

# OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Honorable Dynda Post, Chair

Friday, May 16, 2014, 10:30 a.m.  
1111 N. Lee Ave  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor conference room  
OKC, OK 73103

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: August 15, 2014

### MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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| 1.  | Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act   | 5 min.  | Honorable Dynda Post                                       |
| 2.  | Introduction of the Members and Guests, Public comments  | 2 min.  | Honorable Dynda Post                                       |
| 3.  | Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2014<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i>   | 5 min.  | Honorable Dynda Post                                       |
| 4.  | Committee Report on policy regarding OSBI vs FBI background checks for new PARB members  | 10 min  | Millie Carpenter, Carol Collins, Judge Post and AJ Henshaw |
| 5.  | Discussion regarding Statewide Training and Regional Training for Calendar year 2015   | 10 min. | Sara Vincent   |
| 6.  | Report from Nomination Committee and election of State PARB officers<br><i>Discussion and possible action</i>  | 15 min  | Greg Delaney, Cindy Nocton, Holly Morris and Judge Post    |
| 7.  | Discussion regarding scheduling conflict for August meeting and possibly changing date to August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> or 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 | 10 min  | Sara Vincent   |
| 8.  | Coordinator's Report   | 10 min  | Sara Vincent   |
| 9.  | Child Death Review Board report  | 5 min.  | Jay Scott Brown  |
| 10. | Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth report   | 5 min.  | Jay Scott Brown  |
| 11. | Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council report   | 5 min.  | Sandy Brown  |
| 12. | "R is for Thursday" presentation   | 30 min  | Dr. Gregory Parks and Dr. Kerri Kearney                    |
| 13. | New Business<br>Business which was not known nor could have been known through exercise of due diligence at the time of the posting of this agenda             | 5 min.  | Honorable Dynda Post                                       |
| 14. | Adjournment  | 1 min.  | Honorable Dynda Post                                       |

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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by Chairman, Honorable Dynda Post. Determination of quorum was established for members present and the board was in compliance with notice and agenda requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Members present were: Carol Bridges, Jay Scott Brown, Lisa Buck, Clara Cunningham, Greg Delaney, Greg Parks, Holly Morris, Cindy Nocton, the Honorable Dynda Post, David Ross, Lou Truitt-Flanagan, the Honorable Pat VerSteege and the Honorable April Sellers-White. Members not present were: Sandy Brown, Millie Carpenter, James Cooper, Carol Collins, the Honorable AJ Henshaw, Melanie Johnson, Linda McDaniel, the Honorable Mark Moore and Mary Jo Wimbish. OCCY staff present was Sara Vincent, Jack Chapman and Christina Whatley.

**2. Introduction of the Members and Guests**

Sara Vincent introduced Melissa Jones, Donna Girdner and Amy White, all with OKDHS and presenting at this meeting. Leslie Fletcher, OK County PARB clerk was also present.

**3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2013**

Greg Delaney moved and the Honorable Pat VerSteege seconded to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2013, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board meeting as amended. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

**4. DHS Data Report**

Melissa Jones, OKDHS, provided a handout regarding the statewide statistics from SFY 2010 to the current date. These statistics show that the average age the child enters care is 6 years old and the average time from initial petition to termination is 638 days. The average length of stay is 16 months. Approximately 80-90% of adoptions are with the current caregivers, while only 10% are in unidentified placements. There is only a 50/50 chance of these children returning to the home. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the statics.

**5. Report regarding the OKDHS Vendors for the Recruitment and Retention of Foster Homes**

Amy White and Donna Girdner of OKDHS reported on the recruitment and retention of foster homes. A handout was provided. The priorities are keeping resource families and keeping staff. Families need to be approved in a timely manner and bridge resource parents need to be treated as members of the Child Welfare team. The Pinnacle Plan settlement agreement includes a strategy for privatization of Bridge resource family recruitment, retention and support. Contracts were awarded to four vendors in August, 2013. There was discussion regarding the statistics of approved placements and beds.

**6. Committee Report on policy regarding OSBI vs FBI background checks for new PARB members**

This item was tabled until the May 16, 2014 meeting.

