AGENDA

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

II. Welcome and Introductions*

   Review and approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2014, Special Commission meeting
   Discussion and possible action

III. *Director’s report on Agency Activities and Legislative Update

   Discussion and possible action

   Lisa Smith

IV. Ratify Commission meeting dates for CY 2015

   Discussion and possible action

   All

V. Nomination and possible election of new vice chair to Commission

   Walter Evans

VI. Presentation of UR-1 Resource Directory and the Children of Incarcerated Parents

   Treasa Lansdowne, Michael Walsh

VII. Update from The Office of Planning and Coordination.

   Anthony Kibble

VIII. Discussion and possible action on reports from agencies/organizations and Legislative requests for 2015

   All

IX. Adjournment
Call to order and roll call
Secretary Couchman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Sid Brown, Ken Couchman, Sheryl Marseilles, Jason Charles, Walter Evans, Wanda Felty, Edward Lake, Todd Pauley, James Saffle, Members not present: Janet Barresi, Terry Cline, Tom Alford, Jay Scott Brown, Nico Gomez, Joe Cordova, Ron Peters, Terri White, Richard Smothermon, T. Keith Wilson.

Review and approval of the minutes from the May 23rd 2014, Regular Commission Meetings
– Secretary Ken Couchman
Todd Pauley moved, Walter Evans seconded to approve the minutes of the May 23rd 2014, Regular Commission meeting as amended. Agenda Item number five needed to be amended to reflect changes to Contacts in the State Plan, and the proper years needed to be added to Appendix B of the State Plan. Five members present voted in the affirmative, three abstained. Motion passed.

Director’s report on Agency Activities and Legislative Update Discussion and possible action. – Lisa Smith
Lisa Smith began by introducing a new intern, and also thanked Regan Qualls for her help in coordinating interns in the agency.

She then updated the Commission on the agency’s budget. The agency will be requesting funds for the Foster Care Complaint System. The agency will be applying for a $57,000 federal grant.

Lisa informed the Commission in a change to the way the agency will calculate IV-e federal money. She mentioned that the MDT and Foster Care complaint programs will be reviewed under a new IV-e cost allocation plan.

Lisa then updated the Commission on the Children’s Hospital and the Board of Child Abuse Examiners. She explained that the board had a new chair, Dr. Sarah Passmore. She explained the concerns of the Board due to budget cuts, but DHS and the Hospital Foundation agreed to fund the program with $480,000 temporary funding, and that the Legislature is looking for a way to continue permanent funding.

Ed Lake explained that despite criticism, DHS is happy to fund this critical program this year.

Discussion and possible action concerning nomination of Vice Chair – Lisa Smith
Lisa Smith asked for volunteers for the Nomination Subcommittee. Todd Pauley and Walter
Evans both volunteered. Nominations for Vice Chair will be made at the November 21st Commission meeting.

**Discussion and Possible action for approval of Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team CAMA Funding CY2015 – Anthony Kibble**

Anthony Kibble started by referencing the FSMDT letter located in the Commission meeting packet. He then gave a quick update and history of the FSMDTs. He reported that P&C had done data collection from July 1st to July 15th 2015, and that site reviews were held between July 15th and September 1st 2015.

He informed the Commission of six new MDT’s in Stephens, Jackson, Lincoln, Seminole, Hughes, and Okfuskee counties.

Walter Evans asked why Tulsa County’s MDT was not on his list. Anthony explained that the Tulsa MDT was not a FSMDT because it is a part of the CAC and OCCY has no oversight over the CACs.

Sid Brown asked Anthony about a timeline for statewide FSMDT coverage. Anthony speculated a five year timeline.

Sheryl Marseilles moved to approve the MDT funding recommendations as written. Sid Brown seconded. All in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

**Update on Foster Parent Complaint/Retaliation Process - Kathryn Brewer, Sara Vincent, Dan Ingram**

Sara gave an overview of SB 1793, its history, and how it will transform the foster care complaint system. She explained that OCCY will collect complaints and forward them to OCA. OCCY will then track number of complaints received, and number of cases resolved with a sixty day turnaround time. Finally OCCY will publish an annual report. She then revealed the name, OKfosterparentvoices.org.

