

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

**November 13, 2020**

**Department of Mental Health  
and Substance Abuse Services**

**Oklahoma City Oklahoma**

**MINUTES**

Board members present via zoom: Courtney Knoblock, MPA, Chair  
Hossein Moini  
Rebecca Newman-German  
Shannon O'Doherty  
Jeanne Russell, Ed.D.  
Kristin Stacy, J.D.  
Kari Stomprud, M.Ed.  
Carisa Wilsie, Ph.D.

Others present in person:

Tricia Everest, J.D., ODMHSAS, Board Member

Carrie Slatton-Hodges, ODMHSAS

Durand Crosby, ODMHSAS

Angie Patterson, ODMHSAS

Shawn McCarty, ODMHSAS

Kelli Reid, ODMHSAS

Carol Ladd, ODMHSAS

Dustin Robins, ODMHSAS

Jeff Dismukes, ODMHSAS

Heath Hayes, ODMHSAS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Knoblock called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25 2020, BOARD MEETING**

Ms. O'Doherty moved to approve the September 25, 2020, minutes. Mr. Moini seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

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

Kelli Reid, Director of Provider Compliance and Assistance, presented the programs recommended for approval listed on Attachment A as follows:

**Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs**

**A. Permit for Temporary Operation**

Permit for temporary operation was recommended for: A Positive Direction, Inc., Tulsa; and Southern Oklahoma Treatment Services, Inc. dba OK Behavioral Health Services, Ada, Ardmore, Atoka, Durant, Madill, Norman, Tishomingo.

Ms. O'Doherty moved to approve permit for temporary operation for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Newman-German seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**B. Certification with Special Distinction**

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: COPE, Inc., Oklahoma City; and Zen Gee Counseling, L.L.C., Antlers.

Mr. Moini moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced programs. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**C. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: A+ Counseling, Inc., Heavener; and Community Adolescent Rehabilitation Effort (CARE) for Change, Inc., Oklahoma City.

Ms. Newman-German moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Wilsie seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**D. One-Year-Certification**

One-year certification was recommended for: H. Chandler & Associates, L.L.C., Shawnee.

Dr. Wilsie moved to approve one-year certification for the above-referenced program. Ms. Stacy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Programs**

**A. Permit for Temporary Operation**

Permit for temporary operation was recommended for: Fundamentals Counseling Services, L.L.C., Westville; Healing Hearts Counseling Services, P.L.L.C., Ardmore; Healing Minds Counseling, L.L.C., Oklahoma City; and Recovery Achievements, L.L.C., Oklahoma City.

Ms. O'Doherty moved to approve permit for temporary operation for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Stomprud seconded the motion.

Ms. Knoblock requested Ms. Reid explain what permit for temporary operation constitutes and if that is for one year and is it always a new organization or a new program within an existing organization.

Ms. Reid stated that permit for temporary operation is a permit for a new agency or new program and is good for six months, and then after six months the operational standards are reviewed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**B. Certification with Special Distinction**

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: CREEKS Mental Health Services, Inc., McAlester, Pawnee, Stillwater; LeQuita J. Joyce, Inc. dba Roland Family Counseling Center, Roland; Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services, Altus; Therapeutic Life Choices, Tohi Usti Gunvvnv Edasdi, L.L.C., Tulsa; and Venerate Behavioral Health Services, L.L.C., Edmond.

Ms. Newman-German moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Wilsie seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

Ms. Knoblock recognized CREOKS Mental Health Services, Inc., and Red Rock Behavioral Health Services for being 100% compliant on all standards and they are eligible to receive a refund of their certification fee.

**C. Two-Year Certification**

Two-year certification was recommended for: A+ Counseling, Inc., Heavener; Carla Worley, MS, LPC, P.L.L.C. dba A Healing Path, Stilwell; Central Focus, L.L.C., Wilburton; Excel Mental Health Services, L.L.C., Pauls Valley; Peoples Family Counseling, L.L.C., Oologah; Powers & Powers, Inc. dba PPS Healing Hearts of SW Oklahoma, Lawton; and ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc., Vinita, Pryor, Grove, Miami.

Dr. Wilsie moved to approve two-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**D. One-Year-Certification**

One-year certification was recommended for: Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption Services, L.L.C., Oklahoma City.

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve one-year certification for the above-referenced program. Ms. Newman-German seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**Programs of Assertive Community Treatment**

**A. Certification with Special Distinction**

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center, Norman.

