# BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

June 29, 2023

# Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Oklahoma City Oklahoma

Board members present: Kim Holland, APRN-CNP

Hossein Moini

Shannon O'Doherty, Vice Chair

Gina Pazzaglia, Ph.D. Kari Stomprud, M.Ed.

Craig Henderson, LCSW, MDIV

Others present: Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Commissioner

Kelli Reid, ODMHSAS Joey Mickey, ODMHSAS Eva Sierra, Fountain of Hope

John Gilley, Valley Hope Eva Sierra, Fountain of Hope Chelsey States, PCYS John Riesenberg, Office of the Governor

Lamont Malcolm, Valley Hope Wendy Larsen-Bond, ODMHSAS

Misty Capps, ODMHSAS Whitney Cipolla, Healthy Minds

Tom Delvin Stephanie Young

Amber Valdez, ODMHSAS

Ryan Berry, ODMHSAS

Jan'et McConnell, ODMHSAS

Dr. Durand Crosby, ODMHSAS

Jess Lewallen, ODMHSAS

Carol Ladd, ODMHSAS

#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. O'Doherty called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 25, 2023, BOARD MEETING

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve the May 25, 2023, minutes. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	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: Managed Care Solutions, Inc., Oklahoma City [OP: Adol., Adult]; Port Lawrence Behavioral Health Services, L.L.C., Oklahoma City [OP: Adol., Adult]

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

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# B. Certification with Special Distinction

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: Valley Hope Association dba Cushing Valley Hope, Cushing [Res, Med Supervised Withdrawal: Adult]

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced program. Ms. Holland seconded the motion.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

#### C. Certification with Distinction

Certification with distinction was recommended for: Cornerstone Counseling & Consulting, Inc., Oklahoma City [OP: Adol., Adult]; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, Coweta, Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee, Sapulpa [OP: Adol., Adult]; Payne County Drug Court, Inc., Guthrie, Stillwater [OP: Adult]; Reach for the Light, Inc. dba Enrichment Center, Oklahoma City [OP: Adol., Adult]; Southern Oklahoma Treatment Services, Inc. dba OK Behavioral Health Services, Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo [OP: Adol., Adult]; Southwest Youth and Family Services, Inc., Anadarko, Chickasha [OP: Adol., Adult]

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve certification with distinction for the above-referenced programs. Mr. Moini seconded the motion.

Ms. O'Doherty recognized Cornerstone Counseling & Consulting in Oklahoma City and Southwest Youth & Family Services in Anadarko and Chickasha for being 100% compliant on all standards and eligible to receive a refund.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

#### D. One-Year-Certification

One-year certification was recommended for: Community Strong Counseling, L.L.C., Lawton [OP: Adol., Adult]; Payne County Youth Services, Inc., Stillwater [OP: Adol.]

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve one-year certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Pazzaglia seconded the motion.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# **Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Programs**

# A. Permit for Temporary Operation

Permit for temporary operation was recommended for: Infinity Counseling Services, L.L.C., Tulsa; Managed Care Solutions, Inc., Oklahoma City.

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

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

#### B. Certification with Distinction

Certification with distinction was recommended for: Children's Therapeutic Strategy, P.L.L.C., Bartlesville; CREOKS Mental Health Services, Inc., Bartlesville; Fountain of Hope Family Services, Inc., Oklahoma City; OU Health Physicians Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, Tulsa; Roberts & Co. Inc. dba Roberts Group Counseling, Edmond; Unity Point Counseling and Resource Center, Inc., Ada.

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve certification with distinction for the abovereferenced programs. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Ms. O'Doherty recognized Children's Therapeutic Strategies in Bartlesville for being 100% compliant and eligible to receive a refund.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

#### C. Two-Year Certification

Two-year certification was recommended for: AWS Behavioral Health, L.L.C., Tulsa.

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

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

#### D. One-Year-Certification

One-year certification was recommended for: Community Strong Counseling, L.L.C., Lawton.

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

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# **Community Mental Health Center Programs**

### A. Certification with Special Distinction

Certification with special distinction was recommended for: Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma, Inc., Tulsa and Sand Springs.

