

Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force

Office of Child Abuse Prevention
Oklahoma State Department of Health
1000 N.E. 10th Street, Room 806
Oklahoma City OK

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Arias, Don Batson, Felica Denton (for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela), Elicia Berryhill (for Teresa Croom), Gayla Westbrook (for Char Carter), Maggi Hutchason, Larry Langley, Alesha Lilly (for Beth Martin), Robyn Sears, Tyler Whitehead (for Barbara Smith), Deborah Shropshire

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tamatha Mosier, Deb Andersen

STAFF PRESENT: Brittany Berry, Chris Fiesel, Suzy Gibson, Kathie Burnett, Persephone Starks, Sherie Trice

I. Call to Order – Maggi Hutchason

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken and quorum was established. Everyone present introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes – Maggi Hutchason

Robyn Sears made a motion to accept the January 18th, 2013 minutes as written. Larry Langley seconded. Motion approved.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jimmy Arias	X		
Don Batson	X		
Felica Denton for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela			X
Gayla Westbrook for Char Carter	X		
Elicia Berryhill for Teresa Croom	X		
Maggi Hutchason			X
Larry Langley	X		
Alesha Lilly for Beth Martin	X		
Robyn Sears	X		
Tyler Whitehead for Barbara Smith	X		

*Deb Shropshire was not present for the voting to accept the meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment

Billie Brown w/Parent Promise – Advocacy cards available for those interested in taking one home to mail to legislators.

Parent Promise will be doing Memorial Flags out at the capitol on Monday, April 8th, to recognize all the victims of child abuse.

IV. Discussion and possible action on current Legislation – Annette Jacobi

HB 1467 that realigns boards and commissions does have an impact on ITF, in that it dissolves it. Passed in the house, and is moving through quickly. Public comment has not been provided. This was a “shell” bill that only had a title, and then on the day before the committee it contained 52 pages that were submitted.

V. Final Discussion, action, and voting on 2013 ITF Awards (presented in April) – Maggi Hutchason

- Mary Ellen Wilson Award

Maggi suggested doing a show of hand vote to narrow down the nominees.

A motion was made by Larry Langley to take a vote by show of hands to initially narrow the vote. Don Batson seconded the motion.

First Round Vote:

NAME	Vote
Jimmy Arias	Sharon Doty
Don Batson	Helen McGrath
Felica Denton for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela	Helen McGrath
Gayla Westbrook for Char Carter	Sharon Doty
Elicia Berryhill for Teresa Croom	Cathy Sullivan
Maggi Hutchason	Abstain
Larry Langley	Sharon Doty
Alesha Lilly for Beth Martin	Charity Headrick
Deb Shropshire	Sharon Doty
Robyn Sears	Cathy Sullivan
Tyler Whitehead for Barbara Smith	Cathy Sullivan

The first round vote narrowed the nominees to Cathy Sullivan and Sharon Doty.

Second Round Vote:

NAME	Vote
Jimmy Arias	Sharon Doty
Don Batson	Sharon Doty
Felica Denton for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela	Sharon Doty
Gayla Westbrook for Char Carter	Sharon Doty
Elicia Berryhill for Teresa Croom	Cathy Sullivan
Maggi Hutchason	Abstain
Larry Langley	Sharon Doty
Alesha Lilly for Beth Martin	Cathy Sullivan
Deb Shropshire	Sharon Doty
Robyn Sears	Cathy Sullivan

Tyler Whitehead for Barbara Smith	Cathy Sullivan
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The second round determined that Sharon Doty would be the winner of the 2013 Mary Ellen Wilson Award.

- Marion Jacewitz Award

Robyn Sears made a motion to vote on the Marion Jacewitz Award and Deb Shropshire seconded.

NAME	Vote
Jimmy Arias	Jacqueline Steyn
Don Batson	Cherokee Ballard & Britten Follett
Felica Denton for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela	Jacqueline Steyn
Gayla Westbrook for Char Carter	Jacqueline Steyn
Elicia Berryhill for Teresa Croom	Jacqueline Steyn
Maggi Hutchason	Abstain
Larry Langley	Jacqueline Steyn
Alesha Lilly for Beth Martin	Jacqueline Steyn
Deb Shropshire	Jacqueline Steyn
Robyn Sears	Jacqueline Steyn
Tyler Whitehead for Barbara Smith	Jacqueline Steyn

Voting results showed Jacqueline Steyn is the winner of the 2013 Marion Jacewitz Award.

- Outstanding Elected Official

Since there was only one nominee the vote was simply a yes, no, or abstains.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jimmy Arias			X
Don Batson	X		
Felica Denton for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela	X		
Gayla Westbrook for Char Carter			X
Elicia Berryhill for Teresa Croom			X
Maggi Hutchason			X
Larry Langley	X		
Alesha Lilly for Beth Martin			X
Deb Shropshire	X		
Robyn Sears			X
Tyler Whitehead for Barbara			X

Smith			
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The vote resulted in Representative Mike Sanders being the winner of the 2013 Outstanding Elected Official Award.

- Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Program

Discussion was shared about programs.

NAME	Vote
Jimmy Arias	Abstain
Don Batson	Bethesda
Felica Denton for Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela	Bethesda
Gayla Westbrook for Char Carter	Bethesda
Elicia Berryhill for Teresa Croom	Bethesda
Maggi Hutchason	Abstain
Larry Langley	Fort Sill Family Advocacy
Alesha Lilly for Beth Martin	Bethesda
Deb Shropshire	Bethesda
Robyn Sears	Bethesda
Tyler Whitehead for Barbara Smith	Bethesda

Voting resulted in Bethesda winning the 2013 Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Program Award.