Ms. O'Doherty moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced program. Ms. Stacy seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

Ms. Reid noted that the agencies that receive certification with special distinction not only receive the three-year certification but if they receive 100% compliance on meeting all of our standards, they also attain national accreditation.

Ms. Knoblock acknowledged and thanked Mr. Moini, Dr. Wilsie, Dr. Russell and Ms. Stomprud, Provider Certification Subcommittee members, for all of their work reviewing the Provider Certification information.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges presented her report as follows:

Verna Foust, Executive Director, Red Rock Behavior Health; and Jeanette Moore, Chief Executive Officer, Hope Community Services, Inc. – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that as a normal routine of business she meets with directors from our various agencies. Her meeting with Ms. Verna Foust and Ms. Jeanette Moore consisted of discussions regarding current programming, future programming and any challenges or successes that they are currently experiencing.

Community Mental Health Centers Directors' (CMHC) Meeting and Substance Abuse Contracted Provider (SACP) Directors' Meeting – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she met with the CMHC directors and the substance abuse contracted provider directors and had very productive meetings where discussions surrounded challenges, successes, vision and technical issues.

Tulsa Front Door Operational Problem-Solving Meeting – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she continues to meet around the Tulsa Front Door problem-solving issues. She is diligently working with the Tulsa entities to have one front door in Tulsa where law enforcement and/or families can go when they have a person in psychiatric crisis whereby they will be assessed and then appropriate placement or stabilization will take place. She indicated that the Department is still awaiting the IMD waiver, which would allow more

space and room at the Family and Children's Crisis Care Center in Tulsa before being fully developed.

Randa K. Reeves, Reggie Whitten and Michael Burrage, Attorneys at Law, Whitten Burrage; Nathan Hall, Trey Duck and Lisa Baldwin, Attorneys at Law, Nix Law; and Durand Crosby, J.D., Ph.D., Chief of Staff and Operations, ODMHSAS – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she and Dr. Durand Crosby met with members from Whitten-Burrage Law Firm as well as Nick's Law to discuss any assistance that they will need from the Department as they move forward with a lawsuit against the distributor organizations of opiates in Oklahoma.

Richie Splitt, CEO, Norman Regional Hospital; Melissa McLawhorn Houston, Founder & CEO, 929 Strategies; Kevin Corbett, Executive Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Secretary of Health and Mental Health; and Durand Crosby, J.D., Ph.D., Chief of Staff and Operations, ODMHSAS – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she and Dr. Durand Crosby met with Richie Splitt, CEO, Norman Regional Hospital. She stated that the Norman Regional Hospital has a campus in the heart of Norman that will be repurposed and they are interested in the Department partnering with them on that project.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that Dr. Durand Crosby has been working on a plan for a new psychiatric hospital in Norman, and she is not sure whether or not the Norman Regional location will become a part of that plan. She indicated that the Department has state land by the Veteran's Hospital that could be considered. The Department is moving forward this year with looking at all its options, obtaining design plans, obtaining costs in order to continue to have dialog with the Legislature and with our Board around a new hospital in Norman.

Amy Santee, Project Officer, George Kaiser Family Foundation – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she met with Ms. Amy Santee and their discussion involved private/public partnerships around treatment and programming for pregnant and postpartum women with addiction disorders.

Mitchell Talks – (Interview with Scott Mitchell); Ari Ree, Channel 5– (Interview); and Hunter McEachern, KFOR – (Interview) – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she did interviews on Mitchell Talks, with Channel 5 and with KFOR.

Oklahoma Primary Healthcare Improvement Cooperative (OPHIC) – “Connecting Oklahomans to Mental Health Services” – (Speaker) – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she presented for the Oklahoma Primary Healthcare Improvement Cooperative discussing what our overall state system looks like with the goal of ensuring they understood how they can refer individuals to services and smoothly link primary care and behavioral healthcare.

Oklahoma Psychiatric Association Conference – (Moderator) – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she was a moderator for a panel for the Oklahoma Psychiatric

Association Conference. She noted that the conference included members from the community mental health centers and psychologists discussing ways for additional and continuing coordination and the benefits from working together.

CARES Program Project Quality Assessment Meeting; CARES FORWARD Project Sponsors Meetings; and Legislative CARES Act Advisory Meeting – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she attended various meetings regarding the CARES Program. She discussed some of the successful CARES Funds projects the Department has been involved in.

Health Cabinet Leadership Meeting – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she met with the Health Cabinet, which meets regularly and consists of the Healthcare Authority, ODMHSAS and the Health Department.

