

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

**June 24, 2016**

**Department of Mental Health  
And Substance Abuse Services  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Board members present:

Brent Bell, D.O., Chair  
Stewart Beasley, Ph.D.  
Brian Bush  
Joel Carson  
Gail Henderson, M.Ed.  
MaryAnne McCaffree, M.D.  
Paul Pierce, M.D.  
Major Ed Pulido  
Andy Sullivan, M.D.  
Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D.

Others present:

Commissioner, Terri White, ODMHSAS	Gen Cox, ODMHSAS
Durand Crosby, ODMHSAS	Joy Evans, ODMHSAS
Carrie Slatton-Hodges, ODMHSAS	Jill Amos, ODMHSAS
Angie Patterson, ODMHSAS	Teresa Collado, NAIC
Carol Ladd, ODMHSAS	Brent Wilson, OKPCA
Gretchen Geis, ODMHSAS	John Wilson, ODVA
Jeff Dismukes, ODMHSAS	Virginia Sanchez, Life and Hope Counseling
Stephanie Gay, ODMHSAS	Neil Henderson, OUHSC
Joey Mickey, ODMHSAS	Alisa Tomette, OUHSC
Jason Maddox, ODMHSAS	Denise Wilson, ORALA
Shannon Lee, ODMHSAS	Marilyn Welton, Visitor
Katie Harrison, ODMHSAS	Penny Oss, Visitor
Heath Hayes, ODMHSAS	Terrie Vasquez, A Balanced Life
Rich Edwards, ODMHSAS	Tyler Telley, eCapitol
Pam Toohey, ODMHSAS	
Michaelle Statham, ODMHSAS	

Amanda Jett, ODMHSAS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Bell called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2016, BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Carson moved to approve the May 27, 2016, minutes. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Abstain
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROGRAM CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Stephanie Gay, Director, Provider Certification, came before the Board to present several programs for consideration. She stated that there are two attachments for this Board agenda. Attachment A-1 lists organizations that entered into the certification process during the time period when the previous rules were in force.

Attachment A-2 lists organizations that entered into the certification process subsequent to new rules being promulgated by the Board. With these new rules, there was a change in the minimum score required for certification. The programs listed on Attachment A-2 have a higher minimum requirement.

Ms. Gay presented the programs recommended for approval listed on Attachment A-1 as follows:

**Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Programs**

**A. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: Dynamic Communications Counseling Services, L.L.C., Oklahoma City; and Grand Lake Mental Health Center, Inc., Tahlequah, Stilwell.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Mr. Bush seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

Ms. Gay reminded the Board members that Attachment A-2 lists organizations that entered into the certification process subsequent to new rules being promulgated by the Board. With these new rules, there was a change in the minimum score required for certification. The programs listed on the A-2 attachment have a higher minimum requirement.

Ms. Gay presented the programs recommended for approval listed on Attachment A-2 as follows:

**Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs**

**A. Permit for Temporary Operation**

Permit for temporary operation was recommended for: Keystone Counseling and Therapeutic Services, L.L.C., Cleveland; and Life and Hope Counseling Agency, Inc., Oklahoma City.

Dr. Pierce moved to approve permit for temporary operation for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

**B. Certification with Special Distinction**

Special distinction was recommended for: Keetoowah-Cherokee Treatment Services, Tulsa.

Dr. Vanderslice moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced program. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

Dr. Bell recognized Keetoowah-Cherokee Treatment Services for being 100 percent compliant on all standards and is eligible to receive a refund of their certification fee.

**C. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: Beacon Pointe, L.L.C., Oklahoma City; and Valliant House, L.L.C., Valliant.

Dr. Pierce moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

**Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Programs**

**A. Permit for Temporary Operation**

Permit for temporary operation was recommended for: A Balanced Life Therapeutic Services, P.L.L.C., Oklahoma City; Bright Eyes Family Services, L.L.C., Oklahoma City; River Valley Counseling Services, L.L.C., Poteau; Today's Therapy Solutions, L.L.C., Oklahoma City; YCO Tulsa, Inc., Chickasha, Lawton; YCO Tulsa, Inc., Clinton, Cordell, Elk City, Watonga, Weatherford; YCO Tulsa, Inc., El Reno; YCO Tulsa, Inc., Mangum, Altus; and YCO Tulsa, Inc., Oklahoma City.

