

GOVERNOR'S TRANSFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD

**State Capitol Building
Room 104
December 6, 2007
DRAFT Minutes**

Members Present:

Carolyn Archer
Sara Barry
Dave Been
Martha Burger
Don Carter
Gene Christian
Mike Crutcher
Mike Fogarty
Linda Glover

Howard Hendrick
Justin Jones
Kermit McMurry
Linda Parker
Teresa Peden
Dennis Shockley
Nancy Riley
Jack Turner
Terri White

Others Present:

David Asetoyer- ODMHSAS
Carrie Slatton-Hodges-ODMHSAS
Jennifer Glover- ODMHSAS
Nancy Donaldson- ODMHSAS
Durand Crosby-ODMHSAS
Jeff Dismukes-ODMHSAS
Lorrie A. Byrum-ODMHSAS
Jin-Song Chen-ODMHSAS
Brittany Couch-ODMHSAS
Terrie Fritz-OHCA
Lynn Mitchell-OHCA
Jolene Ring-OHCA
Debbie Spaeth-OHCA
Carol McFarland-OHCA
David Wright-ODMHSAS
Kim Sardis-OJA

Alesha Lilly-OSDH
Debra Anderson-OSDH
Bob Mann-DOC
Stephanie Testo-OMHCC
Sandy Pruitt-DBSA
Annette Fulton-DRS
Cynthia Timmons-CPMH-OU
M. Williamsen-OKCPS
Sean Couch-Innovation Center
Marva Williamson- Innovation Center
Amanda Reeves- Innovation Center
Jean Wood-Innovation Center
David Harris-Innovation Center
Karen Frensley-Innovation Center
Georgia Berry- Innovation Center

I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER

Terri White called the meeting to order. Ms. White determined open meeting requirements had been met and a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Terri White opened the floor to discussion and comments concerning the minutes for the previous Board meeting held on September 7, 2007.

No Comments or Discussion.

Mr. Dennis Shockley moved to approve the previous Board meeting minutes. Teresa Peden seconded the motion. The following voting action was recorded: *All in favor; none opposed; no abstentions; Board Minutes approved.*

III. Transformation Transitions

Ms. Terri White reported that John Hudgens will serve as the Director of Provider Certification. Due to this change, Karen Frensley will now serve as the Interim Director of the Innovation Center. Ms. White noted that Ms. Frensley has worked at the Health Care Authority and the Department of Human services. Ms. White said this experience will be invaluable for creating the environment of collaboration between the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and other systems within the State. She also said these transitions are an opportunity for the Innovation Center and the GTAB to reenergize. She noted that the first year of the grant was designed around studying, the second around planning and the current year is for implementation. Ms. White noted that the TSIG award monies provide a rare opportunity for the State to make infrastructure changes within the system. She said that now is the time for the Governor's Advisory Board and the Innovation Center to transition from a planning body to a deliverable body. Ms. White encouraged the Board to provide support to Karen Frensley as Interim Director and to the Innovation Center staff during this transition time.

IV. Budget to Actual Expenditure Report

Ms. Karen Frensley introduced herself noting over 20 years of experience within the Mental Health services system in Oklahoma. She expressed enthusiasm to be working with the Innovation Center, the GTAB and the transformation grant. Ms. Frensley noted that the board previously requested a grant budget report and said she worked with Richard Bowden, of the Federal Finance Administration with ODMHSAS, to produce this budget report for the board's review. Mr. Bowden presented the budget report to the GTAB. He noted the report included fiscal years 1 and 2 with a carry-over requested from Year 1 to Year 2. *(See enclosed report.)*

Discussion included:

Inquiries regarding items in the contractual section of the budget were discussed. Ms. Frensley noted these costs were for contracted employees performing as Transformation staff. She also clarified that expenses for other agencies listed were for stipends for consumer participation in workgroups and conference attendance sponsorship. Other contractual costs included the Day of Transformation and the contract with Advocates for Human Potential to complete the statewide needs assessment.

There was a question in regard to whether the budget was a reflection of actual expenditures or a projected budget of expenditures for these fiscal years. Mr. Bowden clarified that an initial budget for both Fiscal Years 1 and 2 were submitted and that the monies allocated for various costs were not fully exhausted. Therefore, carry over funds from both fiscal years are reflected on the budget presented to the board for review.