John Budd, Chief Operating Officer, State of Oklahoma; Kevin Corbett, Executive Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Secretary of Health and Mental Health; and Lance Frye, M.D., Commissioner, Oklahoma State Department of Health – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that the Health Cabinet met with John Budd as they reviewed the Governor's goals and also how those goals align with each agencies' goals.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges indicated that the two main Governor's goals that tie with our agencies are a reduction in the state rates of suicidality and a reduction in substance abuse across our state. The Cabinet will continue to work on meeting those goals.

ODMHSAS/Oklahoma State Department of Education Joint Leadership Meeting; ODMHSAS/Oklahoma Department of Human Services Joint Leadership Meeting and ODMHSAS/Oklahoma Health Care Authority Joint Leadership Meeting – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she continues to meet regularly with sister agencies around joint initiatives and how the agencies can best work together.

Representative Carol Bush and Heath Holt Hayes, Senior Director, Communications and Strategic Engagement; Interim Study Hosted by Representative Tammy West – Restorative Justice – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges mentioned that she met with various legislators the past few months over various items.

Senator Greg Treat – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she met with Senator Greg Treat. She indicated that she was in Senator Treat's district for the last 14 years but has since moved. Their discussion involved her now being in Senator Rosino's district and that Senator Rosino would move forward with carrying her Senate confirmation for her position as Commissioner.

Maressa Treat, State Outreach Director, Office of U.S. Senator James Lankford and Heath Holt Hayes, Senior Director, Communications and Strategic Engagement, ODMHSAS – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she and Mr. Heath Hayes met with Maressa Treat, Outreach Director for Senator Lankford's office, to talk about issues at the federal level that affect the Department in terms of mental health and addiction and

issues at the state level that they can help us with federally. One of the items discussed was the IMD waiver that is pending with CMS and the cost to the state each day that CMS reviews it as opposed to moving forward with it. Senator Lankford's office graciously agreed to assist the Department with that.

ODMHSAS Public Service Recognition – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges mentioned that the ODMHSAS had its public service recognition celebration. She stated that one week each year is set aside to recognize public servants and the Department normally does that in person. She stated that this year we were not able to hold that celebration in person this year but wanted to make sure everyone felt valued. Nice recognition messages were sent out during the week and a video get-together was hosted where Leadership celebrated accomplishments and gave out annual service awards.

ODMHSAS Town Hall Meeting – (Speaker) – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that Leadership has been conducting regular Town Hall meetings with ODMHSAS staff from around the state to update them on any changes, any movement forward and ongoing initiatives. She stated that any questions staff have are solicited in advance and those questions are answered during the Town Hall meetings.

Brian Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, NASMHPD; Ron Sims, Executive Director OCCIC and Sr. Director of Crisis and Residential Services – Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that she and Ron Sims met with Dr. Brian Hepburn, Director, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (also known as NASMHPD). They discussed the future of our crisis system in Oklahoma and setting up connectivity to get national expertise around that.

Chair Knoblock requested Commissioner Slatton-Hodges update on the development of the comprehensive strategic plan.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that our strategic planning ties in with the Governor's strategic plan. The strategic plan is almost complete and she mentioned that it will be shared at our next meeting.

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

Ms. Everest stated that the Corporate Accountability Subcommittee met November 6, 2020. Ms. Everest stated that Dr. Durand Crosby presented the Internal Audit report, and the Subcommittee did not have any questions. The report has been included in the Board book and Dr. Durand Crosby is available to answer any questions.

Ms. Everest stated that this item does not require any further action.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S REPORT**

Ms. Everest continued the report from the Corporate Accountability Subcommittee as follows:



Ms. Everest stated that the Subcommittee met with Mr. Joey Mickey regarding the Advocate General's report, which is also included in the Board book. Mr. Mickey is available to answer any questions.

Ms. Everest made a motion to approve the Advocate General's report. Ms. Newman-German seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

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

Ms. Everest continued the report from the Corporate Accountability Subcommittee as follows:

Ms. Everest stated that the Subcommittee met with Mr. Dewayne Moore to review the Inspector General's report. Ms. Everest noted that with all the happenings in the world most everyone has been having some type of anxiety and stress. Mr. Moore's report indicated that as well, but she recognized that there was not anything that was shared that affected the care of our consumers.

Ms. Everest indicated that Mr. Moore was available to answer any questions regarding the Inspector General's report.

