

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25th, 2024 – 1:00 PM

Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness

2915 N Classen Blvd., Ste 400, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

The agenda was posted at 2915 N Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at 4:40p.m.

Call to Order

OPSR Board Chair, Sarah Roberts, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

OPSR Secretary Angie Clayton called roll and recorded attendance. Quorum was met.

Members Present

Darrell Strong, Angie Clayton, Curtiss Mays, Trisha Hutcherson, Tonya Garman, Gina McPherson, Joann Carter, Annette Wisk Jacobi, Marshall Vogts, Sada Knowles, Jennifer Stepp, Rachel Proper, Joyce Marshall, Sarah Roberts, Audra Haney, Sharon Morgan, Cindy Lee, Carrie Williams

Members Present by Video (Zoom Video)

Jaqueline Evans, Kelly Kay

Members Not Present

Polly Anderson, Christin Bollinger, Deborah Shropshire, Jennifer King, Brittany Lee, Paula Brown, Zoe Campbell, Ellen Buettner, Kasie McCarty, Natalie Currie, Dr. Katherine Curry, Dr. Hokehe Effiong, Tina Floyd, Melinda Fruendt, Chancellor Allison Garrett, Brent Haken, Brent Kisling, Shellie Schlegel, Melissa Larimore, Amanda McCabe, Jon Pederson, Jennifer Pham, Keith Reed, Lorri Essary, Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Anthony Stafford, Brett Vanderzee, Annie Van Hanken, Ryan Walters, Vicki Weaver-Payne

Staff Present

Allison Loeffler, Stephanie Lippert, Daphne Peschl, Jon Trudgeon, Gabrielle Jacobi, and Leslie Mangus.

Guests Present

Yvonne Rosseler, OSDE; Rori Hodges, OSDE; Caitlin Merritt, OCCY; Isabel Rodriguez, OCCY; and Brittany Ladd, OUHSC

*** Approval of Minutes**

Sarah Roberts presented the board meeting minutes from the meeting held on 11-16-23.

Annette Jacobi made a motion to approve, and Cindy Lee seconded the motion.

All members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. None abstained.

Review of OPSR Financial Report (Daphne Peschl)

OPSR Director of Finance, Daphne Peschl, presented FY24 financial documents for board members to

review. The base contract has a budget of \$779,000, with July through September showing \$122,000 spent. Clearinghouse shows a spend of \$675,000, while CCR&R has spent \$877,000 so far for FY24. PDG funding is on a calendar year has a total budget of 12.9M - which is 80% of year 1 and 50% of year 2. Regarding the Clearinghouse budget, a board member asked if the outdoor learning spaces comprise a majority of expenses. Carrie Williams answered yes, that is the case.

No action is required for the review of the budget or financials.

OCCY Parent Partnership Board Update (Amber Adams, OCCY PPB Member)

Amber Adams was unable to present today, so Annette Wisk Jacobi provided the PPB update and stated that looking over the report from PPB provides good information. Ms. Jacobi emphasized to members that if they or their organizations have parents ready to move into a position with OCCY as a parent partnership board member, the applications process is once a year. Annette shared that the Tulsa-Fatherhood summit is in April and encouraged everyone to attend. February is parent leadership month. OCCY announced on social media that they are accepting nominations for awards. Isabella Rodriguez, OCCY staff member, thanked OPSR for sponsoring the legislative breakfast where 8-10 PPB members will use the opportunity to promote and make connections with legislators. The PPB legislative breakfast is February 14th at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Scholars Program Presentation (Gina McPherson)

Gina McPherson with the State Regents for Higher Education presented their Scholars program, which was started in 2000 to provide financial support for child care professionals to return to school. 800 students have been through the program since it started. Participation numbers for Fall FY23 show 952 enrolled in community college, and they approved 531 to study to attend in the fall semester and 1400 students working on education. Students can obtain a Certificate of Mastery and 18 credit hours towards a Master Teacher Associate Degree. Sarah Roberts suggested that we can help notify employees that this program is available. Cameron University, Southeastern University, and UCO are all partnering. Sarah reminded board members to help market this project and educate others about it. Ms. McPherson reminded board members that as a state, we invested in desert grants, but many centers can't operate at capacity because they don't have the workforce; this program helps address that need. All information about the program is at www.ok.higher.ed.org/scholars.

