

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
March 13, 2009
Department of Mental Health
And Substance Abuse Services
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Joel Carson, Chair
Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D, Vice Chair
Larry McCauley, Ed.D.
Henry Haynes, Ed.D.
Robert McDonald
Jack Turner
Gail Wood
Brent Bell, M.D.
Bruce Fisher
J. Andy Sullivan, M.D.
Maryanne McCaffree, M.D.

Others Present:

Commissioner Terri White, ODMHSAS
Durand Crosby, ODMHSAS
Angie Patterson, ODMHSAS
Kim Poff, ODMHSAS
Jeff Dismukes, ODMHSAS
Jessica Hawkins, ODMHSAS
Carol Ladd, ODMHSAS
Tonya Salazar, ODMHSAS
Richard Bowden, ODMHSAS
Todd Crawford, CRC
Kelli Epps, ODMHSAS
Dr. Christie Taylor, Roadback Inc.
Mary Jo Sullivan, NADTC
Jessica Davis, ODMHSAS
Adrienne Rollins, ODMHSAS
Young Onuorah, ODMHSAS
Sergio Bribiesca, ODMHSAS
Toni Higgins, OCCIC
Robert Tackett, The Harbor
Jerry Copp, Copp's Res Care

Jack Kelly, ODMHSAS
Stan Ardoin, M.D., ODMHSAS/GMH
Deneka Cain, ODMHSAS
Carrie Slatton-Hodges, ODMHSAS
Steven Buck, ODMHSAS
Caletta McPherson, ODMHSAS
Gretchen Geis, ODMHSAS
John Hudgens, ODMHSAS
Karina Forrest, NAMI Oklahoma
Connie Motley, OSASA
Teresa Collado, NAIC
Tera Biggs, Edwin Fair Community
Mental Health Center
Gina Clark, Edwin Fair Community
Mental Health Center
John Herdt, YSSC – Duncan
Dennis Whitten, Kiamichi Council on
Alcoholism
Wynema Ra, NADTC
Bo Cox, NADTC

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carson called the March meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and declared a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Haynes moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009, meeting. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Abstain	Dr. Sullivan	Abstain
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Abstain	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORT

Mr. Hudgens had no additional information to add to the Critical Incident Report.

Mr. McDonald noted the increase in medication errors over last year. Mr. Hudgens stated that Provider Certification will discuss with the facility when they see those changes.

Dr. McCauley moved to accept the Critical Incident Report. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs

A. Temporary Certification

Temporary certification was recommended for: Jordan’s Crossing, Inc.; Quest MHSA, L.L.C.

Dr. Haynes moved to approve temporary certification for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

B. Conditional Certification

Conditional certification was recommended for: Blackwell Counseling Services, L.L.C.; Intertribal Council, Inc. dba Inter-Tribal Substance Abuse/Prevention & Treatment Center; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services, Eufaula; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services, Okmulgee; Norman Addiction Information & Counseling, Inc. dba NAIC; Palmer Continuum of Care, Inc.; Payne County Drug Court, Inc.; Payne County Youth Services, Inc.; ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc.; Street School, Inc.; Substance Abuse Services, Inc.; The Broadway House, Inc.

Dr. McCauley moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

C. Certification

Certification was recommended for: Area Youth Shelter, Inc.; Center for Positive Change, Inc.; Cornerstone Counseling & Consulting, Inc.; Eagle Ridge Institute, Inc. dba Eagle Ridge Family Treatment Center; Jordan's Crossing, Inc.; Kiamichi Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.; Lighthouse Counseling Services, Inc.; New Day Recovery Youth & Family services, Inc.; New Direction Centers of America, L.L.C.; Oklahoma Families First, Inc.; Roadback, Inc.; Youth & Family Services, Inc.; Youth Services for Stephens County, Inc.

Dr. Vanderslice moved to approve certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

D. Probationary Certification

Certification was recommended for: Next Step Network, Inc.

Dr. Haynes moved to approve probationary certification for the above-referenced program. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

Programs of Assertive Community Treatment

A. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for: Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Dr. Sullivan moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced program. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

Community Residential Mental Health Programs

A. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for: Lake Francis Residential Care Home, L.L.C.