Ms. Everest made a motion to approve the Inspector General's report. Ms. Stomprud seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

Ms. Everest continued the report from the Corporate Accountability Subcommittee as follows:

Ms. Everest stated that the Subcommittee reviewed the Legal report provided by Dr. Durand Crosby. The Legal report does not require Board action.

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Newman-German provided the Performance Improvement (PI) Committee report as follows:

Ms. Newman-German stated that the PI Subcommittee met November 5, 2020, via Zoom.

David Wright, Ph.D., Director of Decision Support Services (DSS), discussed the impact of treatment on unemployment, homelessness and criminal justice involvement. Dr. Wright indicated that the goal of the analysis was to develop an interactive dashboard to determine the impact of treatment on consumers, specifically related to four outcomes. These outcomes include reduction in homelessness, unemployment, 30 day arrests and 12-month arrests.

The interactive dashboard that analyzes and displays the data provides statewide and county specific results. It can be used to provide information for different time periods, types of treatment groups, levels of care and types of discharges. Dr. Wright presented the data analysis divided out by mental health, substance abuse and drug court services among those individuals that were discharging from treatment over one-year and five-year timespans.

When looking at all individuals discharging over the last 12 months, there was an almost 10 percent decrease in unemployment, a 15 percent reduction in homelessness, nearly a 30 percent reduction in arrests within the last 30 days and over a 20 percent reduction in 12-month arrests. Similar results were found for individuals discharging during the last five years as well.

One final aspect of the analysis involved looking at the return on investment or basically how much the taxpayers save with providing treatment services. The cost savings/avoidance to taxpayers related to homelessness was close to \$84 million over a five-year period. Dr. Wright and his team will expand the analysis to include savings also related to unemployment and criminal justice involvement.

Ms. Newman-German indicated that the presentation was very apparent that treatment works, it saves lives and money and that it was a great presentation.

Ms. Newman-German stated that Dr. Durand Crosby reviewed the CIR summaries and the circumstances surrounding those incidences.

There was no further business discussed.

There is no further action required from the Board.

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

Dr. Durand Crosby stated that the Critical Incident report was presented at the Performance Improvement Subcommittee meeting. Dr. Crosby stated that he did not have anything further to add to his report but explained the categories included in the report which consists of three parts: 1) There are five critical categories that the Department oversees at our state-operated facilities which are broken down by category for the Board to review. 2) The numbers are a comparison of our numbers with national trends to show how we compare ourselves to other agencies. 3) The third part is an explanation drilling down deeper on each of those incidents that have occurred that Leadership has questions about.

Ms. Everest moved to approve the Critical Incident Report. Ms. Newman-German seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

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

Ms. Everest provided the Finance Committee report as follows:

Ms. Everest stated that the Finance Committee met November 6, 2020. Mr. Edwards presented the FY-21 finance report ending October 2020.

Ms. Everest stated that the budget to actual comparison was presented as follows:

FY-21 revenue collections are trending below projections by 0.9 percent, which equates to \$4.4 million. Expenditures are trending under budget by 7 percent, which equates to approximately \$35 million. The year-to-date net variance for the agency is a positive 8 percent, which equates to approximately \$39 million.

Ms. Everest stated that Mr. Edwards and/or Commissioner Slatton-Hodges are available to answer any questions.

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

Ms. Everest moved to approved the October FY-21 Financial Report. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUDGET REVISIONS**

Ms. Everest continued the report as follows:

Ms. Everest stated that the Committee reviewed the FY-21 Budget Revisions. She indicated that this is something that commonly comes up and that the Committee addresses those revisions at the Finance Committee meetings. She stated that there were four revisions for the FY-21 budget work program.

Ms. Everest stated that the revision added additional budget funds to recognize the revenues that came in from new federal grants, or as the Commissioner mentioned earlier in her report, from the CARES Act Funds. In total, the revisions added \$17,679,460 to the budget work program. The revisions are listed as Revisions #1, #2, #3 and #4.

Ms. Everest moved to approve Budget Revisions #1, #2, #3 and #4. Ms. Stacy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**DISCUSSION OF FY-22 BUDGET REQUEST**

Ms. Everest continued the report as follows:

Ms. Everest stated that the FY-22 Budget Request was presented to the Committee by Commissioner Slatton-Hodges.

