



Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign (OHEC)  
Partnership Meeting  
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Dr. Dawn Jourdan, Director of Division of Regional and City Planning, University of Oklahoma (OU), OKC  
Mary Jones, YFSOK, OKC  
Greg Jungman, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD), OKC  
Jim Lyall, CSC Tulsa, Director, Tulsa (VC)  
Holley Mangham, Oklahoma Housing Finance Administration (OHFA), OKC  
Richard Marshall, OKC Housing Authority, OKC  
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**New Members:** Tyler Coday, Donna Davis, Byron DeBruler, Karen Durham, Nathan Harvel, Candice Jackson, Mary Jones, Dawn Jourdan, Greg Jungman, Brian King, Jim Lyall, Holley Mangham, Larry Moses, Laura Moses, David Puckett, Teresa Webster and Laura Wood

**Welcome/Introductions:** Richard Marshall, Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign (OHEC) Chair

### **Review of 04/14/16 Minutes**

### **Highlights**

#### ***211 Helpline:***

Jim Lyall, Director, Tulsa Community Service Council (CSC) 211 Helpline

- Tulsa 211 Helpline serves 37 counties in eastern Oklahoma
- OKC Heartline, which operates 211 in the 40 western counties of Oklahoma.
- 211 is a database of health and human services in Oklahoma.
- They encourage health and human services professionals to use this service as a tool to help their clients.
- The service welcomes referrals to 211, and service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The 211 service offers bilingual capabilities and offers a service to process phone calls in most languages.
- The Helplines respond to 250,000-300,000 call per year. Services can also be accessed through the 211 website, <http://www.211oklahoma.org/>.
- 211 services in Oklahoma are certified as Affordable Healthcare Act Navigators, they work closely with the Oklahoma Primary Healthcare Association in helping people access health insurance.
- 211 programs are evidence based and are accredited by The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems.
- The majority of calls received are housing related and 12% of calls received are for health related services.
- Nathan Harvel, is the 211 Housing Resource Coordinator, he is working to build strong working relations with providers in shelters, housing operators, fair market housing providers and landlords.

#### ***Oklahoma Housing Needs Assessment – statewide affordable housing study:***

For more information visit: <http://oklahomahousingneeds.org/>

- Bryan DeBruler, DeBruler Inc.
- Dr. Dawn Jourdan, Director of Regional and City Planning, University of Oklahoma
- David Puckett, Integra Realty Resources, Tulsa-OKC

**[PowerPoint available upon request]**

#### ***HUD'S Proposed Smoke-Free Rules in Public Housing Developments:***

- Greg Jungman, Director of Public Housing, HUD Oklahoma City Field Office

**[PowerPoint available upon request]**

### **Questions & Answers**

**Q:** What is the number of affordable housing units in Oklahoma?

**A:** Statewide it is around 70,000-80,000 units.



**Q:** Could you give us more information on the public hearings on the housing trust fund. Could you give us specific dates as to when it will take place?

**A:** We do not have specific dates yet for the National Housing Trust Fund Forum, as soon as we receive the dates, they will forward to Marisa New to send out to the OHEC network.

**Q:** Were any partnerships formed with public housing agencies and entities that could help the client quit smoking?

**A:** We partnered with TSET, OSDH, the Ok helpline and other organizations. Some of the services provided were connecting the person to the OK helpline, where they could receive professional assistance via phone; if eligible they could receive free smoking cessation products. The operators and coaches are able to connect the individual with those resources to ensure that they have every possible assistance in making their quit attempt successful. Statistics from surveys within the State of Oklahoma are available through OSDH through our toolkit for landlords, tenants and other interested individuals.

**Q:** Do you anticipate any residents in public housing to choose not to participate in the program and move out.

**A:** We have experienced that as well as potential residents deciding not to move in after the program was enacted. We've had many people quit smoking, one example of this is a member of one of the resident boards who had smoked for 40 years, and decided this was a good time for him to quit smoking.

**Q.** Has there been a study on what percentage of the population that we anticipate not complying with the smoking regulation.

**A.** No, we've not an opportunity to study that yet. The policy went into effect in March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016, so it is still in the early stages.

**Q.** At our last OHEC meeting we discussed how we could not discriminate against people with disabilities, my daughter lives in an apartment complex and is disabled; another tenant who is also disabled is a heavy smoker. How will my daughter be able to avoid the smoking?

**A.** We use a blanket term for reasonable accommodations, but there has to be a tie in to the accommodation to the disability. You will not be able to get a doctor to write a letter stating the person needs to get a reasonable accommodation to smoke.

**Q.** Does the decision to go tobacco free avoid this type of headache, because if you provide a shelter for residents to smoke in; will you have to assist a resident with a mobility issue getting to the shelter?

**A.** Part of our decision to go tobacco free was because of the vaping issue. We know that we have employees that dip. We wanted to ensure that did not happen in our vehicles, on our grounds and worksite. If our employees dip we know that we will have residents that dip. We decided to hit all aspects of tobacco use with our policy.

**Q.** How do I find a list of where affordable housing is in each county? Is there a list?

**A. Richard Marshall (OKC Housing Agency):** There is not a list of the location of all section 8 units, but you can access all the public housing agencies that assist with public housing.

**A. Holley Mangham, Oklahoma Housing Finance Administration (OHFA):** we frequently get calls on this and we recommend people call HUD. We direct them to HUD Oklahoma,

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/oklahoma>

The site has a tool to help find properties based on location, number of bedrooms etc. On the OHFA website we have a list of funded developments that you can use to call developments to see if they have available units.

[https://www.ok.gov/ohfa/Developers/OHFA\\_Funded\\_Developments.html](https://www.ok.gov/ohfa/Developers/OHFA_Funded_Developments.html)



**A. David Puckett, Integra Realty Resources:** Another resource in locating section 8 housing is [www.gosection8.com](http://www.gosection8.com); a resource in rural Oklahoma is <http://www.rd.usda.gov/>.

### **Requests for Announcements and Final Comments**

- The Oklahoma National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (OKNARHO) will hold their May meeting on May 23-25, 2016 at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur Oklahoma. The meeting will highlight 3 health sessions:
  - The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline, <http://okhelpline.com/>
  - Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP), in Oklahoma known as the Living Longer, Living Stronger Program [Living Longer Living Stronger Location Flyer](#)
  - Healthy Housing Presentation

We appreciate the opportunity to introduce those health sessions into this housing specific conference.

- If interested in learning more about the Federal Home Loan Bank's affordable housing program and the home ownership assistance program please pick up one of the flyers in the back. We will add a link to the Federal Home Loan Bank on the [www.oklahomahousingneeds.org](http://www.oklahomahousingneeds.org) website. If you are interested in doing some particular housing, 10 units or less the Federal Home Loan Bank's affordable housing program might be a good resource for you to look into. This program is great funding source to build special needs housing, because you get preference points in the application process.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Richard Marshall, Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign, Chair