Ms. Wood moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced program. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

B. Certification with Commendation

Certification with Commendation was recommended for: Copp's Residential Care, Inc.; Fair Oaks Residential Care Facility; Hav-Tap, Inc. dba The Harbor.

Dr. Vanderslice moved to approve certification with commendation for the above-referenced program. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

Mr. Carson recognized and congratulated the facilities listed above for their Certification with Commendation.

C. Certification

Certification was recommended for: Ada Residential Care Facility, Inc.; Dow Residential Care Facility, Inc.; Duncan Community Residence, Inc.; Spears Management Co., Inc. dba Firm Foundation Residential Care Home.

Dr. Sullivan moved to approve certification for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ODMHSAS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Deneka Cain reported there are four chapters being presented today. Ms. Cain asked the authors to come to the podium individually to give a summary of the changes to the chapters and answer any questions.

John Hudgens was available to answer questions from the Board regarding Chapter 1. Mr. Hudgens reported that the changes recommended clarify that all of the remaining chapters under the administrative code 450 falls under the Department’s rules regarding certification and revocation.

Dr. McCaffree moved to approve Chapter 1. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

Dr. McCauley asked for clarification on what a recovery support specialist is. Mr. Hudgens stated that a recovery support specialist is a person who has recovered from either mental health or substance abuse issues and who has received training to support consumers in their recovery. Commissioner White stated that some states call them certified peer specialists, and they are hired by both the Department and providers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

CHAPTER 15. CONSUMER RIGHTS

Tonya Salazar was available to answer questions from the Board. Ms. Salazar commented on the changes to Chapter 15.

Mr. McDonald moved to approve Chapter 15. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

Dr. McCauley commented that the term licensed clinical psychologist is incorrect. Once a person passes all of the exams and boards, he or she is a psychologist not necessarily a clinical psychologist. Ms. Cain stated that that is the language that exists in statute 43A, and there will need to be a change to the statute to make it correct.

CHAPTER 17. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

Randy May was available to answer questions from the Board. Mr. May commented on the changes to Chapter 17.

Mr. May stated that CAPE was removed from the chapter because the Department recognizes that there may be other verbal or non-verbal intervention used. Crisis Diversion was added to the definitions because the words were added in the chapter.

Dr. Sullivan moved to approve Chapter 17. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

CHAPTER 30. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR STATE-OPERATED INPATIENT SERVICES

Tonya Salazar was available to answer questions from the Board. Ms. Salazar commented on the changes to Chapter 30.

Dr. Bell moved to approve Chapter 30. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER

Commissioner White reported on the following items:

Meet and Greet Leadership – Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health and Northwest Center for Behavioral Health. Leadership has committed to visiting the state-operated facilities once a year. They meet with the facility employees and have open discussions with them about whatever is on the employees’ minds. Leadership also discusses their goal to be the best, not just in the state but in the nation. They then challenge the employees to become the best they can.

Advocacy Organizations – Commissioner White and Deputy Commissioner Steven Buck have committed to meeting with leaders from the advocacy organizations to discuss issues that are concerning them. It is similar to the meet and greet with leadership. Discussions include things going on at the capitol and anything else the advocates want to discuss.

The Oklahoma Academy – Oklahoma Summit – The report with the findings and recommendations from the 2008 Town Hall was presented to the Board. Commissioner White highlighted the Academy’s recommendation to endorse the Department’s Smart On Crime initiative. Smart On Crime has been endorsed by the Oklahoma Academy, the Attorney General, the District Attorney’s Council, and the Sherriff’s Association. A question was asked about the economic stimulus and what it means for mental health and substance abuse services. Commissioner White reported that there is no specific funding set aside for mental health and substance abuse services. The Governor is creating a Coordinating Council for all of the stimulus money, and she will sit on that Council in her role as Secretary of Health.

Pat Hall and Jim Dunlap – “Inside the Issues” TV interview – Commissioner White appeared on this 30-minute TV show. It has aired several times.

Senate Budget and Performance Hearing and House Performance Review – Both the House and the Senate hold pre-hearings prior to the start of session. The Senate chooses to do theirs as both a Budget and Performance Hearing. The House does only a Performance review. It is a great opportunity for the Department because we have phenomenal data as it relates to mental health and substance abuse services.