Dr. Sullivan moved to approve permit for temporary operation for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

**B. Certification with Distinction**

Certification with distinction was recommended for: Focus Mental Health Services, L.L.C., Shawnee, Wewoka.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

**C. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: Cornerstone Counseling Services, L.L.C., McAlester, Hugo, Idabel; and J.A.M.E.S., Inc., Tulsa.

Dr. Pierce moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced

program. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes		

Dr. McCaffree arrived at 9:15 a.m.

**Community-Based Structured Crisis Centers**

**A. Certification with Special Distinction**

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services, Clinton; Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services, Norman (Griffin Memorial Hospital); Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services, Norman (Norman Regional Hospital); and Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Sullivan moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

Dr. Bell recognized Oklahoma Mental Health Council at Norman Regional Hospital for being 100 percent compliant on all standards and is eligible to receive a refund of their certification fee.

**Community Mental Health Centers**

**A. Certification with Special Distinction**

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: Carl Albert Community Mental Health Center, McAlester, Stigler, Hugo, Atoka, Idabel, Holdenville, Heavener; and Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma, Inc. Ardmore, Ada, Durant, Lindsay, Pauls Valley, Seminole, Tishomingo.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

**Community Residential Mental Health Programs**

**A. Certification with Distinction**

Certification with distinction was recommended for: C.B.W., Inc. dba Golden Years Residential Care, Konawa; Copp’s Residential Care, Inc., Claremore; and Sequoyah Mental Health Facility, Inc. dba Sequoyah Residential Facility, Sallisaw.

Dr. Bell recognized C.B.W., Inc. and Copp’s Residential Care Inc., for being 100 percent compliant on all standards and are eligible to receive a refund of their certification fee.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve certification with distinction for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

**DISCUSSION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner White reviewed her report with the Board as follows:

June Bug Jam – Commissioner White stated that the Transition House in Norman has been holding the June Bug Jam for roughly 20 years. She stated that it is an opportunity for local musicians including consumers to play music for the community.

South Oklahoma City Rotary – (Speaker) – Commissioner White stated that this Rotary Club consists of both medical professionals and business professionals and explained that this is a good opportunity for the Department to have dialog surrounding the issues of mental health and substance abuse.

Jeffrey Alderman, M.D., Sooner Health Access Network, the University of Oklahoma – Tulsa – Commissioner White stated that Dr. Alderman and Dr.

Gerald Clancy with the College of Health Sciences at the University of Tulsa are working together on a project surrounding mental illness in Tulsa.

Bill Citty, Chief of Police, Oklahoma City Police Department and Johnathan Brooks, Deputy Chief, Administration, and Shellie Seibert, Captain Tulsa Police Department; Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Deputy Commissioner, Treatment and Recovery Services and Dewayne Moore, General Counsel, ODMHSAS – Commissioner White stated that this meeting was in regards to a grant the Department is applying for to assist in outpatient treatment and with the help of the police departments creating outreach teams to help engage individuals who have outpatient orders but are not following through with them.

2016 Safety and Health Conference – (Speaker) – Commissioner White stated that this conference wasn't the traditional audience she normally addresses. She stated that this audience consisted of safety officers from all types of businesses including local, state and the private sector. She stated that the main discussion surrounded how a good EAP program can really benefit the company's employees.

Britta Ostermeyer, M.D., MBA, Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry, OUHSC – Commissioner White stated that she had a meeting with Dr. Ostermeyer, Dr. Jason Sanders and Dr. Rojas to discuss the benefits from the funding ODMHSAS provides for addiction education to the Oklahoma University Health Science Center and how to further our partnership.

Thad Balkman, District Judge and Steve Stice, Special Judge, Cleveland County; and Darry Stacy, Commissioner, Cleveland County District 2 – Commissioner White stated that this meeting was in regards to issues in Cleveland County and how the Department and the County can continue to work together.

ODMHSAS/Oklahoma Department of Corrections Joint meeting – Commissioner White stated that these joint meetings are to discuss continued and improved partnership between the two agencies.

