



Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
April 05, 2023  
Immediately Following the Board Meeting

A Virtual meeting has been scheduled for the Membership of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and is being held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws

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1. Call to order and introduction of guests.

President John Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. Guests from OJA were recognized, including, Laura Broyles, Kevin Clagg, and Amanda Leonhart.

2. Roll call/establish a quorum.

- Agency locations present included: Ada, Alva, Ardmore, Chickasha, Choctaw, Claremore, Durant, Edmond, El Reno, Enid, Hobart, Hugo, Lawton, McAlester, Midwest City, Moore, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Poteau, Sapulpa, Shawnee, Stillwater, Tulsa Street School, and Wewoka. Late attendance at 1:46 Newcastle.
- Agency locations absent were Bartlesville, Clinton, Guthrie, Guymon, Norman, Ponca City, Sallisaw, Tishomingo, Tulsa Street School, Vinita, and Woodward.
- A quorum was established.

3. Discussion and/or possible action to approve March 1, 2023, Membership Minutes

- Motion to approve meeting minutes of March 1, 2023: Darla Cheek. Second: Sherrie Carter- Greene. **The motion passed. Two (2) abst. Stillwater and Tulsa.**
- Discussion:** Lisa Williams would like the minutes to reflect concerns and

statements from the cluster and how Steve addressed these concerns and cleared things up.

- Motion to approve amended meeting minutes of March 1, 2023, by Darla Cheek. Second: Sherrie Carter- Greene. **The motion passed. Two (2) abst. Stillwater and Tulsa.**

4. **Discussion and/or possible action to approve nominations of officers and cluster representatives in accordance with the approved Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Bylaws.**

- Board President approved Courtney Dukes as Nomination Committee Chair committee members included Shai Alexander and Kerrie Mathew.
- Slate of nominees included:
  - Past President: Shana Rice
  - President: John Schneider
  - Vice President: Herb McSpadden
  - Treasurer: Darla Cheek
  - Secretary: Courtney Dukes
  - Central Cluster Representative: Wendy Swatek
  - Northeast Cluster Representative: Erin Brook
  - Northwest Cluster Representative: Brenda Rose
  - Southeast Cluster Representative: Greg Contreras
  - Southwest Cluster Representative: Kody Suanny

•Nominations from the floor: Hearing NONE

•Motion to approve nominations of officers and cluster representatives by Lisa Williams Second: Tree Kelley. **The motion passed.**

5. **Discussion and/or possible action to approve Programs Committee Report**

- Sheila Stinnett reported being asked to see if the membership was having an issue meeting the OJA claim deadline of the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. No one has come forward to express any concerns, if you have any concerns please contact Sheila.
- Some agencies are having issues with the new 10A State Statue with SRO not being able to issue citations to youth for smoking / vaping on school property. Instead, they have to refer to a state registered program approved by the Department of Health. If you are an agency experiencing these issues contact Dr. Peter Messiah for assistance.
- The June annual meeting has some great presenters reserve your spots.
- Looking at virtual training's availability and the times the training is set up at the annual meeting being offered.
- **No action required.**

6. **Discussion and/or possible action to approve External Funds Committee Report**

- Committee Chair Herb McSpadden stated that the committee has not met. Continued work on the ARAP and TSET Grant, thanking OJA and Peter for their help and work that been done.
- Encourage membership to keep looking for future grant / funding opportunities

for the Association.

- **No action required.**

**7. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Legislative Committee:**

- Steve Lewis was unable to attend. Dr. Peter Messiah report on HIE passing legislative. They continue to look at the rules and when/ who to file waivers. Dr. Messiah is working on the Association to hopefully be under one umbrella for the \$5000 fee with no reply at this time. Managed care has been pushed back to April 2024 according to Lisa Williams. John stated that if you need any support with HIE or managed care to just reach out.

**8. Cluster Meeting Reports:**

- Central Cluster: Cluster Rep Not present. Darla Cheek stated she wanted to thank OJA for innovation grants and getting ready to get started.
- NE Cluster: Cluster Rep Erin Brook said their cluster has not met but has been keeping them informed through email and that seems to be working well.
- NW Cluster: Cluster Rep Brenda Rose said that the cluster had not met. She has been keeping cluster informed through email but will schedule a Cluster meeting before May meeting.
- SW Cluster: Cluster Rep Kody Suanny said that the Cluster had not met in person. Email and texting keep members informed. Spoke about Innovation grant approvals, ARAP project discussions. Impressed with the amount of individual counseling services being provided within her cluster. Spoke about Child Abuse Prevention Month and excited about her personal agency success in the Early Learning Center in Hobart and Assistant Living.
- SE Cluster: Cluster Rep Courtney Dukes said that their cluster had met and discussed progress made on ARPA funding projects and that they have not received approval forms from OJA regarding the Innovation funding.
- Dr. Messiah discussed that he is approaching his three-year anniversary as Executive Director of OAYS and noted some highs and lows beginning with the COVID 19 pandemic in his first week in office. The OAYS office has provided transparency with Dr. Messiah's Friday Update and accessibility to him via text, cell phone, and personnel cell phone. The Association is approaching 50 years of existence and he hopes for an additional 50 years. A map of YSA's (and service areas) participating in the TSET grant was presented.
- **No action required.**

**9. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report:**

- John Schneider he did not have a report the defers to Dr. Messiah. John stated if you have any items that need to be placed on the future agenda just reach out to him.

**10. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report:**

- The June Annual Meeting is going to be great with some great presenters and activities. June 21-23.
- TSET training will be May 8-12<sup>th</sup> in OKC. The additional \$130,000 will be used to fund training for two (2) individuals for the full day training and the Executive Director the two (2) final days. Meals, per diem etc..
- Sheila Stinnett has agreed to help work on the counselor shortage.
- Dr. Messiah is back at work on a limited schedule following the doctor's recommendations. His staff is capable of helping with any issues during his absence.
- Brandon Sims is resigning from OAYS to take a full-time pastor position with his church.

**11. New business not known at the time of posting of this agenda.**

- No new business was discussed.

**12. Adjournment**

- Sherrie Carter-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Brenda Rose

President John Schneider adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