Executive Director Report (Carrie Williams)

Sarah Roberts moved onto the Executive Director's Report and highlighted the new format of the Executive Director report available in member's board packets. Carrie Williams explained that her report breaks everything down into sections: funding, deadline, etc. and important items. Carrie informed the board that OPSR is up for sunset review and Senator Rosino authored bill 1208 to extend our sunset by five years. Carrie Williams presented to the legislative committee, and it went well. Carrie reported that she will present at the Hunt Institute Early Childhood Legislative Retreat this Sunday.

Child Care Resource & Referral (Carrie Williams)

Carrie announced that CCRR had an annual planning meeting where Autism Foundation provided training. The Thrive network continues to add members, currently at 407 members, and receives national attention. Thrive provides support to family child care home providers, including national credential support, membership to NAEYC, and also helps providers obtain Bright Wheel software and shared services.

Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success (Carrie Williams)

Carrie informed the board Clearinghouse has 14 projects and additionally has funded 20 outdoor learning environments. Carrie spoke about the air quality project w/Dr. Horm, which has received national attention and was nominated by the Office of Research and Partnerships for the OU award for excellence in Transdisciplinary Convergent Research.

Preschool Development Grant Update (Carrie Williams)

Carrie announced that the workforce study RFP has been released and questions should be emailed to Gabrielle Jacobi. Telehealth and teletherapy benefits rolled out. Carrie reminded the board members that the PDG has six key activity areas: needs assessment update, strategic plan update, parent and family engagement, workforce support, quality enhancements, and sub-granting. Carrie and Sarah led discussion around the following question with the board members: 1. How can state and community level work combine so we make progress and where do we see opportunities for progress? 2. What are lessons learned from current or past community work when launching this effort?

Question 1:

Sarah Roberts mentioned that Inasmuch has had success working in the homelessness space through system level change, but specifically working to decrease the “hyper competitive” relationships that existed among non-profits. The conversation has shifted to be more client-focused and less about who is serving who and who has had better results. She mentioned that collaboration should look like this in other areas as well, including our early childhood work. A board member shared that adopting a protective factor framework would align with multiple system efforts, and to find shared values and connection. A board member asked who would OPSR expect to respond to community work, and OPSR staff responded that it could be wide range of partners, including community action agencies, non-profits, youth and family services – really any organization that demonstrates capacity to complete deliverables. Carrie told board members that OPSR is hoping for 3 local level system projects with expansion to 8 by the grant’s third year.

Question 2:

Sarah Roberts stressed that clarification of roles and responsibilities is key, and that there needs to be opportunities for system-level practice and then replicate and expand. Carrie emphasized that PDG contains heavy evaluation so that effective projects can be sustained and also scaled. The Scholars program is a perfect example of tweaking along the way. Allison Loeffler explained to board members that certain community work was included in the PDG application

but that this grant is flexible on approach. A board member mentioned that it is important to have consistent deliverables across all community work even if the approach or design might vary because of community capacity and needs. Carrie mentioned that OPSR would like to have community scope of work developed and started by the end of the first quarter. Additionally, community partners will have a match requirement.

Public Comment (Public Guests)

None.

Announcements (Sara Roberts)

Sarah Roberts recognized board member Dr. Marny Dunlap for her 20 years of service to OPSR. Dr. Dunlap was presented a crystal partnership award. Carrie Williams said Marny has been a tremendous advocate for children and families and was instrumental in the founding of OPSR. Dr. Dunlap continued to be a champion for children and families through the years. Dr. Dunlap thanked the board and OPSR staff, stating it was a privilege to serve.

New Business (Sara Roberts)

None.

Adjournment (Sarah Roberts)

OPSR Board Chair Sarah Roberts asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Stepp made the motion, and Audra Haney seconded the motion to adjourn. Sarah Roberts adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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[Carrie Williams \(Apr 29, 2024 16:21 CDT\)](#)
Carrie Williams, Executive Director, OPSR

Signature:  04/29/24
[Sarah Roberts \(Apr 29, 2024 09:33 CDT\)](#)
Sarah Roberts, OPSR Board Chair

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