



## Meeting Minutes May 24, 2012

### Attendees:

VC= Videoconferencing

Nicole Alexander, Community Health Centers Incorporated  
Maria Arroyo, Office of Minority Health, Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH)  
Brandi Atkinson, Area Agency on Aging, Enid (VC)  
Tanya Case, Oklahoma Temporary High Risk Pool  
Angela Bourlon, Perkins Family Clinic, Chandler (VC)  
Cindy Boerger, OSDH HIV/STD Services  
Sunshine Cowan, University of Central Oklahoma  
Renier Espana, Latino Development Community Agency  
Karen Fields, Perkins Family Clinic, Chandler (VC)  
Victoria Gaddis, OSDH Protective Health Services  
Daphne Gauden, Tulsa County Health Department (VC)  
Katie Gill Miller, YWCA – Tulsa (VC)  
Jolene Graves, Harper County Health Department, Laverne (VC)  
Sandra Guzman de Chadwick, OSDH Protective Health Services  
Harold Hatt, St. Johns United Church, Enid (VC)  
Martha Hatt, University Place Christian Church, Enid (VC)  
Sallie Henderson, Tulsa Area Immunizations Coalition (VC)  
Celia Hollis, Latino Development Community Agency  
Larry Hopper, Oklahoma Alliance for Public Transportation  
Albert Janco, OKC Citizen  
M'Liss Jenkins, Washington County Health Department, Bartlesville (VC)  
Beatrice Johnston, YWCA - OKC  
Ayesha Lampkins, OSDH Maternal & Child Health  
David Lee, OSDH Health Equity & Resource Opportunities Division  
Joyce Marshall, OSDH Office of Personnel Management  
Verna Meadows, OSDH HIV STD Service  
David Mena, OSDH Chronic Disease Service  
Kelly Moore, UCO Student  
Regana Mouser, Telligen  
Janette New, Comanche CHD, Laverne (VC)  
Marisa New, OSDH Health Equity & Resource Opportunities  
Brandi O'Conner, Lawton Community Health Center, Lawton (VC)  
Sheila Pennewell, Enid (VC)  
Lawanna Porter, Community Health Centers Incorporated  
Vera Porter, University Place Christian Church, Enid (VC)  
Marilyn Powell, Washington CHD, Bartlesville (VC)  
Nicole Prieto Johns, OSDH Health Planning & Grants  
Debbie Purton, OSDH HIV STD Services  
Glenda Riggs, Wheatheart Nutrition Project, Enid (VC)  
Kristie Ropp, Wheatheart Nutrition Project, Enid (VC)  
Judy Rupp, NODA Area Agency on Aging, Enid (VC)  
Betty Sapp, Washington County Housing Coalition, Bartlesville (VC)  
Rachel Selph, Planned Parenthood, Enid (VC)  
Ollie Walker, Jackson CHD, Altus (VC)  
Pamela Williams, OSDH Communications  
Tia Yancey, OSDH Chronic Disease Service  
Melani Young, Enid (VC)

**New Members:** Nicole Alexander, Brandi Atkinson, Cindy Boerger, Angela Bourlon, Tanya Case, Renier Espana, Karen Fields, Victoria Gaddis, Katie Gill Miller, Harold Hatt, Martha Hatt, Celia Hollis, M'Liss Jenkins, Verna Meadows, David Mena, Kati Miller, Regana Mouser, Sheila Pennewell, Vera Porter, Marilyn Powell, Nicole Prieto Johns, Glenda Riggs, Kristie Ropp, Judy Rupp, Betty Sapp, Ollie Walker, Melani Young.

### OHEC Housing and Health Position Statement

M'Liss Jenkins from Washington County Health Department spoke about the Washington County Housing Coalition. OHEC is reviewing a draft position statement addressing housing and health. We will review over the next few months. We need to get the draft to one page, front and back for the final document. We are seeking comments, please email [marisan@health.ok.gov](mailto:marisan@health.ok.gov)

### Twitter and Facebook

Kelly Moore shared about OHEC's social networking sites, and requested followers. The Twitter name is @OKHealthEquity, and the Facebook page is Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign. "Follow" us on Twitter, and "like" our Facebook page.

### Health Literacy Summit Update

The Oklahoma's First Health Literacy Summit will take place on September 27th. We need sponsors for this event. We also need assistance with promoting the event. Contact Leslie Gelders, [lgelders@oltn.odl.state.ok.us](mailto:lgelders@oltn.odl.state.ok.us) for more information.

### Oregon Recap

Sunshine Cowan and Larry Hopper shared their experiences in Oregon as they presented to three Oregon Health Equity Coalitions earlier this month. They heard about Oregon's coalition efforts, plus we shared our position statements which seemed to draw quite a bit of interest. Other OHEC Steering Committee Members participating: Claudia Barajas, Latino Community Development Agency and Marisa New, OSDH Health Equity & Resource Opportunities Division.

### Presentation

Tanya Case gave a great presentation over the Oklahoma Temporary High Risk Insurance Pool which is a federally funded health plan for individuals who have the financial means to purchase insurance but have pre-existing medical conditions and therefore cannot obtain health insurance through the commercial insurance market. PowerPoint slides were shared.

Questions during and after the presentation included:

Q: How does one prove they have not received health plan coverage in the last six months?

A: There is an application that the applicant completes that includes questions regarding previous insurance coverage. The application also includes an "Authorization and Declaration" form in which the following is stated "I know that any fraudulent misstatements or omissions, or intentional misrepresentations of a material fact that are made on this application, or any act or practice that constitutes fraud, will result in the cancellation of coverage retroactive to the effective date of coverage subject to prior notification. I also know that any material misstatements or omissions of information that are made on this application may be the basis for later denial of a loss incurred during my coverage".

Q: Can a third party pay the OTHRP premium?

A: Yes, with the exception of employers and medical providers.

Q: How many individuals can the Oklahoma Temporary High Risk Pool cover through 12-31-2013 when the plan ends?

A: The current projection for CY 2012 is 931. The projection for CY 2013 will be determined in the Fall of 2012.

Q: How many individuals are covered now?

A: 767

Q: When did enrollment in the Oklahoma Temporary High Risk pool begin?

A: September 1, 2010

Q: Do pharmacies offer discounts?

A: MaxCare which is the Pharmacy Benefit Management for OTHRP has contracts in place with the drug manufactures which deliver a cost effective pharmacy benefit for OTHRP. MaxCare holds contracts with every pharmacy in Oklahoma.

Q: Are there household premiums?

A: There are no household premiums. OTHRP offers a health plan only for individuals.

Q: What will happen to the policy holders after December 31, 2013?

A: The Oklahoma Temporary High Risk Pool members will have access to the Insurance Exchange where they will be able to review various health plans and select the health plan that best meets their needs. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) prohibits carriers who offer health plans on the Exchange from denying insurance to those with pre-existing medical conditions. In addition, carriers that offer health plans on the Exchange cannot place a rider on or "rate-up" policies due to individuals' pre-existing medical conditions.

Q. It was asked if the pre-existing condition has to be selected from a set listing of medical conditions.

A. There is no set list of pre-existing conditions that the physician writing the letter regarding the applicant's pre-existing condition must choose from. Any pre-existing medical condition meets the requirement.

Announcements

- Washington CHD has hired a Housing Coalition Coordinator.
- Larry Hopper wants to encourage those living or working in Oklahoma City to contact the Alliance of Public Transportation no later than next week if they wish to support Sunday bus service (public transportation).