Kathryn Brewer gave an explanation of OCA’s statutorial mandates which includes mandates from SB1793.

Dan Ingram then gave a hands on demonstration of the new website.

**Discussion and possible action on reports from agencies/organizations on the Commission – All**

Shelly Patterson from OHCA gave an update on Infant Mortality Month.

Wanda Felty gave an update on Governor’s Developmental Disabilities Task Force. She informed the Commission that the waiting list for services peaked at 7000, with an almost 9 year wait time. The Panel is looking at this and is giving recommendations.

Ed Lake gave a detailed update on DHS’s Pinnacle Plan. He then echoed the importance of the Infant Mortality Awareness month, emphasizing safe sleep practices and the importance of allocating funds for prevention.
Sid Brown continued the conversation about the impact of child removal with DHS. He also expressed that he would like to see more participation/help from the State Universities. He then asked about OCCY’s participation with Youth Services. Anthony Kibble answered him with plenty of examples on how the agency works with Youth Services.

James Saffle gave an update on interns, and other ways Universities are participating in the juvenile justice system.

Jason Charles talked about Strengthening Custody and Transitional Services. He emphasized the issue of children aging out and the challenges in getting them birth certificates. He also gave an update on HR 4980.

Todd Pauley gave an update on Time To Talk (T3) suicide prevention.

Walter Evans gave an update on Tulsa’s Community Intervention Center. He spoke of budget cuts by both the state and the city of Tulsa. He explained that only two of fifteen hundred youths that went through Tulsa’s CIC wound up in the Juvenile Justice system.

Ken Couchman gave an update on Friends of 10th Street. He explained that the center’s School Supplies initiative was a success with 300 binders being donated.

**Adjournment**  
The Commission adjourned at 10:50 AM

**Next Meeting Date:** November 21, 2014
Director's Report
November 13, 2014 through January 16, 2015

OCCY UPDATES:

OCCY partnered with the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) and applied for a Rapid Response Grant through the Casey Family Programs in November 2014. The grant is entitled, “Foster Parent Voices.Org” We received news in the middle of December 2014, that we had been selected. The grant is in the amount of $15,000. The grant funds will be used to conduct a mass mailing to foster parents to notify them of the online website (www.okfosterparentvoices.org) housed at OCCY for grievances/complaints. In addition, the grant will pay for statewide training that will be provided to foster parent associations/organizations as to the intent of the new system and how to access it.

Attached is the mailer that will begin going out to foster parents in the Oklahoma and Tulsa County areas in the next week. We will be sending it out to the other counties within the next month or so. We are very much appreciative of OICA and Casey for making this opportunity available to us! This grant allows us to market this program to foster parents who may not know it exists! Special thanks to Sara Vincent, PARB Program Coordinator and Dan Ingram, OMES IT for assisting us with this grant and for their outstanding work on setting up the Foster Parent Grievance/Complaint System!

PERSONNEL ACTIONS: There were no personnel actions during this time frame.

BUDGET: OCCY has submitted the FY 2016 Budget Request in the amount of $2,202,076.00. This is a $75,000.00 increase from FY 2015’s budget of $2,127,076.00. This increase is being requested to help fund a staff person for the Foster Parent Grievance/Complaint System Program.

LEGISLATIVE:

OCCY is tentatively scheduled to present our Budget/Performance Review Information to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services on the morning of Thursday, January 29, 2015, and to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services the following week.

ACTIVITIES:

November 14, 2014-State Postadjudication Advisory Review Board Meeting

November 19, 2014-Board of Child Abuse Medical Examination Meeting

November 24, 2014-Meeting with Representatives from OPEA

November 25, 2014-OCCY staff meeting

December 1, 2014-Meeting with Senator Griffin
December 3, 2014-Stakeholder meeting for OKDHS

December 5, 2014-Juvenile Judges Oversight Advisory Committee Meeting

December 10, 2014-OCCY Holiday Luncheon

December 10, 2014-Meeting with Foster Parents/Representatives Owenbey/Nelson and Chief Justice Colbert

December 15, 2014-Meeting with OUHSC Evaluator on Home Visitation Programs

January 7, 2015-Meeting with Commissioner Wanda Felty

January 9, 2015-Children of Incarcerated Parents Taskforce Meeting

January 15, 2015-Child Welfare Quarterly Meeting
Oklahoma Foster Parent Voices was established by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) to provide a neutral setting for Foster Parents and Kinship Foster Parents to submit complaints/grievances. Foster Parents can submit complaints/grievances to the OCCY concerning their rights as foster parents as well as complaints alleging retaliation by a DHS or a child-placing agency employee. All complaints received by the OCCY will be forwarded to the Office of Client Advocacy for investigation.

