

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
November 17, 2006
Department of Mental Health
And Substance Abuse Services
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Joel Carson
Beverly Eubanks
Bruce Fisher
Henry Haynes, Ed.D.
Dwight Holden, M.D.
Mary Anne McCaffree, M.D.
Larry McCauley, Ed.D.
Bob McDonald
Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D.
Gail Wood

Others Present:

Terry Cline, ODMHSAS
Meredith Martin, ODMHSAS
Rand Baker, ODMHSAS
Janice Hiner, ODMHSAS
Tonya Salazar, ODMHSAS
Joyce Ihde, ODMHSAS
Jim Schmidt, Clay Crossing
Ron Garner, ODMHSAS
Mary Maple, CCSO
John Hudgens, ODMHSAS
Larry Kelly, OMHCC
Jim Orsi, North Care Center
Mark Holmon, El Reno Residential Care
Garry Russell, PCS, Inc.
George Williams, DRI
Kimberly Cox, NAIC
Cynthia Naff, Positive Behavioral Strat.
Sean Couch, ODMHSAS
Jeanette Cordell, HOPE
Todd Crawford, ODMHSAS
Michaelle Statham, ODMHSAS
Misty Jobe, ODMHSAS
Kristi Trapp, DSBHS
Missy Iski, DVIS
Roger Ruth, DVIS
Deneka Cain, ODMHSAS

Dave Statton, ODMHSAS
Durand Crosby, ODMHSAS
Angie Patterson, ODMHSAS
Stephanie Kennedy, ODMHSAS
Terri White, ODMHSAS
Kaye Rote, OMHCC
Melissa Lange, ODMHSAS
Shawn McCarty, ODMHSAS
Carol Ladd, ODMHSAS
Shandy Shubin, Southern OK Treatment Services
Dan McCullough, DRI
Mark Newman, House Fiscal Analyst
Jim Schardein, PCS, Inc.
Debra Sigman, Sundance Counseling
Paula Inbody, HSR
Donna Mathews, DVIS
Donnita Heck, ODMHSAS
Rick Cartwright, CAA Turning Point
Sharlotte Campbell, TLC Foundation
Cindy Bradford, Green Country Residential, LLC
Dan Alcorn, ODMHSAS
William Burkett, OFC
Felicia Correia, DVIS
Laurie Lucci, DVIS
Dewayne Moore, ODMHSAS

CALL TO ORDER

Dwight Holden, M.D., Chair called the November meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Carson moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2006 meeting. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion. Dr. Vanderslice had a few grammatical/typographical corrections.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Abstain
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

PRESENTATION: TRANSFORMATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Rand Baker, Deputy Commissioner Mental Health Services, stated that over the last couple of years there were a number of updates brought to the Board about transformational work that's occurring in Oklahoma already. There have been presentations on ODMHSAS's Partnership for Children's Behavioral Health, the Integrated Services Initiative, and the Adult Recovery Collaborative. All of these are transformational initiatives that have been going on at ODMHSAS for the last several years that cut across both substance abuse and mental health issues and have continued to weave together, in terms of the work that has been going on throughout the system. About a year and a half ago federal resources through the Center for Mental Health Services were made available to be able to seed some work in certain states for major transformational work. Oklahoma was fortunate to be one of the competitors and one of the selectees for that federal mental health investment in building an infrastructure to support transformation. Mr. John Hudgens will present to the Board the process ODMHSAS has been able to do through the first year. Mr. Baker stated that much of the transformational work hinges around getting messages out, around anti-stigma, around letting people know that treatment works and that treatments are available for people here in Oklahoma and very good treatments are available. Mr. Baker stated that Mr. McDonald was featured on an OETA telecast for two nights this week and wanted to make sure the Board knew about this and to thank Mr. McDonald for getting that message out.

