



OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Department of Libraries

1:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marny Dunlap at 1:07 p.m.

Members Present

Teri Brecheen for Janet Barresi, Janet Karner for Phil Berkenbile, Marci Brueggen, Caren Calhoun, Edd Rhoades for Terry Cline, Michelle Owens for Kathy Cronemiller, Phil Dessauer, Bill Doenges, Marny Dunlap, Kay Floyd, Nina Gonzales, Bob Harbison, Lesli Blazer, Vaughn Clark for Dave Lopez, Susan McVey, Andrea Hall for Michael O'Brien, Lisa Price, Jay Weatherford, Lynn Goldberg for Terri White, and Amy Tate for Stephan Wilson

Members Not Present

Ann Cameron, Mike Fogarty, Barbara Hankins, Phyllis Hudecki, Glen Johnson, John McCarroll, Janet McKenzie, Monique Naifeh, Sharon Pyeatt, Lisa Smith, and Annie Van Hanken

Staff Present

Debra Andersen, Peggy C. Byerly, Nicole Boyles, Stacy Frakes, Hannah Holloway, Vanessa Johnson, Stephanie Mendenhall, Rosalee Rife, and Cyd Roberts

Approval of June 2012 Minutes

Marny asked everyone to review the June 21, 2012 minutes.

A motion was made by Jay Weatherford to accept the minutes as written. Lisa Price seconded the motion and all members present voted in the affirmative except Nina Gonzales and Amy Tate who abstained. The motion passed.

Finance Report

Financial Statements through June 2012

Andrea Hall reported the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness financial status as of June 30, 2012. The FY-12 budget is \$1,684,291 and the year to date budget is \$1,684,291 with year to date expenditures of \$1,508,698. The FY-12 percentage year to date budget is 89.6% and the FY-11 percentage to budget is 96.4%.

FY 2013 Budget

The Oklahoma SECAC budget to actual expenditures federal budget is \$1,670,882 and the actual federal is \$465,821.86. The federal percentage to budget is 27.88%, the budget state match is \$3,898,725 with the state match percentage to budget being 62.08%. The financials were accepted as presented.

Foundation Updates

Nicole Boyles presented a brief update on various foundation activities. She stated there are several proposals in process with different foundations. Smart Start Oklahoma established a partnership with Jack and Jill of America Incorporated and will be the recipient of their fundraising for a year. Nicole is developing a series of events to be held during the national celebration "Week of the Young Child" scheduled for April 14, 2013 through April 20, 2013. The first floor rotunda has been reserved at the Capitol for April 17, 2013 to hold "Early Childhood Day", an advocacy event promoting early childhood education. Tentative plans include holding our 3rd Annual Smart Start Annual Conference in conjunction with this event.

Federal Grant Update

- The communities have turned in their parent surveys and the surveys are in the process of being analyzed.
- Diane and Sherri with Early Childhood Education Institute will present their assessment of Early Childhood Educator Capacity among Oklahoma's Institution of Higher Education today.
- Professional Development is in the process of an RFP for the "Effectiveness of Higher Education to Prepare Early Childhood Professionals".
- Debra stated a request has been made to ACF for budget revisions to increase the Communities contract line item. It is projected that all communities will have \$20,000 to \$30,000 that can be used to meet grant goals.

Governor's Recommendations

Marny asked everyone to review the governor's recommendations. The recommendations will be presented at the Public Hearing held at the end of the 2nd Annual Conference on August 29, 2012. Debra Andersen explained the process and stated a briefing with the Governor will be held before the annual report and a press release November 1, 2012. Refer to the handouts for the recommendations that were reviewed and discussed. A suggestion was made to develop a narrative to expand on the recommendations. The new recommendations the Board members suggested are:

- **Professional Development and Workforce Workgroup**
 1. **Request Oklahoma State Board of Education to work with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education, and the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board to review and assure alignment of the Early Childhood Education Competencies for Licensure and Certification with college courses for early childhood teacher preparation through 3rd grade.**
- **Public Engagement Workgroup**
 1. **Encourage the Governor to direct all relevant state agencies to:
1. Cooperatively develop effective measures of quality for programs of early learning and other programs for children.**

2. To support policies that ensure parents, caregivers, and families have the access to resources to support quality early childhood experiences.

