing equity, this is the idea of having other types of housing other than just exclusive housing in the downtown area. The policy encourages more housing that could be afforded by a worker or a lower income population.

Q. I have a two part question for Washington County:

1. Can you talk about the amount of funding you had, and was it really just \$40,000?

A. [Jody Burch] The amount of funding was \$48,000.

2. Tell us a little about what would happen if you had access to a new vehicle instead of having to pay someone else to drive it?

A. [Jody Burch]: We have looked at whether it was a good idea for us to own and operate the bus or work with a transit provider that can work with the state to leverage state and federal dollars and are experienced with transit needs. Our city does not want to be in the transportation business. They would rather farm it out than have to maintain the system. Having a bus would help if we were able to use it in conjunction with the transit system. We would love to hear any ideas you have about finding a bus.

A. [Patricia Heer, DHS]: Stated that 5310 buses are available through a FTA program for non-profit agencies that transport seniors and persons with disabilities. You apply to the program, and there is a dollar match for an ADA vehicle, which requires payment of 15% of the cost of the vehicle and a non-ADA vehicle requires payment of 20% of the vehicle cost. We provide vehicles from 4 passenger mini-vans to 12-15 passenger cutaway buses. For information on this program please contact Patricia Heer at patricia.heer@okdhs.org.

Q. Are the application cycles for the program open throughout the year or is there a specific time to apply?

A. [Patricia Heer] We accept applications year round. In December we will be looking at the pool of applicants we currently have, however we often have funding still available after we consider the applications in hand.

Q. Is the city of OKC tracking gentrification within the city, specifically how the wealthy are purchasing land, housing and commercial real estate and re-developing in the more urban areas?

A. [John Tankard] Yes, we have the information on building permits and rezoning that is approved. I do not know if there is a concerted effort to evaluate the impact of the gentrification at this point, considering that property in OKC is extremely cheap in comparison to other cities.

Q: An example of this is the Deep Deuce area, where property values are going up. This area is changing drastically and the property values are going up and some of the business owners and people who resided there are being moved out. There has been a significant increase since 2000. Are you tracking this and seeing those changes?

A: [John Tankard] My focus is primarily on transportation, and I can't answer that in any detail. It is a fact that Deep Deuce district has been redeveloped, and there was a period of disinvestment then reinvestment. There is a different population than was originally located in the district. This does warrant research.

Comment: The City Council video tapes their meetings, and those people that live in OKC can go to their city channel and become more informed about these issues and what the city is planning.

[John Tankard] I always recommend you watch City Council Meetings, participate and contact your City Counselors.

Q. In addition to food deserts and access to parks, did you look at access to healthcare facilities?

A. [John Tankard] Yes we did. One of the indicators was residential proximity to healthcare facilities, which continued onto another study. We conducted a survey of transit riders to see how many people use transit to



access healthcare and how well transit provides access it. Approximately 80% of healthcare facilities are within ½ mile walk of current transit lines.

Q. Are there codes to regulate the amount of city lights in neighborhoods?

A. [John Tankard] The lights are mostly controlled by OG&E. We pay them to manage the lighting. This is a subject that planning has discussed, this issue should be examined by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and public health. This is a public safety issue and we know that police prefer downtown to be well-lit. Crime is less of an issue when there is more lighting. There are policies in Plan OKC related to this, but it has not been addressed much.

Requests for Announcements and Final Comments: Beatrice Johnston, OHEC Steering Committee Vice-Chair

- Tulsa Accessible Transportation Coalition: Katie Gill-Miller for James Wagner, INCOG
 - Nationally known speaker Gabe Kline will be speaking to individuals, city planners, engineers and the public about the importance of active healthy transportation. More information will be coming soon, if anyone would like to donate resources, time or efforts to this event, please contact Jennifer Haddaway at jhaddaway@incog.org.
- Marisa New, Oklahoma City Community Foundation Grant:
 - Oklahoma City Community Foundation has monies available to promote art, culture, health or literacy. Grant requirements: Qualifying cities and counties with population of less than 6,000 people can apply for up to a \$10,000 grant. The deadline for this grant is December 15, 2015. [Information will be sent out again through OHEC Listserv]
- Laura Gregory, Oklahoma City Housing Authority:
 - The Oklahoma City Housing Authority is going tobacco free on March 1, 2016. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced they are encouraging public housing to go smoke free. The no smoking policy will be effective in all living areas, housing, public and administrative areas. If and when this is finalized all public housing agencies will have 18 months to enact this policy. This will affect 3100 public housing agencies across the United States. The comment period will be open through January 19, 2016. Comments are being accepted now at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;rpp=25;po=0;s=Instituting%252BSmoke-Free;fp=true;ns=true>
This policy for the Oklahoma City Housing Authority will include no electronic cigarettes and vaping material.
- Steve Goldman, Oklahoma Primary Care Association (OKPCA)
 - 125,000 people signed up for Marketplace healthcare plans in 2015 from all 77 counties in Oklahoma. Direct anyone interested to call 2-1-1 to provide sign up information or they can go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/>. The site has been redesigned to provide information on the program. Steve's contact information is on the handouts provided, he would be happy to speak to groups concerning the Marketplace enrollment. The Oklahoma Primary Care Association has been renewed for a 3 year grant. Oklahoma has received attention because of the tribal benefits in the plan. As a state, we had the 5th highest rate of increase in enrollments during March-June 2015.
- Food Access and Health Disparities Lecture:



- This lecture will be held at the Oklahoma History Center on December 8, 2015 from 12-1 pm. They will discuss the relationship between supermarkets and neighborhood wellness in Oklahoma County.
- Application for the Certified Health Oklahoma Program:
 - The application period has been extended to November 25, 2015. Businesses, faith-based organization, childcare centers, schools, college campus, restaurant or community can still apply for this program.
- Public Transportation in OKC
 - Beginning in January of 2016 we will start two additional night bus routes. They are Routes 5 and 13. Route 5 goes to Mercy Hospital and route 13 goes to Integris Southwest and Oklahoma City Community College. This increases the night bus routes from two to four. Buses on the night routes run every hour.

Meeting Adjourned: Beatrice Johnston, OHEC Steering Committee Chair