Mr. Baker introduced John Hudgens to make the presentation. Mr. Hudgens stated that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) selected seven states for the \$13.5 million Transformation State Incentive Grant. Most recently two more states were added for a total of nine states. An overview about the transformation grants is that they are part of what SAMHSA refers to as their infrastructure incentive grants. The grants are funded for states to look at ways to go far beyond the traditional boundaries of mental health and substance abuse agencies. This grant came from the Center for Mental Health Services, one of the three centers for SAMHSA. Much of the language in the grant application and the requirements, in terms of reports that are provided to the feds, is based in mental health language. Mr. Hudgens stated that is certainly not the case for Oklahoma and the Department is looking at this very seriously and on a continual basis that it's an opportunity to improve

structure for substance abuse and mental health services. The Department wants to be very cognizant of that and make it very clear that it views this as more than just a grant around a limited area of mental health. Funding cannot be used for direct services but there is still wide latitude in using the resources to help in recovery areas. Oklahoma's approach is based on three important aspects: the Governor's Transformation Advisory Board, continued partnerships and transformation initiatives and the Innovation Center. A brief explanation of the Innovation Center is staffs that are available for all our partners, not just this agency, to assist with a variety of transformation projects and help make changes occur that other agencies, other communities and other organizations request assistance with.

The first year accomplishments that have occurred are:

- Continued support of partnerships and existing activities
- Convened Governor's Transformation Advisory Board (28 members)
- Developed and staffed Innovation Center
- Completed needs assessment and resources inventory
- Developed comprehensive plan
- Developed evaluation plan

Highlights from the needs assessment plan are:

- Extent of need
- Numbers not accessing care
- Law enforcement and criminal justice issues
- Workforce development
- Technology and information systems

Highlights from the comprehensive plan are:

- Public information strategies
- Expansion of person centered and trauma informed models of care
- Tailored approaches to support recovery models in correctional treatment settings
- Strategic planning activities with Native American partners
- Additional cultural competency initiatives
- Expand early childhood and early prevention activities
- Science to service initiatives
- Coordination of workforce development activities
- Increased use of video conferencing and telemedicine
- Consensus building around electronic medical records plans

ODMHSAS Role and Transformation

- Partners
- Leaders
- Innovators
- Facilitators

Mr. Hudgens explained that when ODMHSAS initially worked on the grant application, a group of stakeholders that included people receiving services as well as partner providers and others, helped to articulate a vision for transformation in Oklahoma. That vision is that all Oklahomans achieve their goals and prosper in the way they choose in the community of their choice. ODMHSAS knows that many people need services, they need the best services right now and many of the things heard from the needs assessment and from building the comprehensive plan yielded information that intersects nicely with the strategic direction this agency is going in. Mr. Hudgens concluded that the past year has been very exciting and the horizon for this agency and for Oklahoma really does offer a bright future in terms of services and supports available for people. There certainly are many challenges for ODMHSAS, and the goal is to keep that vision and realize the day is coming where people have all of the services and are able to achieve their goals, where they want to live and the way they want to. Mr. Hudgens concluded his presentation.

Mr. Hudgens stated that the Needs Assessment Plan is over 300 pages long, and the Comprehensive Plan is in excess of 60 pages.

Ms. Eubanks asked if the Board has seen the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hudgens stated that the Board has not. He gave the ODMHSAS website address and stated there are drafts of both plans on the website.

Dr. Vanderslice inquired as to what happens in the sixth year. She asked if the grant is a renewable grant, and if the agency has a plan to continue this.

Mr. Hudgens stated that it is a five-year grant and the federal policy around grants typically allows grantees to move things forward that they have not expended. He indicated it is likely, as the sixth year approaches, the agency will have funding to move into that year with what is called carryover funds.

Dr. Holden welcomed and introduced Mark Newman, Fiscal Analyst with the House of Representatives.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTS

Ms. Martin had no additional information to add to the Critical Incident Report.

Ms. Eubanks inquired as to when statistics go up do the programs give feedback. Ms. Martin answered that sometimes they do and other times the agencies' directors, etc., will inquire and information is gathered.

Discussion was had surrounding therapeutic holds at Griffin Memorial Hospital (GMH). Ms. Martin explained the definition of a therapeutic hold. She explained it was an alternative to seclusion and restraints. The question was asked as to why the therapeutic holds were almost twice at GMH. Mr. Baker explained that in that particular case over half of the situations were with a single client who happened to also have mental retardation. Once this spike was seen with that client, GMH did a senior staffing of that individual and adjusted the medicine. It has dropped significantly since then.