- 2. Support legislation for the re-creation of the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board for four more years in order to continue to protect and significantly build upon current effective early childhood investments of public and private dollars.**
- 3. Join the Oklahoma Champions for Early Opportunity (OKCEO's) in sharing the message that early childhood development and education are the long-term keys to building a well-prepared, highly skilled 21st century workforce.**

- **Data Systems and Coordination Workgroup**

- 1. Encourage the Secretary of Education to request that the Oklahoma State Department of Education include the state kindergarten literacy screening assessment data, at the school-, district-, and state-level, as well as any other information currently available pertaining to school readiness, in the state profile report for the 2012-13 school years.**

Like most states, Oklahoma needs to make significant progress in developing, administering, and reporting on a comprehensive kindergarten entry assessment. Disclosure and analysis of the existing statewide literacy screening is one important step in that process. Oklahoma schools have information on the readiness of children to read and write; however, we do not share that information except with parents and administrators.

Oklahoma can add summary-level screening result data to its existing reporting system with minimal cost and administrative burden. Doing so will help the state's parents, school administrators and leaders better understand the level and variability of readiness to read and write, including impacts of geography (rural and urban) and socioeconomic status. Further, it will allow comparison at the school and district levels of literacy readiness at kindergarten with academic results in the third grade and beyond. Most importantly, disclosure and analysis of literacy readiness screening will encourage development of a broader assessment that can help evaluate the impacts of early childhood education, measure the readiness of children comprehensively, and align with assessments that occur later in the child's school career.

- 2. Encourage state agencies serving children to invest and cooperatively develop early childhood data systems.**

The benefits of an early childhood data system are numerous. An effective system will help families secure more support for their children to succeed in school and beyond, evaluate the effectiveness of early childhood education, health, and benefit programs, identify best practices in education at all levels, and build the connection between teacher education, performance, and child outcomes. Such a system will not be built from scratch, however. Instead, it will be built through better data sharing and analysis across existing agencies and data systems. In some instances, additional investment will be required by agencies; such investment must be prioritized to more efficiently carry

out early childhood programs. In other instances, existing systems only need to be better coordinated to achieve outcomes that are beneficial to all agencies and to the children and families they serve. One important role for the Governor is to provide incentives for agencies to invest in and cooperatively develop early childhood data systems that facilitate data sharing.

A motion was made by Susan McVey to adopt the governor's recommendations. Edd Rhoades seconded the motion and all members present voted in the affirmative except Teri Brecheen and Phil Dessauer who abstained. The motion passed.

Updates:

Workgroup Updates:

Refer to the handout.

Committee Updates:

Child Care Ad Hoc Committee

Phil Dessauer gave a brief update on the sub-workgroup's meeting held today and they are working on data and other findings on quality childcare.

Early Literacy Ad Hoc Committee

Susan McVey stated Early Literacy Ad Hoc Committee is making good progress and Terri Brecheen will be present at some of the future meetings.

Community Updates:

Refer to the handout.

Presentation

Diane Horm and Sherri Gosney, from OU-Tulsa's Early Childhood Education Institute, was awarded the contract for services to conduct a capacity assessment of 2 and 4 year institutions of higher education. Sherri presented their findings to date. Refer to the handout.

Executive Director's Report

- Debra Andersen informed everyone August 16, 2012 will be Hannah Holloway's last day working.
- Teri Brecheen and Jenny Giles will be designees for Janet Barresi on the OPSR Board and Terri will be replacing Erin Nation.
- The new Community Mobilization Director is Megan Tyler and her starting date will be September 10, 2012.
- John McCarroll retired from OETA and he will no longer be serving on the OPSR Board.
- The Community Connector Grants are moving forward and the collaboration with the Department of Health.
- OCCY is starting a Children of Incarcerated Parents Committee and Debra will be a member of that committee.

- Smart Start Oklahoma’s partnership with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and OETA has some press releases regarding the campaign for good health and regular medical checkups for children.
- Debra Andersen and Kay Floyd attended a training held by the Department of Education and the framework was, “Supporting Children in Developing Good Early Literacy Skills,” called “LETRS”.

Chairperson Comments

No chairperson’s comments

Announcements

Marny informed everyone that Ann Cameron’s father passed away.

Public Comments

No public comments

Adjourn

Marny Dunlap adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries