



March 31, 2011
MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Shawntay Alexander, GRI
Allison Ball – Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Lisa Baldwin – Sunbeam Family Services
Elaine Bradley – TEEM
Lamar Brown – Indian Health Care - Tulsa (VC)
Regina Bryan - Cleveland County Health Department – Norman (VC)
Beverly Bymun - Cleveland County Health Department – Norman (VC)
Deborah Carlin - Cleveland County Health Department – Norman (VC)
Janette Cline – OSDH Family Planning Service
Ben Clouse - Expressions
Julie Dillard – OSDH Family Health Services
Terry Egner – United We Ride/OK Department of Rehabilitation Services
Tobi di Ervin – United Way of SSO – Ardmore (VC)
Sharon Ford – Carter County Health Department – Ardmore (VC)
Erika Furtch – Sunbeam Family Services, Inc
Leslie Gelders – Oklahoma Department of Libraries
Lynn Goldberg – OSDH Family Health Service, Men’s Health
Martha Hagood – Marshall County Health Department – Madill (VC)
Janice Harris – 2-1-1 Helpline – Tulsa (VC)
Renetta Harrison – Rogers County Health Department (CHD)/Washington CHD – Claremore (VC)
Todd Heath - Expressions
Maureen Henderson – OSDH Turning Point, Region 6
Cindy Hernandez – Cleveland County Health Department – Moore (VC)
Benton Jones – Corpus Christi Church
Jackie Jones – Central Oklahoma Turning Point
Sara Keileig – GSC - Carter County Health Department – Ardmore (VC)
Portia King – OSDH HIV/STD Service
Rosalind King – Sunbeam Family Services
Ayesha Lampkins – OSDH HIV/STD Service
Albert Janco – OAA/ASME
Michelle Lambert - Cleveland County Health Department – Norman (VC)
David Lee – OSDH Health Equity and Resource Opportunities Division
Allison Loeffler, Smart Start Central Oklahoma
Kirk Martin – OK Department of Commerce
Latricia Morgan – OSDH Tobacco Control and Prevention Service
Brandi McGehee – OSDH Turning Point
Tracie Murnan - Cleveland County Health Department – Norman (VC)
Deanna Nesbit – OSDH Choctaw County Health Department – Hugo (VC)
Janette New – Comanche County Health Department – Lawton (VC)
Marisa New – OSDH Health Equity and Resource Opportunities Division
Jill Nobles-Botkin – OSDH Family Health Services
Mary Overall – COINS
Sharon Page – Grady County Health Department – Chickasha (VC)
Megan Quickle – Tulsa Health Department, Emergency Preparedness - Tulsa (VC)
Dana Webb Randell – Turning Point – Lawton (VC)
Donald Richardson – GRI
Zach Root – OKDHS Aging Services Division
Amy Rumsey – Cleveland County Health Department – Moore (VC)
Rachelle Samara – Cleveland County Health Department – Moore (VC)
Jo Singleton – Grady County Health Department – Chickasha (VC)
Amani Smiley – OSDH HIV/STD Service
Alicia Smith – Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Tobacco Service
Barbara Smith – OSDH Maternal Child Health Services
Neil Spurgin – Expressions Community Fellowship

Deidre Stanley – Tulsa Health Department (VC)
Carrie C. Suns – Tulsa Health Department, Emergency Preparedness, Tulsa (VC)
Mary Surbeck – OKC Community Foundation/ OKC Metro Literacy Coalition
John Thompson – Education Writer
Loan Tran – Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Becky VanPool – Parish Outreach/Catholic Charities
Susan Waldron – OSDH Turning Point, Region 8 – Miami (VC)
Coldelia White – Roadback – Lawton (VC)
Betty Weber – Pototoc County Health Department – Ada (VC)
Betty Wilson – Sunbeam Family Services, Inc
Janis Williams – Oklahoma Healthy Start
Sheila Williams – Grown But Not On My Own/Life Skills Facility
Marva Williamson – Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Terry Woodring – Expressions Community Center

***VC = Videoconference**

New Partners: Shawntay Alexander, Lisa Baldwin, Allison Ball, Ben Clouse, Terry Egner, Erika Furtch, Leslie Gelders, Martha Hagood, Janice Harris, Todd Heath, Maureen Henderson, Cindy Hernandez, Benton Jones, Portia King, Rosalind King, Ayesha Lampkins, Allison Loeffler, Kirk Martin, Brandi McGehee, Deanna Nesbit, Jill Nobles-Botkin, Sharon Page, Jill Nobles-Botkin, Sharon Page, Megan Quickle, Donald Richardson, Amy Rumsey, Jo Singleton, Barbara Smith, Neil Spurgin, Carrie Suns, John Thompson, Loan Tran, Becky VanPool, Codelia White, Sheila Williams, Marva Williamson and Terry Woodring

I. Discussion: OHEC Literacy and Health Position Statement 2nd DRAFT - Mary Surbeck

Comments Received:

#1: “There are other presentations of the data that I think are equally valid and more relevant. The graph you are using has the vertical line (suggesting OK and not-OK) between below basic and basic which suggests that the white populations is so much better off than minority populations. But, if you draw the line between basic and intermediate, the conclusion is that we have a literacy problem all the way around. And, I would argue that we do. Basic literacy is just that - basic, i.e., minimal. When you add the scientific jargon used by health professionals, and the possibility of emotion-laden messages that health professions may be giving to patients and families, basic literacy is not enough. The significant differences between the white and minority populations are still apparent with this new presentation - and needs to be understood - but at least it does not suggest that whites have no literacy issues.”

Response: The graphs are from national studies so we cannot change them.

#2: “Under Goal: it says, "Health literacy efforts must target: K-12 and adult ...
I would change it to: Health literacy efforts must target: pre-k, early education, k-12, and adult ...”

#3: “Should we list some of the links between incarceration and literacy or just limit it to health?
I can't remember where I read that around 80% of the people incarcerated in Oklahoma were functionally illiterate.

If you would like to make additional comments, please forward to m.surbeck@occf.org or marisan@health.ok.gov . This draft describes literacy and its relationship to health. These recommendations will serve to influence better literacy and subsequent health outcomes for Oklahomans.

II. Presentation: “2-1-1 Oklahoma: Get Connected. Get Answers”

Speakers: Lori Linstead, 2-1-1 Executive Director, Janis Harris, 2-1-1 Helpline (Tulsa-based) and Tom Taylor, 2-1-1 Heartline (OKC-based)
-Attached are handouts distributed at meeting-

Upcoming 2011 OHEC Meetings

- **Thursday, Jun 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Room 314 OK State Department of Health, OKC**