Mr. McDonald moved to accept the Critical Incident Report. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs

A. Temporary Certification

Temporary Certification was recommended for: House of Hope, Inc. (Intensive Outpatient Services), Vinita; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Services, Coweta; Pushmataha Counseling Services, Inc., Antlers and Pryor; and Southern Oklahoma Treatment Services, Inc. dba Transitions Treatment, Hugo.

Mr. Fisher moved to approve temporary certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

B. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for: Clay Crossing Foundation, Inc.; Community Action Agency of Oklahoma and Canadian Counties dba Turning Point (Intensive Outpatient Services), El Reno; Dayspring Behavioral Health Services, Inc.; Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc.; Family Crisis Center, Inc., Ada; Lighthouse Counseling Services, Inc.; MFI Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Counseling Center of Southeast Oklahoma, Durant; and Reach for the Light, Inc. Enrichment Center.

Ms. Wood moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced programs. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

C. Certification

Certification was recommended for: Alpha II, Inc. (Adult Residential Treatment and Adult Halfway House Services); Community Action Agency of Oklahoma and Canadian Counties dba Turning Point (Outpatient Services), El Reno and Oklahoma City; Community Adolescent Rehabilitation Effort for Change, Inc.; Drug Recovery, Inc.; Human Skills and Resources, Inc., Claremore; Payne County Youth Services, Inc.; Positive Behavioral Strategies, Inc.; ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc.; and Total Life Counseling Foundation.

Dr. McCauley moved to approve certification for the above-referenced programs. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

Gambling Addiction Treatment Programs

A. Temporary Certification

Temporary Certification was recommended for: Sundance Counseling & Mental Health Services, L.L.C.

Mr. Fisher moved to approve temporary certification for the above-referenced program. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

B. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for: Norman Alcohol Information Center, Inc.

Ms. Wood moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced program. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

C. Certification

Certification was recommended for: A Chance to Change Foundation; and The Center for Therapeutic Interventions, P.L.L.C.

Dr. Vanderslice moved to approve certification for the above-referenced program. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

Programs of Assertive Community Treatment

A. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centers of Southern Oklahoma, Inc.

Dr. McCauley moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced program. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

B. Certification

Certification was recommended for: Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services, Shawnee.

Ms. Wood moved to approve certification for the above-referenced program. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

Community Mental Health Center Programs

A. Certification

Certification was recommended for: Associated Centers for Therapy, Inc.; Green Country Behavioral Health Services, Inc.; Hope Community Services, Inc.; and North Oklahoma County Mental Health Center, Inc.

Dr. Haynes moved to approve certification for the above-referenced program. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

Community Residential Mental Health Center Programs

A. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for: Dyco Properties, Inc. dba Northfork Residential Care Home; and Green Country Residential, L.L.C.

Ms. Wood moved to approve conditional certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

B. Certification with Commendation

Certification with Commendation was recommended for: Miller Cozy Home, Inc.

Mr. Fisher moved to approve certification with commendation for the above-referenced program. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

C. Certification

Certification was recommended for: El Reno Residential Care Home; Orchard Grove Residential Care Facility dba Rambling Rose; and Spears Management Co., Inc. dba Firm Foundation Residential Care Home.

Ms. Wood moved to approve certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ODMHSAS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