2016 Governor's Veterans Services Symposium – (Speaker) – Commissioner White stated that Major General Dearing requested the meeting to discuss the major issues impacting service men and women and veterans in Oklahoma. She stated that mental health and substance abuse was a priority topic for this group. Commissioner White mentioned that the Department was lucky to be well represented as Board Member Major Pulido was also in attendance.

Major Pulido thanked Commissioner White and her team for being there and being major partners in that endeavor. He stated that he believes that there are three major issues that need to be addressed. The first priority that should be addressed is the mental health needs for veterans. The second issue is traumatic brain injuries, stating that these injuries contribute to the

homelessness, economic issues and family issues. The third issue that must be a priority is suicide among service men and women and veterans.

Dr. McCaffree stated that there is trauma in all of our communities and that there needs to be a way of screening trauma.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING REPORT FROM DURAND CROSBY**

Durand Crosby, Chief of Staff and Operations, announced that the Specialty Court Conference will be held September 7-8, 2016, at the Embassy Suites in Norman. The Zarrow Conference will be September 28-30, 2016, at the Tulsa Convention Center, and the Prevention and Recovery Conference will take place November 3-4 at the Embassy Suites, in Norman. Dr. Crosby invited the Board members to read the success stories

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Corporate Accountability Committee met Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

Mr. Mickey presented the Advocate General's report to the committee.

Mr. Mickey had nothing further to add to his report.

There were no questions regarding the report.

The Corporate Accountability committee recommends that the Board accept the Advocate General's report.

The Inspector General's report was reviewed by the Committee.

Mr. Maddox reported that there were no changes to the Inspector General's report.

The Corporate Accountability committee recommends that the Board accept the Inspector General's report.

Commissioner White provided an update on the Poff and Delong cases to the Committee.

Mr. Carson turned the floor over to Commissioner White to provide an update on the Poff and Delong cases to the full Board.

Commissioner White stated that about three years ago a personnel lawsuit was filed by the former Inspector General Kim Poff and one of her investigators, Michael Delong. She stated that suit was filed against the Department, the Board, herself, Dr. Crosby, Mr. Moore, and Ms. Buettner. Commissioner White stated that at the time Ms. Poff and Mr. DeLong filed the suit they chose to go to the media and make several salacious statements about what they believed



happened. The Department was advised by our legal defense team handling this case not to comment until the trial concluded. She stated that the Department has won the case, and our legal counsel have said that we are now able to go into further detail about why Ms. Poff and Mr. Delong were terminated. She explained that Ms. Poff was accused of violating confidentiality regarding investigations. Commissioner White stated that the Department's policies clearly state that if you are involved in an investigation of any kind, you may not discuss the specifics of the investigation with anyone involved, even when the investigation is over. She stated that once we were made aware of this allegation, the Department brought in an outside investigator. Commissioner White stated that there was also an allegation against Mr. Delong stating that he was intimidating witnesses. Commissioner White stated that we turned the allegations over to a third-party investigator who conducted the investigations. The investigator not only found out that the allegations were true, but that also determined that both Ms. Poff and Mr. Delong lied during the process. She stated that once it was confirmed that they lied, Leadership was presented with more information that indicated that they had violated other policies. At that point, they were terminated. She stated that because Ms. Poff and Mr. DeLong publicly chose to falsely accuse the Department, now that the ruling has been made, the Department is now able to speak publically about the lawsuit.

Dr. Beasley asked what court this was filed in. Commissioner White stated it was filed in state court but was moved to federal court. Dr. Crosby stated that because the plaintiffs' legal team was using federal law as a basis for some of the claims it then switched to federal court.

Dr. Sullivan asked if they were going to have them pay the court costs. Commissioner White stated that the department is currently in the process of filing those motions.

Commissioner White turned the floor back over to Mr. Carson.

Mr. Carson reported that there was no further business discussed in the Corporate Accountability meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S REPORT**

Mr. Carson made a motion to approve the Consumer Advocate's report. Dr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

Dr. Beasley made a motion to approve the Inspector General's report. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

**DISCUSSION AND REPORT FROM THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Dr. Vanderslice reported that there were two presentations for the June meeting.

Mark Reynolds, Ed.D., Director of Decision Support Services presented on the ODMHSAS Online Query System (OOnQues).