Lynn Mitchell, M.D., State Medical Director, Health Care Authority – Dr. Bell and Dr. Ardoin have been instrumental in meeting with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and discussing the use of anti-psychotic medicine through the Medicaid program. The focus is to make sure that the medications are used appropriately but still easily accessible.

Mr. Fisher asked the Commissioner what her new role as Secretary of Health will entail. Commissioner White stated that it has been less than two months so she will probably have a better feel for it in six months. It has not been an additional burden so far because we already work well with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Dr. McCaffree asked what the Department’s role will be on the Children’s Cabinet. Commissioner White stated that the legislation that creates the Children’s Cabinet requires that all of the agencies that serve children participate on the cabinet. This will be a forum where they will talk about all issues not just mental health and substance abuse issues affecting children.

Mr. Fisher asked the Commissioner to find opportunities to interact more with community organizations in the African American community. Commissioner White stated that she would be very pleased to do that. The Department is constantly looking for opportunities to meet with any group of underserved Oklahomans.

Dr. McCaffree moved to approve the Commissioner’s Report. Dr. Bell seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Durand Crosby reported on the focus of Cultural Competency in the agency. Every month a different culture will be highlighted. March is Women’s History month. There will be a lunch event later in March with a guest speaker. February was African American History month, and Mr. Fisher was the guest speaker. Mr. Crosby thanked Mr. Fisher and invited the Board members to attend any of the upcoming Cultural Competency events.

Mr. Crosby announced two events that are coming up: The 16th Annual Children’s Conference – The Art of Creating Resilience, on May 6th – 8th. The other event is the NAMI Walk on May 16th at Stars and Stripes Park.

Mr. Crosby commented on the 2nd Annual Combined Mental Health, Prevention and Substance Abuse Conference. There were around 900 attendees. It was the first time in a long time that it was held in the Oklahoma City metro area.

Mr. Crosby reported on the tour of the Norman facilities with some of the ODMHSAS Board Members. It was a great opportunity to show what the Department is doing at the ground level, and it gives an opportunity to highlight the great things that the staff is doing.

Mr. Crosby will include success stories and updates from the facilities in his Board report. Each state facility director will submit success stories and facility updates so the Board will have a better understanding of what is going on in the field.

Mr. Crosby explained the Treatment Mall at Griffin Memorial Hospital as a building configured like a mall where there are a number of different treatment sessions that are ongoing. Consumers then get to choose which treatment they want to participate in. It is believed that consumers will get better quicker and be able to leave our facilities sooner. Mr. Crosby recognized Dr. Ardoin for his hard work in helping to create the Mall.

Mr. Fisher commended Todd Crawford of the Children's Recovery Center and Wynema Ra of the Norman Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center for their work.

Mr. Crosby turned the floor over to Deputy Commissioner Steven Buck.

Deputy Commissioner Steven Buck reported on the following items:

Advocacy Organizations – Deputy Commissioner Buck commended the work that the advocacy groups are doing at the capitol this year. The advocacy organizations have tried many new things this year that are having an impact. They include:

- OSASA has moved their monthly business meeting to Tuesdays so they can come to the capitol after their meetings and work on the issues that they prioritize which includes issues the Department prioritizes.
- Community Mental Health Centers' Executive Directors or their representatives have committed to being at the capitol every Tuesday and Wednesday from now until the end of session working with their legislators and leadership on the importance of community mental health in the state.
- Core advocates are hosting a breakfast for the legislators every Thursday. It started slow and by the third week, there were 14 members of legislature sitting with the advocates and hearing about the needs of family members and consumers.

Children's Mental Health Day – The Department launched the State of the State Report and the topic was Children's Mental Health at the Children's Mental Health Day at the capitol. It was released at a good time, and it resonated effectively. Other events coming up at the capitol include Mental Health Day, Specialty Court Day and Recovery Day.

Budget – The state of Oklahoma is looking at a \$900 million shortfall this year. The legislature is deciding what the economic stimulus means to the state and how much will be able to be used to subsidize state services. The Governor has stated that the preservation of health is a priority.

Legislative update – Mr. Buck handed out a list of all of the bills that the agency is tracking during this legislative year. The deadline for bills to get out of their house of origin was March 12, 2009.