Ms. Frensley and Mr. Bowden both noted that a carryover request must be submitted and approved each year. Ms. Frensley also noted that a broad budget is submitted to SAMSHA each fiscal year based on projected costs and that changes can be made to this budget if necessary.

Ms. White noted that given the budget carry-over there are funds available for transformation efforts. She also said that priorities need to be set in this phase of the grant and projects must now be identified for future grant funding.

The board also had questions in regard to submitting the Year 3 budget before priorities were identified. Ms. White said a budget similar to prior years will be submitted to SAMHSA for the current year until priorities are identified and then the budget can be amended to reflect the projects as needed including staffing for the Innovation Center if needed.

V. TSIG National Meeting with SAMSHA

Ms. Karen Frensley reported on the 3rd Annual TSIG Grantee meeting in Washington, D.C., and noted participants in this meeting included representation from the Evaluation Team, the Health Care Authority, Federation of Families, OMHCC, private mental health agency staff and ODMHSAS. The purpose of the meeting was for TSIG states to brainstorm ideas and pull consumer and family members together to move forward in a collaborative fashion. She said that Oklahoma presented current transformation initiatives in progress, including the Consumer Standards, policy change interviews and the Coordinated Children's Budget, noting that David Wright would more extensively discuss this information later in the meeting. Ms. Frensley reported that Katherine Powers presented and encouraged everyone to work toward a "Transformation Nation". She said Dr. Terry Cline also spoke and his presentation focused on the recovery message and the positive changes he has seen nationwide in attitudes towards persons with serious and persistent mental illness. She noted a compelling presentation during the national meeting regarding a young woman's experience of abuse and trauma at a young age and her journey toward recovery. The turning point in her life and her recovery was when she found a program with Trauma Informed Care. Ms. Frensley said that the young women's message solidified the necessity of trauma-informed care as a core competency for all service providers.

VI. Preface to Workgroup Reports

Ms. Frensley thanked the workgroup members and the Innovation Center staff for their hard work over the past year. She said the workgroups are appointed annually by the GTAB members and the Innovation Center staff was asked to staff these workgroups in various ways. The goal for the workgroups was to come to consensus [for the current GTAB meeting] on priorities they would like to see move forward. She said it was recently discovered that there was not a shared understanding on behalf of the workgroup members, and therefore, a lot of the members asked for additional time to work through their recommendations and priorities. As a result, the priorities to be presented on behalf of the workgroups are a compilation of preliminary priorities agreed upon to date.

VII. Workgroup Reports/Priorities

a. Workgroup Development Workgroup

Ms. Carolyn Archer reported that the workforce development workgroup has requested additional time to make their priority recommendations. She noted that one of the priorities was a trauma-informed workforce and insuring that all people seeking services would be appropriately referred to services. She also expressed the importance of educating the public. She also noted a need to develop a Workforce Development Coordinating Council to help facilitate cross-agency oversight, training and education. Ms. Archer said this effort is being initiated in other TSIG states across the country. She said a key element for workforce development is to focus on recruiting behavioral and mental health professionals however she said that the workgroup is lacking hard data to identify gaps in the Oklahoma workforce. (See enclosed handout.)

b. Children's Services

Ms. Jackie Shipp thanked the GTAB for the opportunity to present. She said that the Children's Workgroup had many priorities and the most difficult task was narrowing down the recommendations. (See enclosed handout.)

Highlights included:

- Expand access to substance abuse treatment for youth and their families
- Expand state level integration of care coordination
- Increase Behavioral Health Workforce Rates

c. Adult Services

Ms. Marva Crawford Williamson spoke on behalf of Kaye Rote, the Adult Services Liaison. She noted that a reoccurring theme across the state was that treatment works and recovery is real. Ms. Williamson reported that most concerns identified by the Adult Workgroup centered around the ability to access treatment and services, transitioning between levels of care and connecting community resources, and recovery-centered education. (See enclosed handout.)

