



**HELPING EVERY LIFE AND PARENT TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Oct. 18, 2022, 10 A.M.

OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 4S.9  
2300 N. LINCOLN BLVD., OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Juli Merciez, BSN, RN MPC, Co-Founder and President of The Cottage is a pregnancy center and residential maternity home. Chair; *Governor J. Kevin Stitt appointment*  
Dr. Michelle Brunnabend, D.O., licensed OBGYN, owner, and physician at Aspen Women’s Center. *Governor J. Kevin Stitt appointment*  
Lori Carter, First Assistant Attorney General, *designee for Attorney General John O’Connor*  
Crystal Coon, *designee for Senate Pro Tempore Greg Treat*  
Samantha Galloway, interim Director. *Secretary of Human Services Justin Brown designee*  
David Lewis, CEO of Go Life Mobile Medical Inc. *Governor J. Kevin Stitt appointment*  
Dierdre McCool, Executive Vice-President at Butterfield Memorial Foundation. *Governor J. Kevin Stitt appointment*  
Sandra Puebla, Deputy State Medicaid Director. *Secretary of Health and Mental Health Kevin Corbett designee [Appeared Remotely]*  
Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff. *Commissioner of Health Keith Reed designee*  
Gayla White, Director of Hope Pregnancy Ministries. *Governor J. Kevin Stitt appointment*  
Rep. Danny Williams, *designee of House Speaker Charles McCall [Appeared Remotely]*

**MEMBERS’ ABSENT:** None.

**GUESTS:** Ellen Buettner, OHCA  
Cody Smith, LegisOK  
Audrey Weaver, OAG  
Joshua Huckleberry, OMES Legal  
David Crall, Senate  
Seth Rott, MMR  
John Riesenber, Governor’s Office  
Mason Campbell, OMES  
Madison Miller, DHS  
Kamryn Yanchick, Metriarch  
Beverly Hicks, OMES Clerk

1. **Welcome [Juli Merciez, Chair]:**

Chairwoman Merciez welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of the Task Force.

2. **Determination of quorum and call to order [Chair]:**

Chairwoman Juli Merciez called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. **Introductions [Chair]:**

The members introduced themselves and shared their fields of expertise.

4. **Approval of minutes from the Oct. 11, 2022, Task Force meeting [Chair]:**

Rep. Danny Williams moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 11. Jackie Shawnee seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the following votes were recorded:

Ms. Merciez, aye; Dr. Brunnabend, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Ms. Galloway, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. McCool, aye; Ms. Puebla, aye; Ms. Shawnee, aye; Ms. White, aye.

5. **Old Business [Chair]:**

**Formal Recommendations. [Chair]**

Chairwoman Merciez reviewed with the members a draft of proposed formal recommendations to work towards getting the agreement and language down for the final report to the Governor, Senate President Pro Tempore, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

She thanked Task Force members who joined and put their time forth and the members from the public who had challenged and brought ideas.

No action was taken. Report only.

6. **New Business [Chair]:**

**Pregnancy and Maternity Outcome Improvement. [Regina Kizer, CNM, DNP]**

No action was taken. Report only.

7. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.