



**BOARD OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Absent: Tony Caldwell

PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Kevin Clagg, Paula Christiansen, Len Morris, Dorothy Brown, Terry Smith, Donna Glandon, Janelle Bretten, Travis Kirkpatrick, Jim Goble, Tammy Kelly, and Brenda Caskey

OTHERS

Richard Mann – OAG, William Alexander – Logan Community Services, Tyler Talley – eCap

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Williams, Board Chairman, called the April 15, 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

Mr. Buck started his report with a success story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxglxk95deY>
SSG Austin Kendall was once a resident at one of our facilities. He recently spoke to the youth at SWOCJ and gave them words of encouragement. We are working to have SSG Kendall at a Board Meeting if his schedule allows. Paula Christiansen has done a great job working with SSG Kendall and putting this video segment together. The men and women who work for us at SWOJC should be commended for the tremendous work they do. They made a difference in this young man's trajectory.

Mr. Buck highlighted a few items from his Director's Report:

Advocates and Programs Visited

Mr. Buck introduced Bill Alexander with Logan Community Services. When the time is appropriate, we will be featuring Mr. Alexander's program. Periodically our providers go extraordinarily out of the way to do what is right and there is a very specific set of services being delivered to a young man right now that was "out of the box" and absolutely the right thing to do when the system had not contemplated the needs of this individual. To the credit of Mr. Alexander's staff, they have stepped in and filled an extraordinary hole in current state system design.

Mr. Buck has had dialog with Colonel Wilhelm of the Oklahoma Military Department and one of the casualties of the current budget situation in the State of Oklahoma is the S.T.A.R.S. program which has been supported by the Military Department for a number of years. They have had to make the decision to discontinue S.T.A.R.S. as it is not part of their current mission. The S.T.A.R.S. program was electronic monitoring that we use as a tool for community placement for some of our individuals. It has created a bind for us, but Jim Goble is to be commended for his leadership and that of his staff for thinking progressively about how we can continue to provide that needed service. Jim is in the process of reworking some of our structure so that we can absorb some of the program into our model and the benefit of that service maintains available to us. Mr. Buck expressed his appreciation for Jim's leadership on that. Mr. Buck also publicly expressed his appreciation to the Oklahoma Military Department. Colonel Wilhelm has been extraordinary to work with and provide reasonable transition pieces as we move forward.

Public Relations

Mr. Buck recognized Jim Priest with Sunbeam Family Services, not for his role as CEO of a community agency, but as a contributing columnist for the Oklahoman. Jim penned an article that was published in the Oklahoman. We have a relationship that goes back a number of years and off the cuff, Jim Priest asked me "What three things could be done to close your agency?" I was first taken aback by the question but understood he was asking what three things we could do to reduce the demand so that our agency didn't need to exist. I thought about it and suggested three things: provide earlier access to mental health and substance abuse treatment for both young adults and their families; help school systems begin to understand that expulsion frequently leads to adverse outcomes and how they could find a way to increase their level of comfort in working with individuals who become at risk. Kids in school learn and they also maintain their focus; the third is if we had stronger family relationships, if our young people were engaged in meaningful family dynamics. Jim Priest wrote an article on that conversation and through his article exhorted Oklahoma families to focus on understanding that family is an extremely important element in the trajectory of young people. He closed the article quite graciously with, "The services provided by OJA are in no means suggesting that those would ever go away". The agency is safe from that standpoint, but as a State, we would be much better if we did this. I want to appreciate Jim Priest for bringing a different light on our services.

Ashley Altshuler is with the U.S. Attorney's office and you will hear more about this, but I appreciate the work being done by the U.S. Attorney's office. They have identified a very significant community partner event that staff is beginning to work on relevant to gang activity and ways that we can help understand the gang dynamic and how we can effectively serve those young people who have become involved with gangs. I have really been encouraged by those meetings with Ashley.

State Agency Visits

Tywanda Cox is the policy person for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and she has been very helpful in helping us re-explore and reopen Medicaid compensability for some of our services. There has been some recent federal guidance that might allow us to have different elements of our service array qualify for federal participation. Terry Smith and Janelle are both working with Tywanda in helping understand that better. It is an important element for us and somewhere I would like to see us get better in drawing down more Medicaid dollars where appropriate in our existing system.

Mr. Buck talked about the terrific meeting he had with JSU staff at the Norman JSU Office and the ADA from Cleveland County. They were kind enough to allow him to come in on one of their staffing mornings where they staff each of the kids that are on the docket. Mr. Buck was extremely impressed with the innovation of his staff and the manner in which they responded to the ADA's request, but he was equally impressed with the ADA's receptiveness to staff suggestions on rather than moving to this action, maybe we should try this other diversionary point. It was a really important opportunity to get a glimpse of how our system works.