Highlights included:

- Court-ordered community based treatment
- Need for MH rehabilitative residential programs
- Require CEU's that address recovery

- Need for transition teams to coordinate services between all levels of care
- Housing and Community supports

d. Criminal Justice

Mr. Bob Mann, of the Department of Corrections, reported that the Criminal Justice workgroup divided into five sub workgroups due to the complicated and complex nature of the criminal justice system. The workgroup and sub workgroups are comprised of over 90 people. He said that criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse issues are delicately intertwined and that many people currently in the criminal justice system should be receiving Behavioral Health Services. He said that The Department of Corrections and ODMHSAS are working on a variety of initiatives. Mr. Mann noted that the priorities in the handout were preliminary. (See enclosed handout.)

Highlights included:

- Information sharing and service agreements with county jails and the CMHC's
- Examination of MH and SA treatment in jails and establish standards of care for persons with Behavioral Health needs, develop ongoing monitoring mechanisms and enforcement, and propose the enactment of legislative initiatives
- Provide more available and affordable transition support services to increase access to permanent housing for all incarcerated women, including those with children.
- Create and fund Diversion Program Field Coordinator positions to support drug courts and MH courts
- Pilot jail diversion programs

e. State/Tribal Relations

Mr. David Asetoyer noted the change in the workgroup name, from Tribal State Government workgroup to the State/Tribal Relations workgroup. He reported that there are several meetings scheduled for the next few months to further identify and solidify the workgroup recommendations. (See enclosed handout.)

Key areas of focus include:

- Tribal/State Trust
- Cultural Competency Training
- Indigenous Healing/Cultural Interventions
- Contract Language

Mr. Asetoyer also noted accomplishments regarding the State/Tribal relations Workgroup and commended the GTAB for appointing a state/tribal workgroup. He also noted that a tribal voting slot was created on the Systems of Care State Team. Mr. Asetoyer said that Governor Anoaubby wrote letters to tribal leaders on behalf of the workgroup to further build relationships between the State and tribal entities. Mr. Asetoyer also reported that the group is currently exploring the possibility, risks and rewards of finding a process by which to bill Medicaid for traditional healing practices.

VIII. Next Steps

Ms. Karen Frensley concluded the workgroup reports by requesting that the GTAB allow the workgroups more time to develop two or three specific priorities that would directly relate to staffing needs, resources and funding needs. Also, she said that it would be important for the workgroups to note how the requests will be sustained at the end of the grant. She suggested that the GTAB approve extending the workgroups to January 31, 2008 and ask them to submit their recommendations to the Innovation Center. Ms. Frensley also suggested a longer quarterly meeting in March to allow ample time for the presentation of priorities.

Discussion included:

Ms. Sara Barry had concern over the time limit for the recommendations noting that there was not ample data for the Workforce Development Workgroup to make legitimate recommendations. Ms. Terri White suggested that in this instance, a feasible recommendation for this workgroup would be to focus on data and information gathering.

Ms. Frensley said that this will not be the last opportunity to present recommendations. She noted that it was not a requirement for the workgroups to develop priorities; they are meant to help the Innovation Center target needs for this year of the grant so that funding and staffing needs for the fiscal year can be identified and necessary action can be taken to produce deliverables. She said that the Innovation Center needs guidance from the workgroups and GTAB to pinpoint funding needs.

Ms. Terri White noted that the workgroups as well as state agency directors should identify priorities that they wish to accomplish that require funding and/or staff resources from the grant. She said as priorities are identified the process is going to be a collaborative effort between the Innovation Center, GTAB and state agencies to bring forth deliverables. Dr. Crutcher suggested that Ms. Terri White identify ODMHSAS priorities and to review how these and workgroup priorities could be integrated to move the system forward.

IX. Evaluation Workgroup Update

Dr. David Wright reported that the Evaluation Workgroup is working on several initiatives. The first initiative, policy change interviews, helped identify areas of concern and importance within GTAB state agencies. Three documents were provided for the GTAB to review. These second initiative, is the Consumer Involvement Standards Development. These documents include the "Overview of Evaluation Activities," the "Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Policy Changes SFY05-06 Draft," and the "Overview of Oklahoma's Process in Developing Consumer Involvement Standards." (See enclosed report.)

No Discussion.

X. Adjournment.

Co-Chair Justin Jones announced that there was no longer a quorum. Therefore, no action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Justin Jones, Co-Chair
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