VI. Discussion and possible action on “The Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect” – Maggi Hutchason

State Plan Update from Sharon Neuwald (via email) –

Vision Statement: By 2018 the state will see increased family stability and enhanced child development for at risk families thereby contributing to a decrease in the incidence of child abuse and neglect

Environmental Scan: Developing a comprehensive chart outlining major accomplishments over the last 3 years consistent with the strategies developed in the 2010-2013 plans. Ideas generated by IFT members, OSDH staff and state agency partners.

Community and ITF feedback on new plan: Online survey is being developed to solicit ideas for strategies to incorporate in the upcoming plan.

Writing on the plan continues

- Vision*** (see # 1)
- Introduction-*** which stresses the need for prevention given costs of child maltreatment system and consequences to emotional and physical health
- Identification of need-*** Identifying prevalence of child abuse and neglect in the state
- Risk Factors*** –identifying risk factors using the socio-ecological model (individual, family community and society factors)

e. Protective Factors –Stressing the Strengthening Families framework and discussing factors through an intersection of the following two models

i. Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Prevention

ii. Socio-ecological

Prevention activities in Oklahoma -Will incorporate CBCAP, MIECHV, Strengthening Families and Community partnership with OCCY

Development of strategies, goals and objective –Based on ideas generated in online survey process and feedback received in developing accomplishments report

Maggi asked if the vision was for at risk families or simply families. Robyn says the “at risk” verbiage should be left out. Don echoed her sentiment and said all families are at risk and having that wording suggests only specific classes of family are at risk. All agreed it should read “all” families.

Sherie spoke about the possibility of doing an online survey to satisfy the need for public input. In 2006 they did public hearings and she feels those should be another source of data collection. Sherie spoke with Start Right, Children First, and MIECHV Directors to get with their programs about doing public hearings. Maggi is concerned about asking the right questions to get appropriate feedback.

Deadline for rough draft is July 1st to get it to OCCY for review.

Suggestions/ideas – Sherie thought we could use similar questions from 2006 and suggestions from the ITF retreat meeting. Another idea was to hand out surveys on CAP day. Adding to that, passing out surveys to students at UCO could be a similar option. Everyone agreed that a combination of a survey monkey and paper forms for CAP Day would be most beneficial. Children’s Behavioral Health Conference and Family Picnic may be a possibility for distribution of the paper surveys as well.

Possible questions to include in survey:

(Avoid general questions like “how do we prevent child abuse?”)

Don – Are you aware of these programs? (“Have you heard of...?”)

Maggi – Gather public opinion on what risk factors for child abuse are.

Deb – Try to measure awareness of services available in areas.

Alesha – “other” category/blank line for miscellaneous comments. Ways to strengthen families?

Robyn – In the footnote include hotline number.

The May 3rd ITF meeting will be focused discussion for the final draft of information for the state plan.

VII. Discussion and possible action on Capacity Building and Best Practices in Child Abuse Prevention – Maggi Hutchason

Deb Shropshire – served on a year-long committee that Wes Lane put together concerning child deaths compiled by DHS. The report from that committee will come out in the next month or so. A spin-off of that committee is called Count Me In For Kids made up of professionals, business leaders, etc. The idea was to bring some collaboration among different organizations serving high risk families and developing a sizeable website that would allow people who need services to connect with

services. It would includes a large spectrum of families and even provide a place for prospective volunteers.

Don Batson - We operate a homeless shelter in Tulsa called "Pearl's Hope". We opened the first cottage in October 2008, a second in 2009, and yesterday had an Open House for our third cottage. The program is designed to assist women with children who are homeless. We are one of the fewer shelters who can house women with multiple children while they recover.

VIII. Discussion and possible action on CAP Month and CAP DAY AT THE CAPITOL & Mini Conference – Maggi Hutchason

UPDATE on CAP Month:

Sherie provided a brief updated on the activities surrounding CAP Day at the Capitol and the Mini Conference. She discussed the parking issue at the Samis Education Center where the mini conference is being held. There will be a shuttle that transports attendees from the parking area to the conference center. There is a preferred parking list for speakers and some staff.

IX. Discussion and possible action on proposed ITF meeting calendar for 2014 – Maggie Hutchason

No discussion or action

X. Program News & Updates

MIECHV presentation – Kathie Burnett:

- RFPs are being worked on between Annette and the agency. They will go to DCS after they're finished for approval.
- CQI was a new requirement with the last NGA and there is a lot of work being done on that.
- Work is still being done on a triage system that will match a family with the best home visitation program. Staff is taking a trip to Kansas to see their triage process.
- An enhanced referral process is in place at the local FSPS office.
- The new data system is moving forward. Presentations by those who have submitted an RFI will take place in the next couple of weeks.
- Community Connectors are doing well and monitoring tools are being developed.
- ParentPro has a 30 second PSA that is close to distribution. A 10 minute version will also be available for providers, Community Connectors, etc as a tool to introduce home visitation.

Office of Child Abuse Prevention – Chris Fiesel

Chris provided a hand out covering the OCAP financial updates He asked for any suggestions on the format or information.

Child Abuse Training and Coordination – Pat Damron

Pat Damron was not available to speak; however, Maggi did mention that the Child Abuse and Training Coordination Council (CATCC) is another board at risk of being eliminated by HB 1467.

XI. New Business

No new business

XII. Announcements

No announcements

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.