Ms. Everest turned the floor over to Commissioner Slatton-Hodges to review the FY-22 Budget Request with the Board members.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges pointed out that one unusual thing about the budget request submitted this year looking forward to July 1<sup>st</sup> is that the State will have an expansion of Medicaid, which will add approximately \$30 million that the Department will have above its budgeted amount.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges presented the FY-22 Budget Request as follows:

#### Maintenance of Existing Programs:

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that the maintenance items consist of items we normally have to fund. She noted that those items are a moving document in that we don't know for sure how those will pan out. She stated that the CCBHC FMAP decrease, if it is not reauthorized by the federal government, is a wait and see as to whether it will be an enhanced match or not; that may or may not be a cost to us. When the Medicaid expansion dollars are netted out, we have a request of 5.1 percent decrease this coming year over our previous year.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges pointed out the Department's priority requests from the Legislature as follows:

- Reinvestments in the Wellness of Oklahomans:
  - Statewide Evidence-Based Mobile Crisis Service:
    - Statewide mobile crisis teams to respond and diffuse crisis in communities statewide
    - One statewide call line for all psychiatric crisis to diffuse crises and dispatch mobile crisis teams, set next day appointments and follow up calls:  
Commissioner Slatton-Hodges explained that due to not being fully functional statewide in this area, the Department would like to see a one-number call center. This number would be used to disperse mobile crisis teams anywhere in the state to help deescalate situations that aren't able to be handled via telephone. Individuals would also be able to use the number to make next-day appointments.
    - Hire private company to do secondary transports over 30 miles:  
Commissioner Slatton-Hodges explained that this request would allow for non-law enforcement transportation; third-party transportation companies would be able to transport, which would alleviate the need for a person to be handcuffed and placed in the back of a police car to get their treatment.
    - Seven additional crisis units or urgent care centers:  
Commissioner Slatton-Hodges explained that this request would develop additional crisis units and urgent care centers across the state.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that this request is the largest reinvestment, for a total of approximately \$28 million.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that there are some dollars requested for:

- Saving Lives and Families through Suicide Prevention
- Statewide Implementation of Misdemeanor Diversion Programs
- Statewide Methamphetamine Treatment Program

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that there is an additional investment in methamphetamine treatment programs. The Department is not asking for dollars for that request; the Department will do that and the expansion will help with that.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that the next two items listed below have been scratched off the list because the Department is going to fund those this year from savings from the IMD waiver. She stated that those funds will be reinvested in other ways.

- Reinstatement of rates for children's psychiatric rehabilitative treatment facilities
- Development of specialty psychiatric treatment facilities for children with with co-occurring psychiatric disorders, developmental disabilities and exhibiting aggressive behaviors
- Planning and Development Costs for new Psychiatric Hospital in Norman:  
Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that the Department will reinvest by developing enhanced psychiatric residential care programs around the state for persons with both developmental disorders and psychiatric disorders. She stated that we are currently sending people outside of our state for that care or they are getting backed up in emergency rooms and we want to develop that expertise starting in January when the waiver is approved.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that, in addition, there is an increase for our regular psychiatric residential treatment programs. She explained that several years ago when we had severe budget declines, those programs were reduced by 15 percent, and after that occurred, those programs became ineligible to receive CHOP payments. She stated that those programs ended up with not only a rate reduction but the loss of CHOP which has hurt their ability to continue to provide care in our state. She stated that the Department is working to restore the rate that they had prior to the budget cuts, and those two numbers will be taken off the list because we will be able to make those two reinvestments this year with the IMD approval.

Chair Knoblock asked if those IMD savings focused on children and adult populations or only children.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that those two items specifically are for children, due to those being our greatest gap at this point in time. She stated that when the Department had a decrease in rates overall, we have been able to restore the adult rates back to where they were prior but not these particular children's rates. This will be our final completion of restoration.

Ms. Everest moved to approve the FY-22 Budget Request. Mr. Moini seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ODMHSAS BOARD MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

Suggested meeting dates (4<sup>th</sup> Friday):

January 22, 2021

March 26, 2021

May 28, 2021

June 25, 2021

September 24, 2021

November 19, 2021 (3rd Friday, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges indicated that a statement from the Attorney General stated that the special COVID exception that was given by the Legislature to meet via technology will be expiring, and the Legislature does not go back into session until February. She pointed out that it is highly likely that the January meeting will not have the exception to meet via technology and will have to be a face-to-face meeting. She stated that Leadership will keep the Board updated on that situation.

Ms. Everest stated that her understanding is that the majority of the members of the Board have to be present.

