



**BOARD OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 19, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Tony Caldwell
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Jerry Fry, Dorothy Brown, Rachel Holt, Paula Christiansen, Tierney Tinnin, Len Morris, Donna Glandon, Kevin Clagg, Terry Smith, Jim Goble, Travis Kirkpatrick, Carol Miller, Paula Tillison, Melissa White, Rachelle Sturdevant, Cheryl Smith, Joshua Harvey, Clyde Tejada, Steven Bush, Ivan Baez, Tammy Kelly, and Brenda Caskey

OTHERS

Tyler Talley – eCap, Joel Dean – Journal Record, Richard Mann – Office of Attorney General, Chase Wordley – Office of Attorney General, Kami Kuykendall – Oklahoma Youth Services of Oklahoma County

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Williams, Board Chairman, called the August 19, 2016 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Affairs to order at 10:03 a.m., at the Centennial Building, Employee Development Center, 3815 North Santa Fe, Suite 170, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT

Ms. Tammy Kelly, Board Secretary, confirmed that the Board of Juvenile Affairs is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

WELCOME GUESTS

Scott Williams, Board Chairman welcomed all guests to the OJA Board meeting and thanked them for coming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director introduced Tierney Tinnin as the new deputy director of communications, policy, and performance measurement. Mr. Buck stated he has been thoroughly impressed with the pick-up that Tierney and Paula have been able to influence as it relates to our social media presence. Follow us at OK_OJA on Twitter. Media awareness is a very important part of this agency's future. I am glad Tierney is part of our team and you have a chance to meet her today.

Director Buck stated Dorothy Brown, General Counsel will be leaving state service on October 1, 2016. We will allow Ms. Brown a moment of personal privilege at the next board meeting to express her good-bye thoughts. Mr. Buck expressed his appreciation for Dorothy's service to the agency. The board might recall that when Stacy Pederson left our service as our employment attorney, her replacement, Matt Stangl was employed at ½ time to save some resources for the agency for transitional planning and knowledge transfer. Dorothy has had an extraordinary history as our agency has been birthed and matured. There is a lot of knowledge that Dorothy has had on our behalf. Rachel Holt is joining us to start understanding the dynamics of our meetings. Rachel has worked with David Prater for several years as an ADA with the juvenile division. When Dorothy's path became known, we were very fortunate to bring Rachel over.

Advocates and Programs Visited

Mr. Buck spoke about his visit to the Welch Skills Center in Welch, OK which is one of our group homes operated by ROCMND which also houses a community youth services agency as well as a detention provider. They are one of our more comprehensive providers as far as the array of services that we might contract. The visit to Welch was really quite extraordinary. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. It was a very informative approach and I think it demonstrates the type of programming that is possible when we invest strategically in how we are going to help young men and women identify a path that will keep them from becoming involved deeper into our system or into the adult system. At a subsequent meeting Mr. Buck will be asking a recent participant who is a graduate of the Welch program to come and visit with this Board.

Director Buck spoke of a meeting he had with Kevin Evans, Executive Director of Western Plains Youth and Family Services and one of the senior Medicaid reimbursement officials at Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services about an interesting community pilot we are going to be working on. Board member Caldwell had previously asked about how some of my previous work in mental health might encourage some unique ways of doing business to further extend the capacity of our state dollars. Young men and women with behavioral health disorders is a subject that is very important to me.

Mr. Buck extended appreciation to Melissa White, Tierney Tinnin, and Jerry Fry and his team for their work in putting together a tour of COJC with State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister. It was an outstanding day. I think Superintendent Hofmeister was absolutely impressed with the progress being made by the Youth Academy and we are very optimistic for these young people that there is a different trajectory and a different path for them. It was a signature day and I know that the board worked on this for a number of years as did the prior administration to put this into place. I just want to acknowledge how powerful that was and how important that particular effort was.

Public Relations

Mr. Buck stated that our team worked very diligently on a collaborative Partnership Training with JSU staff, Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau staff and DHS child welfare staff. Jim Goble and his shop, Shelley Waller took a leadership position in this. It was an outstanding day and according to their reflection on history, this was the first time in over twenty years that DHS, OJA, and the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau had specifically worked together on a training so that the three entities could more effectively and more collaboratively work together to serve our kids. Director Saffle, of the Bureau was a great partner on this and I certainly appreciate Ed Lake and his team for allowing that to unfold.

Mr. Buck has been asked by the Governor's Office to be the state agency chair for the State Charitable Campaign this year. It is the first time in our reflection that the CEO of this agency has been asked to serve in this capacity. Mr. Buck stated he is honored and looks forward to working with colleague agencies while undertaking this endeavor. Mr. Buck stated the campaign is important to him individually but it should also be important to us as an agency. When you look at the participating agencies, there are many that participate in the State Charitable Campaign that are our community partners serving young men and young women in our care. So, it is very important for us to give back in that capacity.