Ms. Stomprud moved to approve certification with special distinction for the above-referenced program. Dr. Pazzaglia seconded the motion.

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# **Community Residential Mental Health Programs**

#### A. Certification with Distinction

Certification with distinction was recommended for: Copp's Residential Care, Inc., Claremore; Homestead Residential Care, L.L.C., Vinita.

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

Ms. O'Doherty recognized both Copp's and Homestead for being 100% compliant and eligible to receive a refund.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# B. One-Year-Certification

One-year certification was recommended for: Management Co., Inc., dba Boley Residential Care Home 1, Boley [Enhanced services]

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

# **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# DISCUSSION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER CARRIE SLATTON-HODGES

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges presented her report as follows:

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that last night, she returned from the annual NASADAD conference, which is the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors. She stated she meets with her 50 peers from around the United States. She stated one of the things that NASADAD does is it facilitates not only information sharing but engagement with SAMHSA. She stated in addition, leaders from HRSA, CDC, CMS, and FDA talking about all their latest information, their latest research, the directions they are heading, and their priorities. She stated while she was there, they celebrated the 50th anniversary of NASADAD; the director of NASADAD, Rob Morrison, has been there for 23 years. She stated she has known him for 20 of those years. She stated she was on a panel with the head of behavioral health with the FDA and hearing about emerging trends in medication, including their recent approval of over-the-counter naloxone, how they came to those decisions, and the effects

our Agency can anticipate from that. She stated she was able to take a staff member. Nisha Wilson, with her to network and see and hear all the latest.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated she has a regular meeting with Zack Stoycoff from Healthy Minds Institute in Tulsa, a policy institute that reviews policy around behavioral health in Oklahoma and ways to improve. She stated some of their key initiatives that were successful with the legislature this year was a survey they did of private insurance and private insurance networks; in doing that survey, Healthy Minds found that most persons listed as being a network provider with private insurance were not taking new persons or the phone number and contacts were completely inaccurate. She stated one of the items passed in the legislature this year was a requirement for these lists to be reviewed consistently; if someone had not had claims through that insurance company in the last 6 months, they needed to come off that network so people could see what providers were truly available when considering an insurance company.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated ODMHSAS held the Zero Suicide Summit, which had over 600 attendees. She stated ODMHSAS looked at latest research on suicide, educated around the pathways for prevention of suicide, everything from screening to assessment to trigger flags to what to do if someone does not show, etc. She stated the Agency holds the Zero Suicide Summit yearly and make it available for free to allow as many providers as possible in the state to learn and use evidence-based pathways to work around suicide.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges has also been meeting with John Suter who is the Chief of Operations for Oklahoma. She stated that ODMHSAS, OHCA, and Health Department do not have a cabinet secretary assigned, as the Governor proposed candidate was not confirmed by the legislature; in the absence of an assigned Health Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Suter is stepping in. She stated the Agency is in the process of sending out hundreds of contracts and finishing up encumbrances for the year, so there is a tremendous amount of work on the financial side that is happening right now.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated she has regular meetings with the provider system around the crisis continuum of care, meeting with all CCBHC directors. She meets with substance abuse directors regularly to talk about any barriers to getting treatment, policy changes needing review, and how ODMHSAS can support. She stated one of the biggest issues that continues to come up repeatedly are workforce issues, which are a real challenge nationally and particularly in behavioral health.

Mr. Moini asked if there is any particular position that ODMHSAS is short in overall.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges answered yes, there are positions. She stated

during COVID, the biggest challenge was nursing. She stated the Agency has done three nursing pay increases in the last 1-1/2 years. She stated one of the biggest challenges is the mental health technician position; there is a lot of competition for entry-level positions.

# DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Henderson gave the report for Corporate Accountability.

The Corporate Accountability Subcommittee met via Zoom on Wednesday, June 21.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Misty Capps presented the Internal Audit report. She updated the committee on the status of ongoing audits being conducted by the division. The report is in your board book.