Dr. Crosby stated that all members would have to be present, as we currently do not have an exception. He noted that this year part of our legislative priorities will be to seek such an exemption.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that this legislative session the Department will seek not only to be able to continue zoom meetings due to COVID but to put in statute that we will be able to continue meeting via technology as an option going forward.

Chair Knoblock indicated that the Board would be awaiting word on whether the January meeting would be conducted in person or via Zoom.

Dr. Russell moved to approve the 2021 Board Meeting dates. Dr. Wilsie seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

**PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges introduced Heath Hayes, Director of Strategic Communications. She announced that Mr. Hayes will be talking about updates and changes to our website

Mr. Hayes presentation included the following highlights:

Mr. Heath Hayes introduced the digital tools the ODMHSAS developed in an effort to better engage Oklahomans with the concept of self-care and how these activities can better support one's mental health. Mr. Hayes presented the selfcareis.healthcare landing site and explained the short animated video series was designed to drive people to the ODMHSAS website to explore more information, better understand what services exists and how to connect with treatment providers. Mr. Hayes played video 6 "Unpacking Oklahoma's Treatment System" which provided an overview of the levels of care including outpatient, crisis, residential and inpatient services. The final point made on the video was to introduce the viewer to the ODMHSAS Service Directory.

Mr. Hayes introduced the Service Directory to the ODMHSAS Board members by searching the keyword "depression" in the search tool. The query delivered 136 programs/services within a 20-mile radius from which to explore. Mr. Hayes highlighted the interactive tools, symptom checker and other resources available digitally based on the search term entered. Mr. Hayes clicked on the subcategory adolescent/youth counseling and highlighted an organization illustrating how the Service Directory can be used to better understand how to connect with the treatment organization, understand what services they provide and digitally share the information with friends or family members.

Lastly, Mr. Hayes introduced the legislative tracking function of the new ODMHSAS website, allowing the public an ability to see what legislation impacts mental health and addiction treatment in Oklahoma, where it's at in the legislative process, and how to connect with legislators to voice their opinions about the bills filed.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges provided the following answers to questions/comments in the chat:

Mr. Hossein Moini asked, if we borrowed this from another State.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that we did not borrow this from another state. She stated that the Network of Care is a national organization that specializes in this type of work and we are working with them to build our state website. She stated that they have lots of national resources that they are able to push into our website, and they have done this work extensively and know what they are doing.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that that was a snapshot of some of the things taking place with the website but that there are many more exciting things to come. An example she provided was the ability for the general public to make their own login and upload their medical records into their own portal on this Network of Care site. If a person ends up in crises or they go to a different outpatient provider, they can log in and access their records to give to their next provider.



Joy Sloan, Director, Green Country Behavioral Health commented that, from a provider perspective, this is so incredibly helpful, because providers can use these tools as well and link people to these pages to find out more information.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that when phase three has finished the testing process and becomes our front facing, then we will start a media campaign and pushing this out all around the state for people to be able to link to, connect to and enjoy all of the usefulness that this will offer.

**PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges introduced Timothy Smith. She stated that timothy is 29, lives in Oklahoma City and is in long-term recovery from a mental health diagnosis, trauma and other substances. For Them, that means not having to rely on alcohol and other substances to cope. Timothy's recovery journey started nearly five years ago and because of that recovery They were able to achieve many things but most importantly getting certified as a Peer Recovery Support Specialist. Timothy started in the field as a youth coordinator and now is the program manager for a local non-profit recovery community organization.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges pointed out a connection between last month's speaker Ms. Melody Mills who told her story of recovery and Timothy Smith who is the child of Ms. Mills.

Timothy Smith joined via zoom and shared the story of addiction and recovery and the life-long journey for Them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no further business discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**


Ms. Everest moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Wilsie seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE


Ms. Everest	Yes	Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Knoblock	Yes	Ms. Stacy	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Ms. Newman-German	Yes	Dr. Wilsie	Yes
Ms. O'Doherty	Yes		

  
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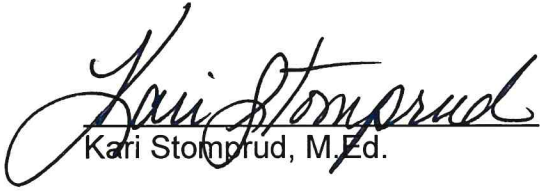
  
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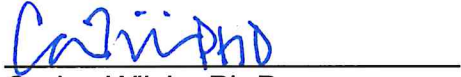
  
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