



Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign (OHEC)
Partnership Meeting
June 25, 2015

Albert Janco, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), OKC
Martha Alford, Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Muskogee County Health Department, Muskogee (VC)
Tom Anderson, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB), OKC
Maria Arroyo, Variety Care, OKC
Christine Benner, OSDH, Prevention and Preparedness, OKC
Alicia Bouseman, Variety Care, OKC
Lorrie Byrum, Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service (ODMHSAS), OKC
Mary Carter, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBS), OKC
Tracey Cox, ODMHSAS, OKC
Janis Cravatt, OSDH, Center for the Advancement of Wellness, OKC
Janette Cline, OSDH, Maternal and Child Health, OKC.
Wanda DeBruler, DeBruler Inc., OKC
Karen Frensley, ODMHSAS, OKC
Susan Gay, OCAITHB, OKC
Steve Goldman, Oklahoma Primary Care Association, OKC
Laura Gregory, Oklahoma City Housing Authority (OCHA), OKC
Rhonda Harding-Hill, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, OKC
Alisha Hemani-Harris, OSDH, Center for Health Innovation, OKC
Timothy Hill, MD, Health Alliance for the Uninsured (HAU), OKC
Brittney Hodges, Oklahoma City County Health Department (OCCHD), OKC
Larry Hopper, City of Oklahoma Transit and Parking Association (COTPA), OKC
Elton Horton, Oklahoma County Community Awareness Network (OCCAN), OKC
Beatrice Johnston, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), OKC
Jean Jones, Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitative Services (OKDRS), OKC
Jenny Kellbach, OSDH, Center for Health Innovation, OKC
Jean Kelsey, Variety Care, OKC
Richard Klinge, Catholic Charities, OKC
Tunu Lakhay, OSDH Intern, OKC
Lauran Larson, Open Arms Clinic, OKC
Richard Marshall, OCHA, OKC
Irene Martin, OKDRS, OKC
Valerie McCartney, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, OKC
Diane McDaniels, OKC
Karla McGuire, OSDH, Health Equity and Resource Opportunities (HERO), OKC
April Merrill, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Tulsa (VC)
Candice Milard, Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General (OAG), OKC
Bob Miner, OSDH, Center for the Advancement of Wellness, OKC
Thad Mock, Open Arms Clinic, OKC

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Kelly Molina, OK Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, OKC
Marisa New, OSDH, Health Equity & Resource Opportunities Division, OKC
Rose Ann Percival, Living Choice Consumer Advisory Council, University of Oklahoma Health Science Center (OUHSC)
Jacquelyn Porter, OKC
Irene Perez, Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), OKC
Susan Quigley, OSDH, Screening and Special Services, Lead Poisoning Prevention, OKC
Janice Reese, ODMHSAS, OKC
Connie Schlittler, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), OKC
Mia Smith, OHCA, OKC
John Spencer, OSDH, LeFlore County Health Department, Poteau (VC)
Lisa Sydnor, Salvation Army, OKC
William Tolbert, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), OKC
Bill Wells, Central Oklahoma Manufacturers Association, OKC
K. Meghan Wieters, University of Oklahoma (OU), OKC
Beverly Williams, OSDH, Turning Point, OKC
Hillary Winn, OHCA, OKC
Derrick "Rhys" Wilson, OKC

New Members: Lorrie Byrum, Tracey Cox, Karen Frensley, Richard Klinge, Tunu Lakhay, Candice Milard, Janice Reese, John Spencer and Rhys Wilson

Welcome/Introductions: Richard Marshall, OHEC Steering Committee Chair

Review of 3/26/15 and 4/09/15 Minutes and current status: Minutes Approved

"Designing Community Health Efforts with Health Equity in Mind": Marisa New, Health Equity & Resource Opportunities, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Impacts of Affordable Housing on Health- Wanda DeBruler, Debruler Inc., and K. Meghan Wieters, AICP, Ph.D, University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture, Regional & City Planning
[Power Point available upon request]

Medical and Legal Partnerships – April Merrill, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Lead Attorney of Medical-Legal Partnership Initiatives

Tobacco-Free Multi-Unit Housing- Bob Miner, Clean Indoor Air Coordinator, Center for the Advancement of Wellness, Oklahoma State Department of Health
[Power Point available upon request]

Supreme Court Ruling: Disparate Housing – Candice Milard, JD, Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights Enforcement Division http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/13-1371_m64o.pdf

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Q & A and Comments:

Comment:

[M. Wieters] I feel like this opinion [Attached Ruling: Supreme Court Disparate Housing] will be supportive of all the things we are discussing concerning health equity & housing.

Q: Concerning the Supreme Court ruling, I assume this does not include felons or persons with sexual abuse convictions?

A: [C. Milard] Yes, it is my understanding that both the Fair Housing Act and Oklahoma Anti-Discrimination Act include a statement at the end that the act does not prohibit looking into other factors. This act applies only to those that fall into protected categories, individuals with felonies or persons with sexual abuse convictions do not fall into the protected category.

A: [R. Marshall] In subsidized housing, there are two areas in which someone applying for assistance can be permanently denied assistance.

- A person subject to lifetime registration as a sex offender
- A person convicted of manufacturing Meth in a subsidized housing unit.

Q: In the last couple of years, the federal government and other agencies have become very sensitive to health and wellness - what we take into our bodies to the air we breathe and the food we eat. My concern is about overall clean indoor air in our buildings. Do you have the authority, power or mission to do something about the quality of indoor air in our private homes and public facilities? Are we making progress in trying to prolong lives of our citizens by providing clean air?