There were a few questions regarding the Internal Audit report that Ms. Capps addressed. Ms. Capps is present and available to answer any questions regarding her report.

The Corporate Accountability Subcommittee recommends that the board accept the Internal Auditor's report.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to accept the Internal Auditor's report. Ms. Stomprud seconded the motion.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

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

Dr. Crosby presented the Advocate General's report to the subcommittee and updated the committee on the work being conducted by his division. The report has been included in your board book.

There were no questions regarding the Advocate General's report.

Mr. Joey Mickey is present and available to answer any questions regarding the report.

The Corporate Accountability Subcommittee recommends that the board accept the Advocate General's report.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to accept the Advocate General's report. Ms. Holland seconded the motion.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

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

Dr. Crosby presented the Inspector General's report to the subcommittee. The Inspector General's report was reviewed by the subcommittee.

There were a few questions regarding the Inspector General's report that Dr. Crosby addressed.

Inspector General Dewayne Moore is present and available to answer any questions regarding his report.

The Corporate Accountability Subcommittee recommends that the board accept the Inspector General's report.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to accept the Inspector General's report. Mr. Moini seconded the motion.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LEGAL REPORT

Dr. Crosby presented the Legal report. It is in your board book.

There were a few questions regarding the Legal report that Dr. Crosby addressed.

Dr. Crosby is present and available to answer any questions regarding his report.

The Corporate Accountability Subcommittee recommends that the board accept the Legal report.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to accept the Legal report. Mr. Moini seconded the motion.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Moini provided the Performance Improvement (PI) Committee report as follows:

The Performance Improvement Committee met on June 22, 2023, via Zoom. There was one presentation for the June meeting. Nisha Wilson, Chief Clinical Strategy Officer, presented on CIT hubs. A summary of that presentation is as follows:

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health supports the state's law enforcement officers in many different capacities including trainings, supporting a statewide iPad telehealth network providing clinical consultations and offering peer support networks. One type of training supported by the department is Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

Oklahoma's CIT program has been led by the agency since its inception in 2002. The worldwide evidence-based training model takes a community-based approach to partner local law enforcements with mental health professionals, local service providers, advocates, and families. A network of law enforcement agencies has long been supporters of the state CIT initiatives and co-train alongside department staff for each of the classes. The 40-hour, 5-day course is designed to decrease officer stigma related to behavioral health conditions, educate officers on identifying crisis, provide de-escalation strategies, educate about local services, and provide role-playing scenarios to offer live feedback on using new de-escalation practices.

While there is no requirement for Oklahoma law enforcement officers to become CIT trained, the department has the goal of having classes available to train 100% of the CLEET commissioned officers in the State of Oklahoma, well above the national standard of 20%.

Through multiple strategies over the last few years, the agency has more than doubled the number of classes provided (26 this year), and more than tripled the number of officers trained (over 550 this year). However, to meet the goal of 100% capacity opportunity, the department needs to reach over 1000 annual training slots. This project sought to further expand CIT in a sustainable way while also continuing to build strong relationships between local providers and their local officers. By creating the concept of the CIT hubs, the department worked with community providers to become CIT trainers. Each hub must closely follow the CIT fidelity standards and agree to training plans that are

overseen by Department CIT experts.

The hub model allows local providers and law enforcement to hold their own CIT trainings instead of relying on the department to schedule this for them. This creates much more local flexibility and responsiveness to training needs, increases the capacity to train officers throughout the state without additional department resources, and enhances the relationships between community providers and local law enforcement. To date, there have been 3 hubs launched with 3 additional in development. At the rate of current growth, it is anticipated that the state will have the capacity to train 100% of officers in CIT within 2 years.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORT

Dr. Crosby reviewed the Critical Incident Report summaries and circumstances surrounding the incidents. The Performance Improvement Subcommittee recommends that the board accept the Critical Incidents Report.

Mr. Moini moved to approve the Critical Incidents Report. Ms. Holland seconded the motion.