Dr. Reynolds stated that this system allows the public to see the number of Oklahomans served by the department's programs. The information can be accessed by the public by going to the ODMHSAS website. The information is divided by geographic and demographic parameters, as well as charts to visualize the data. Admissions by drug of choice are also available.

The second presentation was given by Katie Harrison, MHR, Project Director, Oklahoma Now is the Time (ONIT) and NAVIGATE Initiatives and Shannon Lee, MHR, Manager: Infant and Early Childhood Services.

Ms. Harrison stated that the Oklahoma Now is the Time (ONIT) Initiative is a five-year grant that was awarded to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in October 2014. This grant targets Young Adults in Transition, which the ONIT grant defines as anyone between the ages of 16 and 25. Due to the age group, this grant also focuses on providing services to those who are experiencing their first episode of psychosis through a specific evidence based program called NAVIGATE.

Oklahoma has relatively high numbers of young adults in transition who meet criteria for serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness. But despite these high numbers, it is estimated that only one-third of them receive services. Without services to address their mental health needs, the risk for negative outcomes across the young adult's lifespan is quite high.

Dr. Vanderslice stated that Katie Harrison and Shannon Lee will present to the Board today about both of these programs in greater detail and will share the outcomes they have compiled from year one of the grant.

Following the presentations, Deputy Commissioner Carrie Slatton-Hodges reviewed the Critical Incident Report (CIR) and the background report with the committee. There were not questions regarding the report.

There was no further business discussed.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORT**

Mr. Crosby stated that the Department provides a report of any incidents at its facilities and the report breaks down the critical incidents that have occurred since the last Board meeting. He stated that the Department continues to trend very well compared to the rest of the nation.

Dr. Pierce moved to approve the Critical Incident Report. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee was called to order by Mr. Carson.

The Committee approved the minutes from the May 24, 2016, meeting.

Mr. Edwards presented the FY-16 finance report for the month ending April 2016. He presented the budget to actual comparison report as follows:

For FY-16 revenue collections are trending below projections by 3.2% or \$14.1 million, some under spending in newly awarded grants led to lower than projected revenues. Expenditures are trending under budget by 3% or \$13.4 million due to the same underspending in newly awarded grants. The year-to-date net variance for the agency is a negative .17% or \$727,000.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the FY-16 May Financial Reports.

Mr. Edwards presented revision #8 to the FY-16 budget work program consisting of funds added in order to make the final ETPS payment. The revisions resulted in an increase of \$4.4 million.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of revision #8 to the FY-16 budget work program.

Mr. Edwards presented the proposed FY17 Budget Work Program to the finance committee for approval. The total budget for FY17 is \$438 million. This represents a budget reduction of \$281 thousand from FY16.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the FY17 Budget Work Program.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Carson moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report. Dr. Bell seconded the motion.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

### **BUDGET REVISION #8**

Mr. Carson moved to approve Budget Revision #8. Dr. Piercel seconded the motion.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Dr. Beasley	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. Bell	Yes	Dr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Bush	Yes	Major Pulido	Yes
Mr. Carson	Yes	Dr. Sullivan	Yes
Ms. Henderson	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes

Commissioner White reviewed the proposed FY-17 budget work program as follows: She stated that this time last year the Department was about to start FY-16 with \$340 million budget. She explained that when the revenue failure happened in the beginning of January, the Department went through two rounds of shortfalls which in turn cost the Department \$23 million. She further explained that going into FY-17 the Department has roughly a \$4.5 million maintenance need for a total need of \$27.5 million. She indicated that that is just to keep the same services as the beginning of FY-16. Commissioner White stated that the provider rate cuts began May 1, 2016, and they ranged from three percent to 30

percent for a myriad of things from inpatient hospital stays and psychiatric residential treatment to individuals choosing to practice independently. Commissioner White stated that the Medicaid rates paid for behavioral health are now under 70 percent of Medicare. She explained that along with those devastating rate cuts the rest of the cuts went into effect June 1, 2016. This included the cap on therapy which affected more than 73,000 Oklahomans. Commissioner White stated that in the end the money was not there to get us back to where we were and the Department was appropriated \$6.9 million of the \$27.5 million needed. She stated that compared to other agencies the Department did fair better than other agencies

Commissioner White explained where the \$6.9 million will be spent. She stated that the maintenance portion will take up \$4.5 million and that is money the Department has to pay in 2017 whether or not the Department was given any extra or not. She stated that leaves \$2.5 million towards the \$23 million in cuts. She stated that they have been having conversations with the providers, consumer groups and advocacy groups and discussed what to do with the \$2.5 million. She stated that the plan is to hold off on making a decision until they know whether or not there will be any revenue shortfalls.