Foster parents can submit a complaint/grievance online at www.okfosterparentvoices.org or by calling toll free 1 (800) 335-9288.

Postadjudication Review Boards (PARB) are volunteers in your community who evaluate the permanency plans and goals identified in the DHS service plan for families involved in deprived court proceedings. PARB needs to hear from you! Foster parents are a crucial component not only providing care for children but also as a voice in determining the child’s well-being.

Foster Parent Mediation Program are volunteer mediators who mediate complaints involving the foster parents and the actions, inactions or decisions of the DHS, Office of Juvenile Affairs, or child placing agencies that may adversely affect the safety and well-being of children in the custody of the State of Oklahoma.

For more information about the OCCY, request foster parent mediation, submit a complaint via telephone, or contact a local PARB, call Sara Vincent at 405.606.4900 or toll free at 1.866.335.9288

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OCCY 2015 Regular Meeting Dates

January 23, 2015
March 20, 2015
June 19, 2015
August 21, 2015 (Retreat)
October 23, 2015
OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Office of Juvenile System Oversight

MEMORANDUM

To: Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) Commissioners
From: Lisa L. Smith, Executive Director, and Jack Chapman, Assistant Director
Subject: Office of Juvenile System Oversight’s (OJSO) Activity Report for the January 2015 Commission Meeting
Date: January 23, 2015

During the reporting period of November 15, 2014, through January 23, 2015:
No reports are being brought to the Commissioners for action.

** SECTION A **
(Includes A-1 and A-2)
The following oversight and complaint reports have been issued.
Responses have been received or the thirty-day response period has expired.
Reports are available as permitted by law.

FACILITY VISITS
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COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS
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**SECTION B**
(Includes B-1 and B-2)
The following oversight and complaint reports have been issued. The OJSO is awaiting responses to the concerns and violations listed in the reports. There is a thirty-day time limit to provide the response to the OJSO. The time limit has not expired for these reports. Reports are available as permitted by law.

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**SECTION C**
Public release reports (available at www.ok.gov/occy) issued during the time period of November 15, 2014, through January 23, 2015:

PUBLIC RELEASE REPORTS

No Public Reports were issued during this time period

**SECTION D**
Inquiry Activity
During the time period of November 15, 2014, through January 23, 2015:

Total inquiries completed: 63
(Inquiries = complaints, requests for assistance, and information/referrals)

Total complaints closed: 61
58 = received prior to November 15, 2014
3 = received from November 15, 2014, through January 23, 2015

Total requests for assistance completed: 1
1 = received prior to November 15, 2014
0 = received from November 15, 2014, through January 23, 2015

Total information/referrals completed: 1
1 = received prior to November 15, 2014
0 = received from November 15, 2014, through January 23, 2015
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<td><strong>Total inquiries received and still open: 72</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total complaints received and still open: 69</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total requests for assistance received and still open: 1</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total information/referrals received and still open: 2</strong></td>
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HISTORY

• State Legislature created a advisory committee in 2011 to identify the needs of children with a parent in prison
• Committee developed an estimate that on any given day, there were:
  • 21,482 minor children in Oklahoma with a father in state prison
  • 10,204 living with their fathers at the time of incarceration.
  • 4,624 minor children in Oklahoma with a mother in state prison
  • 2,430 living with their mothers at the time of incarceration
• These estimates do not include children with a parent in the federal system, another state prison or in county jails
FOCUS OF THE COMMITTEE

• Committee members included representative of state agencies, community providers, law enforcement, higher education, tribes, DA’s council and other interested parties.