Dr. Gina asked if there was a change in the number of critical incidents reported that follows the increased CIT trainings for law enforcement.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges clarified that the Critical Incidents Report includes incidents between staff and consumers. She stated there has been a lot of research done on CIT training. She stated looking at statistics in Oklahoma, there is a dramatic reduction in violent incidents that occur when a CIT officer responds to a mental health emergency both for the individual in crisis and the officer. She stated research shows and ODMHSAS data shows there is a great reduction in incidents of violence and harm done on both sides.

Dr. Gina asked why the CIT training isn't mandatory for all officers.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that mandatory trainings are not necessarily something that people want to endorse, though she believes it will happen one day. She stated right now, officers go through the CLEET academy and ODMHSAS participates in the CLEET academy in doing the mental health component; because CIT in particular is a 40-hour training, it would add another week to the CLEET academy for officers.

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes	
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes	
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes	

# DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Henderson stated that the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, via Zoom.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Rich Edwards presented the FY-2023 finance report for the month ending May 2023. He presented the budget to actual comparison report as follows:

For FY-2023, revenue collections are trending below projections by 4.8% or \$29.2 million, some underspending in federal grants led to lower than projected revenue. Expenditures are trending under budget by 5% or \$32 million due to contracts being set up for the newly awarded grants. The year-to-date net variance of the agency is a positive 0.5% or \$3 million.

Mr. Edwards is here to answer any questions.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the FY-2023 May Financial Report.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the Financial Report. Dr. Pazzaglia seconded the motion.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUDGET REVISIONS

Mr. Edwards presented revisions #11, 12, and 13 to the FY-2023 budget work program. Revision #11 added an additional \$3,785,400 to the budget for some Long-Range Capital Planning Commission Projects, Medicaid Administrative Claiming Revenue, and additional grant awards. Revision 12 and 13 added \$72,963 to the budget for newly awarded federal grants awards. Again, Mr. Edwards is here for any questions regarding Budget Revisions.

The Financial Committee recommends approval of revisions #11, 12, and 13 to the FY-2023 budget work program.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve budget revisions #11, 12, and 13. Ms. Stomprud seconded the motion.

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FY-2024 BUDGET WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Edwards presented the proposed FY-2024 Budget Work Program to the Finance Committee for approval. The total budget for FY-2024 is \$572 million. This represents a budget decrease of \$36.9 million or 6% from the FY-2023 budget. This decrease is the net reduction resulting from a decrease in federal funds of \$55 million and an increase in appropriated funds of \$18.9 million. The decreased federal funds are due to the expiration of short-term ARPA block grant funds and the natural grant cycle that happens every year. Mr. Edwards is present for any questions.

Mr. Moini asked if grant money had to be returned if it is unused.

Mr. Edwards answered no. He stated there are several different additional block grant awards that ODMHSAS received which are standard mental health block grants and substance abuse block grants. He stated ODMHSAS received the HRSA act, an additional award for the mental health block grant and substance abuse block grant. He stated ODMHSAS has expended all of those funds, so they are not in the budget next year. He stated ODMHSAS still has some ARPA funds and block grants, and those will still be in the budget for next year. He stated the HRSA funds were all expended during FY-2023. He stated the end of the federal fiscal year is coming up at the end of September, and ODMHSAS will get new federal awards starting in October. When those new awards are received, ODMHSAS will add those awards to the budget with another budget revision.

Ms. O'Doherty asked if certain grants expire grants, will those same grants be available in October?

Mr. Edwards stated when referring to the natural grant cycle, yes; those are categorical grants that ODMHSAS applies for every year and is very successful in applying and receiving. He stated that many years, the Agency has received 100% of the grants applied for. He stated the grants that he mentioned that expired and not in the budget were one-time amounts; the grants were related to COVID.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated ODMHSAS had some additional investment from the state legislature. She wanted to highlighted SQ780 & 781; 780 changed possession of an illegal substance to a misdemeanor as opposed to a felony. She stated 781 required that the cost savings from fewer people being held in prison would go into a fund that would then be distributed to counties. She stated the legislature asked the ODMHSAS to do an RFP that counties could apply for, or they could come together and do a multi-county consortium to apply. She stated the Agency will be issuing an RFP in July. She stated the legislature added under 30 miles to the mental health transports

and passed a fiscal note for additional funds. She stated the funds would be added starting November first. She stated in addition, the legislature had awarded funds to match the private donations for the Cohen Veterans Network and have a veterans-centered treatment program in Lawton, Oklahoma; this year, the legislature did the same to expand with the Cohen Veterans Network in Oklahoma City. She stated the open house for the Oklahoma City site would be late this summer. She stated the Cohen Veterans Network also serve spouses and children of veterans, at no cost to the family.