**7. Discussion regarding Pottawatomie County PARB's request for funding**

Sara Vincent reported that PARB has received four new applications for the Pottawatomie County PARB, which will resolve this issue. A volunteer will assume the coordinator duties.

**8. Report from the Legislative Recommendations Committee**

Included in the meeting packet are the 2013 recommendations. They are as follows:

1. In considering the Governor's proposed tax cuts, please ensure that sufficient funding will be provided for children's services in Oklahoma.
2. Successfully complete parenting and substance abuse education as a requirement for a High School Diploma.
3. Request an interim study for the elimination of jury trials in termination of parental rights cases.

Recommendation number three was voted on and passed in the November 16, 2013, meeting.

Carol Bridges moved and the Honorable Pat VerSteege seconded to adopt recommendation number one and eliminate recommendation number two. Motion passed.

**9. Proposal regarding Statewide Training and Regional Training for FY 2014**

In the meeting packet are the proposed regional trainings and statewide training areas. Most of the regional trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and be tailored to fit the needs of the PARBs. The date of the Claremore training is incorrect. It should be July 31, 2014 instead of July 30, 2014. Also, after a discussion with Judge VerSteege and due to time constraints, the Custer County training will be moved to early 2015. The Statewide training will be June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and we are hopeful that it will be held at the Embassy Suites in Norman, OK.

**10. 2013 Annual Report Data**

Included in the meeting packet are the statistics from the annual report surveys, county by county and statewide. Sara Vincent reported that overall, the total number of reviews completed went up by 688; total number of children is up by 829; number of volunteer hours went up by over 1700 and the number of active volunteers went up by 30. There was discussion and concerns regarding boards that did not report.

**11. Discussion regarding Election of Chair Elect and State PARB Vacancy**

An email from Destry Hawthorne, stating that due to new roles and responsibilities at his job, he is resigning from both the State Advisory Board and his local PARB, is included in the meeting packet. Sara Vincent stated that there are still a few people that have been named and have applied through the Governor's office. Sharon Dorn is the chairperson in McIntosh County and Ms. Vincent will contact her to see if she is still interested in serving. She will also contact Destry Hawthorne to see if he has anyone in mind that he would recommend.

The Honorable Pat VerSteege moved and Carol Bridges seconded to have Sara Vincent contact the above mentioned parties and submit the names to the Governor's office for appointment. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Destry Hawthorne was the chair-elect for the State Advisory board, so that position will have to be filled as well. This means all three positions; Chair, Chair elect and Vice Chair, will need to be voted on in May, as the new terms begin July 1, 2014. A nominations committee was formed. Members are as follows: Cindy Nocton, Judge Post, Holly Morris and Greg Delaney as chair of that committee. The committee will present at the May 16, 2014 meeting.

**12. Coordinator's Report**

A written report from Ms. Vincent was included in the meeting packet. This report summarized Ms. Vincent's activities from August 19, 2013 through November 8, 2013, regarding site visits, meetings attended, and projects she is currently working on.

Sara Vincent briefly mentioned that an OJA worker is willing to serve on the Sequoyah County PARB, which will be a big help to that board.

**13. Child Death Review Board report**

Jay Scott Brown reported that the Sunset Review went before the Legislature and was reestablished. There is nothing else to report other than just closing cases, etc.

**14. Oklahoma Commission on Children & Youth report**

Jay Scott Brown stated that the Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) has moved from the Oklahoma Department of Health to OCCY. They would like to have PARB more involved in the MDT process, as they are scattered across the state. The role of PARB volunteers could be in the discussion to be expanded. Mr. Brown would like this to be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Mr. Brown also mentioned a discussion regarding a grant that the Oklahoma Institute of Child Advocacy received from the MacArthur Foundation to advocate for juvenile justice reform. OCCY is partnering with a number of different groups to look at this reform. Oklahoma is one of the very few states that does not have mental competency hearings for youth. Sara Vincent mentioned that Tulsa County PARB is involved in dual adjudication cases, which reviews youth that are adjudicated both deprived and delinquent.

**15. Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council report**

There was no report given.

**16. New Business**

The Honorable April Sellers-White mentioned that the Sesame Street Toolkits for Children of Incarcerated Parents are available and she encouraged everyone to pick up a copy. Another group will be forming in Tulsa soon.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



## **Post Adjudication Review Board's of Oklahoma Coordinator's Report February 14, 2014, through May 14, 2014**

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Below is a list of the Post Adjudication Review Board Coordinator's activities since February 21, 2014.