• Three working groups
  • Partnership and Outreach – working on focus groups- CIP community building
  • Toolkit and Clearinghouse – now working with OKDHS on publication
  • Data and Research:
    • United Resource One (UR1) pilot launched at Western Oklahoma Family Care Center: manage and display services and clients for local communities
    • New data collected on children of incarcerated mothers
MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

In 2014, the Oklahoma Children of Incarcerated Parents Mentoring Program provided one-on-one mentoring to 145 children and youth. The Amachi Program of Big Brothers/Big sisters served 535 children.

- 92% of Amachi children reported higher self-confidence.
- 54% of Amachi children reported being able to avoid delinquency.
- 68% of Amachi children reported having improved academic performance.
367 women in ODOC surveyed in three correctional centers:

- Number of Women Reporting Children: 313 (85.3%)/818 total children
- Number Reporting Minor Children: 250 (68.1%)/608 total minor children
- Number Reporting Living with Minor Children: 164 (44.7%), (65.6% of those with minor children)/344 total minor children living with mother (56.6% of the minor children were living with their mothers at time of incarceration)
- Number reporting children not all living together: 145 (70 of those living with children at time of incarceration reported children no longer living together)
- Estimated snapshot in time number of children 3,979 the week of May 19th. This does not include the children of 550 women in county jails.
Most Common types of offenses:

- Drug or alcohol
- Crimes against a person and
- Property crimes

More than one in four of the women had a parent in prison during their own childhood.

About one out of twenty reported a grandparent had been in prison during their childhood.
MOTHER-CHILD CONTACT

83.5% reported they were allowed contact with their children

Type and amount of contact vary greatly, ranging from very consistent contact to almost no contact

37.8% of the women had children reporting never being visited by their children

Average age of the child at the time of incarceration was only 4.2 years old
ANGEL TREE DATA 2012

**Age of the Children on the Application**
- Under 5 years: 19%
- 6-12 years: 33%
- 13-18 years: 48%

**Guardianship After Sentencing**
- Aunt/Uncle: 30%
- Grandparent: 52%
- Parent/Step-parent: 6%
- Other: 9%
- (blank): 3%

- Under 5 years
- 6-12 years
- 13-18 years
- Aunt/Uncle
- Grandparent
- Parent/Step-parent
- Other
- (blank)
## PRISONERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Total Number of Children Reported by Mothers Who Have Experienced Problems Either Before or Since Mother’s Incarceration

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<td>56</td>
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<td>Dropped out</td>
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<td>Trouble with friends</td>
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<td>Trouble with guardians</td>
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OKLAHOMA COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- New Hope community-based program in Tulsa, serves around 417 children through after school programs and day camps
- Comanche County Teen Conference, served over 75 middle school students
- Oklahoma Messages Project sent DVD Messages to 881 children for Christmas, Mother’s day, and Father’s day
- Outdoor Adventure Day in July, 2014, served 49 children
- Little Light Christian School served 15 children
- Head Start provided 158 families
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma provides monthly transportation and reentry services to children
- Muskogee County Children of Incarcerated Parents Forum January y 29th
2014 STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Early and focused intervention is needed to prevent adverse outcomes in adulthood among children of incarcerated parents.

Financial and emotional needs of children with incarcerated parents

Provide more training, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and re-entry assistance in order to reduce recidivism and increase the stability of these families upon release of their parents.

Modify Sentencing Policies
OVERVIEW

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Mission

To empower local community resources to deliver services in a more efficient and effective manner by developing new partnerships and implementing broader communication, utilizing a free online enterprise client management solution.
Brief History

Developed in collaboration with the Western Oklahoma Family Care Center, The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and OK.GOV.
Three Phase development
Two pilot projects (WOFCC/S-CAP)
Standard OMES Security
OK.GOV Data Encryption
NO HIPPA data
No Charge, fees, or workflow requirements*
Multi-tiered Administration Duties
Full voluntary client data sharing

*Style Manual requirement for data integrity
PHASE I
Backbone of system
Client Management
Resource & Client data share
Aggregate data derived from client survey
Currently in development - pilot continues with feedback related to the design
PHASE I – Administrator Roles

• Resource User
• Resource Administrator
• Community Administrator
• State Administrator
PHASE II
Expanded Communications
Public Facing Online Directory