

Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, Inc.

Membership Meeting

Location: Oak Room, Choctaw Casino,
4216 US-69, Durant, OK 74701

A view-only virtual meeting was scheduled for the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Membership and held in accordance with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services bylaws:

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Minutes

1.
 - Call to order and introduction of guests.
 - President Rice called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Guests attending included Amanda Leonhart (OJA) and Mendy Thomas (DHS).

2.
 - Roll call/establish quorum
 - Present: Alva, Bartlesville, Chickasha, Claremore, Clinton, Durant, Edmond, El Reno, Enid, Guymon, Hobart, Hugo, McAlester, Midwest City, Moore, Muskogee, Norman, Newcastle, Poteau, Sallisaw, Sapulpa, Stillwater, Tulsa, Vinita, and Woodward.
 - Absent: Ada, Ardmore, Choctaw, Guthrie, Lawton, Oklahoma City (Pivot), Okmulgee, Ponca City, Shawnee, Tishomingo, Street School, and Wewoka.

- Others Present: Dr. Peter Messiah, Executive Director OAYS, David Jordan, OAYS, Annie Pappas, OAYS, Brandon Sims, OAYS, and Steve Lewis, OAYS.

3. Discussion and/or possible action on minutes of May 4, 2022 Membership meeting. JOHN SCHNEIDER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022. JERRY BEECH SECONDED. **THE MOTION PASSED UNANOMOUSLY.**

4. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the President's Report. President Rice thanked all that attended. Lisa Williams thanked those who served during her term on the Board. NO ACTION NEEDED.

5. Discussion and/or possible action to approve items as needed on the Executive Director's Report.
Dr. Messiah thanked the Southeast Cluster for hosting the annual meeting, the OAYS Staff, Programs Committee Chair Sheila Stinnett for providing ethics training, Pivot staff for providing TBRI training, Legislative Committee Chair John Schneider, and our partners in attendance (Amanda Leonhart (OJA) and Mendy Thomas (DHS)). Kevin Evans stated that his agency (Woodward) had applied for TANF grant. NO ACTION NEEDED.

6. Office of Juvenile Affairs Presentation Regarding:

- 1) Funding Reallocation Framework. Amanda Leonhart that OJA is waiting on feedback regarding designation populations. It is the intent of OJA to balance the funding. No YSA should lose funding. Reallocation will be based on community size and catchment area. New funding will be allocated differently than in the past. Shelter funding is the crux of the reallocation issue (OJA contracted beds vs. funding allocated).
- 2) Needs Assessment. Amanda stated that Table I and Table II would need to be updated by August 1, 2022. Each YSA will need to update timelines and goals (if needed). YSA's may use the OJA CBYS email to request technical assistance. Amanda stated the OJA is not tied to the "CATS" process.

- 3) Proposed Rates Changes. OJA is still holding internal discussions regarding rates (for after school programs). Internal meetings are ongoing at OJA. The “double billing” que has been removed from JOLTS. OJA is working on putting that back in. Family Assistance rate was just passed by OJA but was not on the OJA website. A request was made for OJA to update the website.
- 4) Emergency Rate Changes. DHS needs shelter beds. Children are still sleeping on DHS offices. Tier 4 and emergency flex rates (\$277/day) are available. A request was made for YSA’s to keep JOLTS current (especially for Shelter discharges). OJA budget revisions for June 2022 should be made via the OJA CBYS email. Amanda encouraged everyone to cc her on budget revision requests. Additional funding (from unspent OJA dollars) can be requested using the OJA CBYS email.

7. Cluster Meeting Reports.

- 1) Central Cluster: No report.
- 2) Northeast Cluster: YSA’s discussed changes in COVID, community needs assessment process, issues with staff hiring and retention, increased need for counseling services due to increased suicide. Next Cluster meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022.
- 3) Southeast Cluster has met, and the primary discussion regarded the OAYS Annual meeting.
- 4) Southwest Cluster met yesterday. Four YSA’s in the SW Cluster successfully passed CARF this spring. Other discussion included concerns with OJA rate reductions, the needs assessment update, and changes in the workforce (due to COVID).
 - i) E. Northwest Cluster. No report.

8. Discussion and/or possible action to approve ARPA Committee report. Committee Chair Herb McSpadden deferred to Steve Lewis. Steve reported that applications for funding just got assigned to legislative work groups. The amount requested exceeded the amount available. Discussions will be scheduled.

9. Discussion and /or possible action concerning Legislative Committee report. Committee Chair John Schneider reported that the committee has been meeting weekly with the focus on ARPA funding. Other areas of discussion included proposed managed health care in

Oklahoma, resuming YSA Cluster meet and greets with legislators, and the need for a new Legislative Committee Chair.

10. Discussion and/or possible action regarding Programs Committee report. Committee chair Sheila Stinnett reported that possible training topics for this fall include suicide prevention for schools, business enhancement areas (budgeting, MS Excel, etc.), and YSA program database.

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

Adjourn. David Grewe made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Williams seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Board President Shanna Rice adjourned the meeting at 11 am.