Mr. Buck highlighted the following bills from the list:

SB0598 – Last action was 03/05/09. It is set on the House Floor Agenda. It is the agency's only request bill this year. This bill primarily accomplishes three things. It provides clarification of the criteria of a "person in need of treatment" and allows for the certification of peer recovery support specialists. SB0598 also allows the Department to have greater latitude in the rules of certification. ODMHSAS would be able to assess fines and site visit fees related to the agency's certification process. If it passes, the Department will go into the rule-making process to decide fees and fines.

SB0404 – Last action was 02/20/09. It is dormant pursuant to the rules. Senator Crain authored this bill to fund a new building for ODMHSAS, the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, and the State Department of Veterans Affairs. Even though the bill is dormant, the idea itself is not dead.

HB1069 – Last action was 03/02/09. It advanced to the Senate. It was requested by the Department of Corrections. This bill provides individuals, who have been convicted of a felony and are in recovery and trying to return to the community and active employment, the opportunity to appeal for their license to be reinstated.

HB1734 – Last action was 03/11/09. It advanced to the Senate. It is the DHS audit bill. It has limited impact on ODMHSAS. The bill has received much public discussion as a result of a comprehensive audit. There is no fiscal impact to the Agency, and it would not change our everyday operations.

HB2004 – Last action was 03/11/09. It advanced to the Senate. This bill was put forward by one of our advocacy partners in Tulsa. It requires teachers and prospective teachers to receive in-service hours related to mental illness. It made it through the House with some amendments.

HB2028 – Last action was 03/09/09. It advanced to the Senate. This bill along with HB2029 is a comprehensive rewrite of the Oklahoma Children's Code. There are revocations, reorganizations and new terms in these bills. There was not a dissenting vote or questions.

HB2029 (in tandem with HB2028) – Last action was 03/03/09. It advanced to the Senate.

Questions were asked about the following bills:

Dr. Bell asked how SB0598 reorganizes the definition of “a person in need of treatment”. Deputy Commissioner Buck explained that currently, “a person in need of treatment” due to substance abuse or psychiatric crisis is separated in two different places. SB0598 combines the two so that the definition reads “a person who is in need of treatment because of mental health crisis or addiction.” It then delineates and changes a few terms. It provides consistency across the state for how the criteria are read.

Dr. McCauley asked for clarification of HB1067. Deputy Commissioner Buck explained that it is legislation that would require a substance abuse screening and assessment in the initial assessment of the EOD process. ODMHSAS facilities and contractors are already doing this. This provides, by law, that the community hospitals that are designated Emergency Order of Detention facilities must pay more attention to an appropriate substance screening.

Dr. McCauley asked for clarification of SB0845. Deputy Commissioner Buck explained that it is a bill that would move the drug court program from ODMHSAS to the Administrative Office of the Courts. There was overwhelming support for leaving it with the Department, and it did not move out of committee.

Dr. Haynes moved to approve the report from the Chief Operating Officer. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Mr. McDonald reported that the committee met and reviewed the report of the Consumer Advocate General. There were no concerns. They then reviewed the Inspector General’s report and asked questions regarding a few of the inquiries and investigations.

Mr. Carson referred to the new poster that has been created for placement in all of the state facilities and their satellites. The poster lists the investigative offices and their descriptions. At the bottom of the poster there are tear-away forms with the contact numbers.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY REPORT

Ms. Salazar stated that she had nothing to add to her report.

Dr. Sullivan moved to approve the Office of Consumer Advocacy report. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes		

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. McCaffree summarized the PI meeting. There were two presenters at the meeting. The first was Beverly Moore of Associated Centers of Therapy (ACT). Ms. Moore presented the Wave Schedule. They scheduled consumers at the same time, and consumers were seen in order of arrival. Patients seen within 14 days went from only 9% in November to 38% in December to 57% in January. ACT's improvement qualified them for Medicaid Enhancement money which was an unintended bonus. In addition, an anonymous donor came forward with incentive money each month for staff that recommended improvement projects.

The second presenter was John Hudgens of Provider Certification at ODMHSAS. Provider Certification instituted video-conferencing for training of providers. This reduced travel time, preparation time, copying and distributing of materials and disruption of other business. Staff time was reduced by 77% and direct costs were reduced by \$11,000 (down 81%).