A: [B. Miner] We have made a lot of progress in the 2nd hand smoke issue. One of the biggest successes being Gov. Mary Fallin's Executive Order with subsequent legislation prohibiting smoking on all state property. This prohibits the use of tobacco & e-cigarette on all state properties.

Q: Since Oklahoma is located in tornado alley, why is it not policy that houses or multi-unit housing whether public or private be built with tornado shelters? Especially since a shelter is part of survival, it could be seen in a sense as a health disparity. Why is it not policy in a state such as Oklahoma to build shelters in homes and especially in multi-unit housing where people's options are limited?

A: [W. DeBruler] We are addressing the shelter issue on OHFA's amenities list; developers get points for putting in shelters. Developers I work with do a lot of single family rent to own houses and every one of those units have a shelter put in them. From a policy standpoint, it is due to our building codes. The construction industry board regulates the statewide building codes. Technically, I agree with you that we should have shelters in all of our units, but it does add to

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the cost of housing. The Construction Industry Board is one group we need to start talking to about making shelters part of the code. In the meantime, the amenities list is how we have started encouraging developers to add shelters.

A. [M. Wieters] The grant we received for this project encourages us to assess where vulnerabilities are as a state. I think it is spot on to put shelters in, especially in a two or three story unit. In the last few years, public buildings that we all go to for shelter during storms, do not want to allow people to take shelter there and be responsible. Moore is changing their building codes and giving more options. Ultimately, Moore will be a good example of what we should be doing at the city level. By putting \$2500 worth of cost back into the house that could anchor the roof to the foundation, this could provide an 85% better chance of survival in your own home. It is not a shelter, but it is better than simply being at your home without this. We are probably a key state in saying that having shelters in multi-unit housing and in homes is a given and not a luxury item.

A. [W. DeBruler] Two things I would like to add to that statement.

- Participate in public comments on this subject when the opportunity presents itself.
- Visit with your legislator, which is where it starts. I would encourage everyone to call their legislator and ask “Why isn’t this policy when we know we are a state that has tornados?”

Requests for Announcements and Final Comments: Richard Marshall, OHEC Steering Committee Chair

- Steve Goldman – Oklahoma Primary Care Association
Supreme Court decision allows for the continuation of the Affordable Care Act subsidies for states like Oklahoma who do not have a state plan. Open enrollment begins on Nov. 1st, but there is special enrollment available for individuals with qualifying life events. There are three new events that qualify for special enrollment.
 - A survivor of domestic violence, no documentation is needed.
 - Anyone who has a court order to provide health insurance for others can enroll at any time.
 - If a person’s income has risen above poverty level, so that they will end the year above poverty level will qualify for the special enrollment period.

If you have additional questions please call 211, they have operators available to answer questions and put you in touch with healthcare navigators.

The handout provided by Steve will be emailed with OHEC meeting minutes.

- Karen Frensley - Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service (ODMHSAS)
A new grant has been awarded to ODMHSAS in October of 2014. *Home, Honor and Health for Oklahomans* (H3OK) is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant which is a collaborative project with community partners in Tulsa and Oklahoma City to help homeless veterans or chronically homeless non-veterans to find housing. We are using the “Housing First” model to get individuals into housing without the requirement of participating in counseling in order to get into housing. This is a three year grant from SAMHSA and our goal is to house 360 veterans or chronically homeless individuals. The majority of the people we are working with are veterans and we are working closely with the Veterans Administration (VA). The grant from SAMHSA funds intensive supportive services, but does not provide any funding for housing or utility

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deposits. We are working with Oklahoma City Housing Authority to help with vouchers and ODMHSAS provides the case management services for the client.

- Marisa New – Oklahoma State Department of Health
Karen Frensey, as well as several other members of our audience, is a member of the Oklahoma Governor’s Interagency Council on Homelessness (GICH). This group holds public meetings so anyone can attend. Meeting dates will be provided.
- Larry Hopper – EMBARK Central Oklahoma Transit and Parking Authority (COTPA)
We are working on the Northwest Multi-Motor Transportation Plan. The heart of this concept plan is to add public transportation to Classen and Northwest Expressway. We are threading public health principals throughout the plan. We will be holding a community meeting later this summer and I hope that you will plan to come. Yesterday, the person who monitors how we use these public health principals was in town to attend a meeting at Catholic Charities with Marisa New and myself. As part of the consultant study, we have hired a sister agency, OU Institute for Quality Communities to provide student and faculty help to look at seven locations along the Classen/Northwest Expressway corridor. Currently, this is just a concept plan and we do not have a way to build it yet.
- Jean Jones – Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitative Services
I would like to mention a couple of resources that might be useful to you that work in state and local agencies in the health, housing and transportation areas.
Two great resources for learning what is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act are:
 - www.ada.gov a new technical assistance document is available from the Department of Justice which would assist you with compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - www.access-board.gov website that provides free webinars put on by the US Access board on requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.Both websites provide great information on how to make your programs and communications accessible.
- Elton Horton -Oklahoma County Community Awareness Network (OCCAN)
A mentorship program for supporting pregnant women is in the planning stages. An information sharing luncheon will be scheduled in the near future. For more information please contact Barbara Colbert, an Oklahoma Maternal and Child Health Outreach Specialist with the Oklahoma City Health Department. You can contact her at 405-425-4427.

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