Rep. Leslie Osborn will most likely be the next chair of the full House A & B Committee. She is and has been extremely interested in the conversation that we started last year relative to detention beds and appropriate use of detention as well as the appropriate funding mechanism for detention. She has requested an interim study on that. It will be in September and she will grant as part of that study the opportunity not only for us to focus solely on detention but the bigger picture of financing for how we do community service in that regard. I am appreciative of her leadership in that area and very much look forward to that interim study.

Others

Anna Kelly has done some really good work for our agency with the Pay for Success Leadership meetings in the area of working with other partnership agencies DOC, DHS, and DMHSAS on a transition housing approach that would potentially use pay for success dollars in order for us to improve our transitional housing. It is in the very early stages of development. The Pay for Success program is an emerging financial concept for state government. The state currently has one Pay for Success program ongoing, there is nothing formal at this point, it is purely in a planning phase. The premise is that we have a third party underwrite the expense up front and they underwrite that with some understanding that there is risk if their desired performance metrics aren't met, they don't receive compensation or full compensation. It is a really innovative approach that is gaining ground nationally. I appreciate Anna's work on that. I am very excited about the conversation around transitional housing.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2016 BOARD MEETING

Motion by Dr. Donnie Nero with a second by Kristin Jarman to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2016 Board Meeting

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

MOTION PASSED

Absent: 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 June 30, 2016, using a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Motion by Mark Hixon with a second by Dr. Stephen Grissom to approve the monthly financial report

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

MOTION PASSED

Absent: Tony Caldwell

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 Michael Willis to approve FY17 Encumbrances for Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

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

MOTION PASSED

Absent: Tony Caldwell

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Motion by Michael Willis with a second by Mark Hixson to approve the State Board of Education Contract Modification for Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

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

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

MOTION PASSED

Absent: Tony Caldwell

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES UNIVERSAL SERVICES (E-RATE) FOR 2016-17, AUTHORIZING FILING OF THE FORM 471 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING YEAR 2016-17 AND THE PAYMENT OF THE OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL'S SHARE UPON APPROVAL OF FUNDING AND RECEIPT OF SERVICES

Motion by Dr. Stephen Grissom with a second by Michael Willis to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2016-17, authorizing filing of the form 471 applications for funding year 2016-17 and the payment of the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services

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

MOTION PASSED

Absent: Tony Caldwell

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADJUNCT TEACHER STATUS FOR GARY POULTON AS AUTHORIZED BY 70 O.S.SUPP. 2015, § 6-122.3 (F) AND RULES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IF APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OJA FOR EMPLOYMENT PURSUANT TO THE 10A O.S.SUPP.2015 § 2-7-616 AS AN ART TEACHER AT THE OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL SWOJC CAMPUS

Motion by Dr. Donnie Nero with a second by Dr. Stephen Grissom to approve adjunct teacher status for Gary Poulton as authorized by 70 O.S.Supp.2015, § 6-122.3 (F) and Rules of the State Department of Education if approved by the Executive Director of OJA for employment pursuant to the 10A O.S.Supp.2015, § 2-7-616 as an art teacher at the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School SWOJC campus

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

Absent: Tony Caldwell

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mark Hixson with a second by Dr. Stephen Grissom to convene to Executive Session

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

Absent: Tony Caldwell

VOTE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

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

Absent: Tony Caldwell

POSSIBLE VOTE ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Mark Hixson with a second by Michael Willis to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting

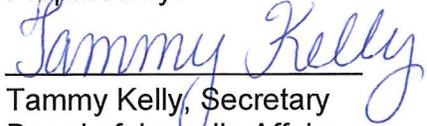
Voting Aye: Dr. Stephen Grissom
Mark Hixson
Dr. Donnie Nero
Michael Willis
Kristin Jarman
Scott Williams

MOTION PASSED

Absent: Tony Caldwell

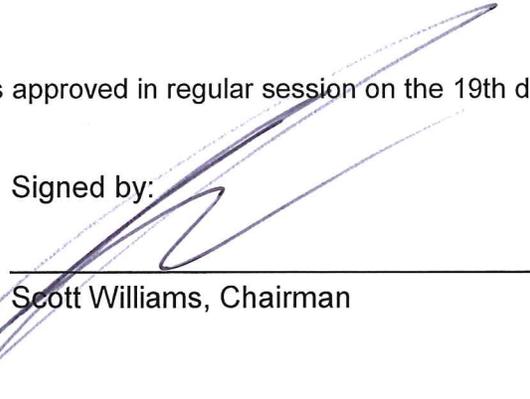
The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. Minutes approved in regular session on the 19th day of August, 2016.

Prepared by:



Tammy Kelly, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Affairs

Signed by:



Scott Williams, Chairman