Dr. Wilsie asked if the RFPs only specified for substance abuse, mental health, or both.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges answered both.

Mr. Moini asked if the transport is less than 30 miles, will the Agency make use of the same contractors or go back through the RFP process?

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated ODMHSAS likely do an RFP again to see if there are any more groups interested in getting into mental health transportation.

Dr. Gina stated she investigated doing transportation, but she felt there was no way to get in.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated ODMHSAS did an RFP originally and the awards are based on that RFP; if one was looking to get involved in transport after the RFP is done, then that is too late. She stated ODMHSAS has 4 partners that the Agency works with statewide; one gentleman is an active law enforcement officer of close to 20 years and he has a business as well. She stated he has always had a passion for working with persons with mental illness. She stated there are two CMHCs doing transport within their areas. She stated there is another entity that works with the Tulsa area. She stated there has been over 1.5 million miles in transport in the first year. She stated Oklahoma is the first state in the nation to do anything like this. She stated in addition to keeping law enforcement on the street, it is so much less stigmatizing to be able to get to the health care a person needs in a plain vehicle, not having to be handcuffed, and no flashing lights.

Ms. O'Doherty asked if there were ever any incidents with regards to transport, would it show up in the Board's incident reports or would that be a separate issue?

Dr. Crosby replied that if the incident met the threshold, it would be included in the Critical Incidents Report.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated there has been several incidents; each incident centered around a hospital calling for transport and the person being

transported being too medically frail to be discharged from the hospital. She stated the Agency advised transporters to reach out directly to ODMHSAS for assistance if they believed the person to be transported shouldn't be leaving the hospital.

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the FY-2024 Budget Work Program. Dr. Pazzaglia seconded the motion.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Holland	Yes	Ms. O'Doherty	Yes
Mr. Moini	Yes	Ms. Stomprud	Yes
Dr. Pazzaglia	Yes	Mr. Henderson	Yes

#### **PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges presented on Treatment Court. A summary of her presentation is as follows:

People move through the criminal justice system in predictable ways. The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) seeks to intervene to provide evidence-based interventions at each intercept (zero to five). This model is the nationally accepted standard framework. There are five places in the model where an impact can be made on people, to divert them from the traditional path of the criminal justice system. ODMHSAS seeks to divert those that can be assisted through mental health and addiction treatment.

At intercept 0, people need immediate access to treatment and care as opposed to being taken to jail; ODMHSAS tries to make those opportunities widely available, so that law enforcement will choose those opportunities as opposed to incarceration. The agency works to make these options as easy as possible for law enforcement to access and use.

At intercept 1, people have engaged with law enforcement. CIT training for law enforcement can help prepare an officer for handling someone in crisis. Every law enforcement vehicle across the state has an iPad from ODMHSAS that will connect them to a behavioral health professional who can help guide them through what the best course of action for that person will be.

Intercept 2 has to do with the ways that we can intervene pretrial. One initiative that falls into this category is our offender screening, where any person who is charged with a felony across the state is screened for mental health issues and addiction issues. ODMHSAS creates and provides a report to the court system, the DA, and the public defender to help make recommendations about how this person could be treated for those issues if they are diverted from jail now. This is done pretrial so that when the person has their first hearing, all that information is available, so they can have choices around diversion and medications for

#### treatment.

Intercept 3 is when the individual is now involved with the court system, which is where mental health courts and drug courts come into play.

Intercept 4 is once an individual has been convicted and headed to prison; the Agency works with the Department of Corrections to build up services that are available to persons in the prison system. The Agency has several staff placed in prisons around the state not only to assist in treatment, but also to assist with discharge to ensure that person has a successful discharge if they have mental health or addiction needs.