There was a great event at Southwestern Oklahoma Juvenile Center (SWOJC) as we celebrated their 20th anniversary and honored their employees. It was great to see employees receiving twenty year pins. These staff have been there since the day it opened. Mr. Buck gave his appreciation for the effort that Marc Norvell's team put forth in making that day a success.

Mr. Buck extended appreciation to Board Member Michael Willis for putting together a visit with Representative-Elect Mark Lawson. He will be serving in the Sapulpa area. We had an outstanding visit with him and he is extremely interested in youth service and our agency. I think he will be a great champion for us in the House of Representatives. He is a former employee of a youth services agency and currently serves on a governing board of one of our contracted youth services providers. Mr. Buck stated he was very impressed with how thoroughly Representative-Elect Lawson knew our business and how eloquent he was at stating how important our mission is to the state of Oklahoma. After the visit there was an opportunity to spend some time with Youth Services of Creek County and to visit their facility.

State Agency Visits

Mr. Buck spoke about the Juvenile Justice Oversight and Advisory Committee (JJOAC) Oklahoma Judicial Conference Panel he served on with Tom Bates, Governor's Liaison to DHS and Jamie Ledoux, Director of Child Welfare at the request of Jari Askins, Administrative Officer of the Courts. Mr. Buck expressed appreciation for the opportunity to visit with the judges.

Mr. Buck introduced Terry Smith, Deputy Director of Residential Support Services to share about COJC winning the Barbara Allen-Hagen Award.

Mr. Smith spoke about how proud he is of Jerry Fry and his staff. Mr. Smith introduced Carol Miller to present on Performance Based Standards PbS. Carol gave an overview of PbS with a PowerPoint presentation. <http://www.ok.gov/oja/2016 Board Document.html>

There was a video shown of COJC <http://pbstandards.org/awards/barbara-allen-hagen-award>

Mr. Fry talked about how important the Barbara Allen-Hagen Award is and how hard everyone worked to get it. We appreciate the award, it is a national award and we are very proud of it. We care about kids and we want to help kids change their lives. We build relationships with kids and that is the key to everything. We reward the kids when they do well. We hold them accountable when they don't. We try to wrap services around them to give them the best chance they can have when they get out. We have a lot of partners that help us out. Gordon Cooper Technology Center does programming on our campus with our kids and our kids go to their campus. We have an outstanding relationship with East Central University.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2016 BOARD MEETING

Motion by Dr. Donnie Nero with a second by Michael Willis to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2016 Board Meeting

Voting Aye:

MOTION PASSED

Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

Abstain: Tony Caldwell

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kevin Clagg, Deputy Director of Finance & Administration presented the year to date Financial Report as of July 31, 2016, using a PowerPoint presentation.

<http://www.ok.gov/oja/2016 Board Document.html>

Motion by Tony Caldwell with a second by Michael Willis to approve the monthly financial report

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

MOTION PASSED

OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL - ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE FY17 ENCUMBRANCES FOR OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL <http://www.ok.gov/oja/2016 Board Document.html>

Motion by Dr. Donnie Nero with a second by Tony Caldwell to approve FY17 Encumbrances for Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL REVISION OF STATEMENT OF NEEDS 2015-2016

Motion by Michael Willis with a second by Dr. Stephen Grissom to approve Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Revision of Statement of Needs 2015-2016

<http://www.ok.gov/oja/2016 Board Document.html>

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE VOTE TO ADOPT THE OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL GRADUATION ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR STUDENTS WHO START THE NINTH GRADE PRIOR TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Dr. Nero with a second by Dr. Stephen Grissom to approve the Graduation Assessment Plan for students who start the ninth grade prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

MOTION PASSED

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Stephen Grissom with a second by Michael Willis to convene to Executive Session

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero

MOTION PASSED

Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

VOTE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Dr. Donnie Nero with a second by Mark Hixson to return to Open Session

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell MOTION PASSED
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

POSSIBLE VOTE ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mark Hixson with a second by Michael Willis to allow OJA Legal Counsel to proceed with necessary steps outlined in Executive Session to negotiate settlement of Case No. CJ-2008-417

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell MOTION PASSED
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

NEW BUSINESS

None

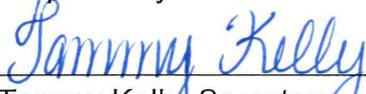
ADJOURN

Motion by Michael Willis with a second by Tony Caldwell to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting

Voting Aye: Tony Caldwell MOTION PASSED
Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
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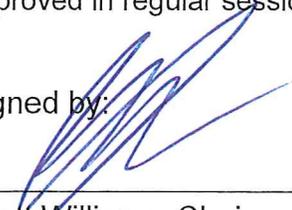
The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. Minutes approved in regular session on the 16th day of September, 2016.

Prepared by:



Tammy Kelly, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Affairs

Signed by:



Scott Williams, Chairman