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Turner reported on the Finance Committee meeting. The financial report prepared by Mr. Bowden was reviewed. They reviewed minor budget revisions. The state auditors joined the meeting and presented the audit findings. Mr. Turner commended Mr. Bowden on the state audit which had very few findings.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Richard Bowden referred to the Financial Report presented in the Board Members' notebooks. He is comfortable with the cash flow and is monitoring the carryover amounts and budgets.

Dr. Haynes moved to approve the Monthly Finance Report. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Bell	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Dr. Haynes	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Dr. McCaffree	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

Dr. McCauley Yes

PRESENTATION

Deputy Commissioner Carrie Slatton-Hodges introduced Sean Couch. Mr. Couch presented on Oklahoma's Telehealth Network.

Telehealth Overview

- The delivery of services via telecommunications technology
 - Med Clinics
 - Consultations
 - Assessments
 - Therapy/Group Sessions
 - Court Commitment Hearings (Tele-Court)
- Much broader than telemedicine

Quantitative Benefits

- Decreased travel time
- Client satisfaction
- Lower travel costs
- Improved accessibility to specialists
- Faster decision making time
- Increase productivity
- Heightened operating efficiency

Tools of the Trade

- Polycom VSX 3000/Tandberg 1700
 - Designed for Telehealth
 - Self Contained
 - Mobile Unit
 - Dual as CPU monitor
 - HD Picture/Audio Quality

Phase I Deployment

- Coordinated w/partnering agencies
- Assessment to determine need
- TeleCourt pilot
- Installation of 46 units
 - CMHC's (State-Op & Contract facilities)

Phase II Deployment

- Installation of MCU (Bridge)
 - Massive Multi-Point calling
 - Live Streaming via the web
 - ✓ Administrative Meetings
 - ✓ Trainings
- Installation of Tandberg Management Suite (TMS)
 - Data Collection
 - Management of entire Telehealth Network
 - Automated troubleshooting
- 35 additional units

There are units in all of our CMHC's and a majority of the satellite locations.

There are 11 counties that do not have a telehealth presence. Since October 2008, the preliminary data indicates that the telehealth units will pay for themselves.

Sustainability Beyond TSIG

- Line item in ODMHSAS Budget Request
- Training curriculum development
- Policy development
- Seeking additional grant opportunities

Others in the USA are taking notice of Oklahoma's telehealth network, and they are contacting the Department for technical assistance.

Where do we go from here?

- Substance abuse facilities
- DUI training
- Partnership with VA
- Native American communities

Lessons Learned

- Successes
 - Lasting partnerships
 - Increased access to services & information
 - New ways of thinking
 - Client choice
 - Change in statutes
- Challenges
 - Meeting the demand
 - Network infrastructure
 - Educating the workforce

PRESENTATION

Commissioner White introduced Karina Forrest, Executive Director of NAMI Oklahoma. Ms. Forrest presented on NAMI's Grading the States report.

In 2006, Oklahoma's grade was a D. In 2009, it increased two grades to a B. There were only six states that received B's, and no other state improved two grades. No state received an A.

The report summarizes that Oklahoma has great potential that it needs to turn into promise; however, funding is the biggest obstacle. It calls on the legislature to give priority to mental health care reform.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Commissioner White presented awards to the following staff for their help in the Crystal Darkness campaign:

Kelli Epps

Jessica Davis

Stan Ardoin, M.D.

Adrienne Rollins

Tania Rubio-Rosas

Tom Thomson

Randy May

Jeff Dismukes

Ray Caesar

Bo Cox

Sean Couch
Wynema Ra
Toni Higgins

Mary Sullivan
Jessica Hawkins
Sergio Bribiesca

June Elkins-Baker, Lynn Jarrett and Gwen Downing were not available to receive their awards.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McDonald discussed performance and improvement in the area of seclusion and restraints.

Mr. Fisher encouraged the Board to approve a name change for NADTC if they decide to change names.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carson announced that the next Board Meeting would be May 8, 2009.

Mr. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

All were in favor to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Larry McCauley, Ed.D.

Joel Carson, Chair

Brent Bell, D.O.

Bruce Fisher

Henry Haynes, Ed.D.

Mary Anne McCaffree, M.D.

Robert McDonald

J. Andy Sullivan, M.D.

Jack Turner

Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D, Vice-Chair

Gail Wood