The fifth and last intercept is re-entry services, where the goal is to reduce recidivism. The Agency has specialized teams in the larger metro areas that are wraparound teams for persons with serious mental illness who are leaving the prison system. These teams help individuals with getting connected to benefits, housing, employment, transport to their treatment and care, ensuring there is no gap in the medication, all to help ensure people have a successful re-entry into the community.

When looking at intercept 3, there are several things that can be done. The Agency contacts courts to offer a screening to evaluate if the person can be worked with on the civil side as opposed to the criminal side. It's preferred that individuals be on the civil side if mental health or addiction issues are the real reason they are involved in the criminal justice system. The Agency also does competency restoration. If an individual is screened and found incompetent to stand trial, then competency restoration is provided for that person either in the jail setting or at the Forensic Center. There is also the option of assisted outpatient treatment where the individual is ordered to engage in care and treatment as opposed to going to the criminal side.

On the civil dockets on treatment courts, there are family treatment courts, infant and toddler courts, juvenile diversion programs, and adult treatment courts. On the treatment courts, people who go into treatment courts are those with high treatment needs and needs high accountability.

These are the team-based approach that includes public defenders, DAs, the treatment providers, and the judge on the phases. It is individualized to the person going through the program. There are sanctions that happen when someone is not attending appointments or are failing drug tests; the individual can be held in jail for a short time and then put back out to continue in the treatment court program.

The role of the ODMHSAS is funding the treatment and the support system to have these specialized courts. The Agency does a tremendous amount of training in technical assistance to the courts, to the judges, to everyone involved

as well as to the provider system that does this treatment. The ODMHSAS does a lot of data analysis around these courts, the outcomes, and the trends. The most researched criminal justice intervention in the nation is the use of treatment courts. There are national best practice standards around these courts; that is what the Agency wants to train providers and train court systems. The Agency then measures the treatment courts to make sure that they are following the national best practice standards.

Ms. O'Doherty asked the Commissioner if she thinks, at some point in the future, if all of Oklahoma would have treatment courts, or if the panhandle might be challenging?

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges answered absolutely. She stated when the Agency first began, there were lots of different specialty courts; each one is very distinct, very separate, different dockets, different funding mechanisms. She stated that over time, the Agency has looked to blend and streamline options and availability.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges continued her presentation.

The use of drug courts was at its peak in 2017. In 2022, that has reduced considerably due to that change in the possession law; that is due to the advent of misdemeanor courts.

The ODMHSAS hosts an annual conference where those practices are taught where judges, DAs, public defenders, and providers all participate. The ODMHSAS continues to expand its work on the veterans' side.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated that diversion from the Criminal Justice System is a big part of what ODMHSAS does and is incredibly important; it is evolving every day. She stated as times change, the Agency changes with them.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges introduced guest presenter, Amber Valdez. Ms. Valdez is currently a peer recovery support specialist, a case manager, and a behavioral health wellness coach for the ODMHSAS. She is a student at Mid-American Christian University where she is studying to obtain her master's degree of Science in Counseling. Amber currently is serving as a peer recovery support specialist trainer for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Ms. Valdez shared her story of addiction and recovery through the Oklahoma Drug Court system.

Ms. O'Doherty thanked Amber for sharing and congratulated her on her recovery and all that she is doing to give back.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Henderson asked for an update on the Tulsa project.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated the Tulsa construction is moving along. as well as the Oklahoma City project. She stated the Agency is finalizing architectural drawings to send off for construction bids and continuing to work on the 80 beds at OFC. She stated the Agency has a lot of construction projects in progress.

Ms. O'Doherty asked about any news on the land interest.

Mr. Crosby stated there is interest, but the Agency is still working on what the agreement will look like. He will keep the Board apprised of any updates.

Ms. O'Doherty stated there will be no July Board meeting; the next Board meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges stated her office would be in touch with the Board regarding some educational opportunities during the break.

There was no further business discussed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Moini moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.

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