Mr. Edwards introduced Joy Evans the new Budget Director.

Dr. Beasley asked about the \$100 million OMES has found and what that means for the Department.

Commissioner White stated what we have been told at this point is that OMES is waiting to see what June's collections are going to be, and OMES won't know this until the second week of July. She stated that if those collections are way down, then that may cut into that \$100 million; if they are up, then it could add to it. At this point, nothing is set. From her understanding, it will be returned proportionately to the agencies that it was taken from.

## **PRESENTATION**

Deputy Commissioner Carrie Slatton-Hodges introduced Katie Harrison, MHR, Project Director, Oklahoma Now is the Time (ONIT) and NAVIGATE Initiatives and Shannon Lee, MHR, Manager: Infant and Early Childhood Services.

Ms. Harrison stated that the Oklahoma Now is the Time (ONIT) Initiative is a five-year grant that was awarded to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in October 2014. This grant targets Young Adults in Transition, which the ONIT grant defines as anyone between the ages of 16 and 25. Due to the age group, this grant also focuses on providing services to those who are experiencing their first episode of psychosis through a specific evidence based program called NAVIGATE.

Oklahoma has relatively high numbers of young adults in transition who meet criteria for serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness. But despite these high numbers, it is estimated that only one-third of them receive services. Without services to address their mental health needs, the risk for negative outcomes across the young adult's lifespan is quite high.

Ms. Lee stated that all of the sites have peer support recovery specialists. They have discovered that when the individuals find out that the peer support specialists have been in their shoes, it tends to make more of an impact.

Major Pulido asked why 30-year-olds are considered part of this group and at what point is the individual considered an adult. Ms. Lee stated that the age of 30 is based off the Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) initiative through the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH). She explained that when you look at psychosis, typically from the time that symptoms develop, to the time they actually receive treatment, is 10 years. She explained that a lot of the first breaks happen in college but can happen a little later. She stated that the earlier they can start helping an individual, the better the success rates tend to be. She explained that for ONIT they recently changed the age group to 26 and believes the change was made due to the brain development.

Dr. McCaffree asked what happens with this program when the funds run out. Ms. Lee stated that one thing is that this initiative is built under the Systems of Care (SOC) umbrella. Currently, their SOC sites can serve young individuals up to the age of 24. She stated that one of the major issues is that a lot of the young individuals don't have insurance. She explained that part of the initiative is getting community partners involved.

Major Pulido stated that he believes adding a mentorship program to this initiative would do well.

## **PRESENTATION**

Commissioner White introduced Pam Toohey, Coordinator of Child Trauma & Resilience. Ms. Toohey spoke about her passion for her work, the struggles in her life and what she went through to get to where she is now.

## **GAIL HENDERSON'S YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION**

Dr. Bell recognized and thanked Gail Henderson for her years of service as an ODMHSAS Board member. Ms. Henderson is leaving the Board, due to moving out of state.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

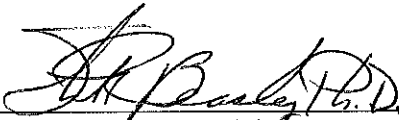
Dr. McCaffree moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Bell seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

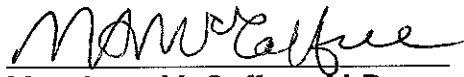
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Dr. Bell Yes  
Mr. Bush Yes  
Mr. Carson Yes  
Ms. Henderson Yes

Dr. McCaffree Yes  
Dr. Pierce Yes  
Major Pulido Yes  
Dr. Sullivan Yes  
Dr. Vanderslice Yes

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Stewart Beasley, Ph.D.



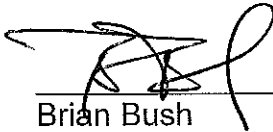
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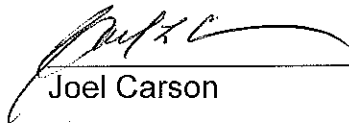


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