- February 24, 2014, Attended the Court Case Staffings and Attended the Juvenile Court docket in McIntosh County.
- February 27, 2014, Met with Brad Merritt regarding the Oklahoma County Transition PARB
- March 5, 2014, Observed the Oklahoma County PARB#4
- March 6-7, 2014, Facilitated the PARB Regional Training held in Eufaula
- March 10, 2014, Met with OCCY Program Manager, Anthony Kibble regarding the training needs of the Multidisciplinary Team Members and PARB Members
- March 11, 2014, Met with author Rodney Timms regarding his presentation at the Statewide PARB Conference
- March 12, 2014, Observed Sequoyah County PARB
- March 18, 2014, Attended the Tulsa County Leadership Meeting regarding concerns identified by Judge Fransein
- March 19, 2014, Met with the Oklahoma County Juvenile Court Case Managers regarding the Oklahoma County PARB program.
- March 21, 2014, Attended the OICA Tulsa County Power Lunch regarding Juvenile Justice
- March 24, 2014, Met with the developer of the mobile PARB app regarding the application
- March 27, 2014, Facilitated the PARB Regional Training held in Shawnee
- March 28, 2014, Attended the Juvenile Court Symposium
- April 2, 2014, Observed Oklahoma County PARB #4
- April 3, 2014, Met with the developer of the mobile PARB app regarding the application
- April 4, 2014, Attended meeting with OCCY Programs Manager Anthony Kibble and OUJPTP regarding training needs for the Multidisciplinary Team Members and PARB Members
- April 7, 2014, Attended Oklahoma County ICWA PARB training part 1
- April 8, 2014, Attended Tulsa County Friends of Foster and Adoptive Families brown bag lunch
- April 9, 2014, Observed Sequoyah County PARB
- April 10, 2014, Met with Indian Capital Technology Center, Muskogee regarding meeting facilities for PARB Regional Training
- April 11, 2014, Facilitated PARB Regional Training held in Tulsa
- April 16, 2014, Facilitated Oklahoma County PARB Training
- April 17, 2014, Attended the Juvenile Justice Collaborative
- April 22, 2014, Attended OCCY Mandatory Training
- April 25, 2014, Met with Oklahoma County Juvenile Presiding Judge, Lisa Davis regarding the Oklahoma County PARB program

- April 29, 2014, Met with Kendall Spears and Mary Hicks regarding Systems of Care Presentation for the PARB Regional Training held in Muskogee
- April 30, 2014, Facilitated PARB Regional Training held in Muskogee and participated in conference call regarding the CIP ICWA Subcommittee
- May 1, 2014, Observed Oklahoma County PARB #13
- May 2, 2014, Met with Embassy Suites Conference Planner
- May 5, 2014, Attended Oklahoma County ICWA PARB Training part 2
- May 6, 2014, Participated in Foster Parent Day at the Capital and met with the Governor's Director of Appointments, Chris Bruehl regarding the PARB State Advisory Board vacancy
- May 7, 2014, Observed Oklahoma County PARB #4
- May 9, 2014, Met with the OCCY Executive Director, Lisa Smith, OCCY Assistant Director, Jack Chapman, OCCY Programs Manager, Anthony Kibble, and the OIJTPT regarding the training needs of the Multidisciplinary Team Members and PARB Members
- May 14, 2014, Observed Sequoyah County PARB

**ON GOING ACTIVITIES:**

Providing assistance to the Oklahoma County and Sequoyah County PARBs. Planning the 2014 Statewide PARB Annual Conference and facilitating PARB Regional Trainings.

**THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO LOCAL BOARDS**

**Oklahoma County**

Kristie Mitchell

**LeFlore County**

Christine Nida

Virginia Poe

**Pottawatomie County**

Katharine (Joan) Smith

Laurie Clark

**Muskogee County**

Stella Derrick

**Tulsa County**

Courtney Noah

Anne Scalet

**Okmulgee County**

Faith Watashe

**Sequoyah County**

John Gross

**Bryan County**

Raye Mickle