CHAPTER 15. CONSUMER RIGHTS

Ms. Terri White reminded the Board of the Administrative Rules process and the Board's role. The statute gives the Department and all state agencies the authority to promulgate Administrative Rules which provides more details to consumers, providers and the public about the services the Department provides and the processes the Department utilizes as a state agency. The Board will be presented with a few chapters today. Ms. White explained the process is that the division responsible for that chapter each year reviews and determines if there is a need for any changes in the Department's Administrative Rules. If there is a need for any changes, that division proposes those changes. Those changes are initially reviewed by Leadership. Once Leadership approves the changes, the Department then notifies the Secretary of State, who oversees all Administrative Rules, the Department plans to make changes in that chapter. Those changes are then sent out to stakeholders across the state (about 250 copies are sent) and to Board members. There is then a thirty-day public comment period where the Department will accept written public comment from consumers, providers and the general public. Once the thirty-day public comment period ends, then a public hearing is held, which is another opportunity for anyone interested to give input as to how the rules look, suggestions, questions, and changes. Once both of those processes are complete, Leadership does a final review, and then they are submitted to the Board, which is what has been provided today. The Board has a "final draft" today. If the Board chooses to approve the draft provided; if the Board has changes or suggestions, Leadership will review those; or if the Board approves it as is, it is then submitted to the Governor or the Legislature who both have an opportunity to review and approve the Department's rules.

Ms. White introduced Ms. Tonya Salazar, Advocate General, who prepared Chapter 15 which deals with Consumer Rights.

Ms. Salazar presented the proposed changes to Chapter 15. Amendments to the chapter include: 15-3-6, 15-3-45. The first one has to do with the consumer's rights that were restricted on communication being documented in the chart.

The next change made was renumbering, for clarification purposes.

Part 9 Domestic Violence was transferred to the Attorney General's office so it was taken out of Chapter 15. No other changes were made.

Mr. Carson moved to approve changes in Chapter 15. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

CHAPTER 16. COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES

Ms. White introduced Ms. Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Director of Community Based Services in the Mental Health Division, who prepared Chapter 16 which deals with Standards and Criteria for Community Residential Mental Health Facilities.

Ms. Slatton-Hodges presented the proposed changes to Chapter 16. There were two minor changes to this Chapter, both of a clarifying nature. One having to do with the amount of continuing education training needed and one of an expanding nature.

Dr. McCaffree moved to approve changes in Chapter 16. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

CHAPTER 55. PROGRAMS OF ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT

Ms. White announced Chapter 55 as the final chapter for review which deals with Standards and Criteria for Programs of Assertive Community Treatment. This chapter was also prepared by Ms. Carrie Slatton-Hodges.

Ms. Slatton-Hodges presented the proposed changes to Chapter 55. Ms. Eubanks inquired as to what is an Employment Specialist. Ms. Slatton-Hodges reported that an Employment Specialist is part of the PACT team. They are designed to work specifically with the consumers on that team to assist them in finding employment, prepare resumes, develop jobs skills, etc. Ms. Eubanks inquired as to what their qualifications would be. Ms. Slatton-Hodges responded that an Employment Specialist does not have to have a higher education degree but they must have experience in training individuals with employment skills. Many times a Case Manager, who has a bachelor's degree, will also have the experience in this area as well. Discussion was had about contact with the PACT team in the evening hours. Ms. Slatton-Hodges reported that there is also one person on call during the evening hours.

Dr. McCaffree moved to approve changes in Chapter 55. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY REPORT

Ms. Salazar had no additional information to add to the Office of Consumer Advocacy Report.

Mr. McDonald moved to accept the Consumer Advocacy Report. Dr. Haynes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER

Dr. Cline had commented that he and Justin Jones, Director of the Department of Corrections, visited two facilities, Joseph Harp and Mabel Bassett. The focus of the visits was to look at the mental health and substance abuse needs. Dr. Cline indicated it was quite evident that the needs are significant. The Department of Corrections, much like DMHSAS, struggles with meeting the needs and demands that are placed on them. It was clear after visiting those facilities that a large part of what Corrections is dealing with are those deficiencies and DMHSAS's ability to reach everybody in the state in need. Looking at the number of people who need substance abuse/mental health services and looking at the number of people who actually receive those there is a long way to go. So when those correctional facilities are visited, it is apparent that many of those people are missed and they are then getting caught up in the criminal justice system. DOC is very interested in partnering with DMHSAS to address those needs. This last year there were some appropriations through the legislature to actually provide services that are imbedded within the DOC and staffed from the DMHSAS to make sure that people who have been identified as struggling will have a good release, in terms of connection to community based services once they're released from prison so they won't go out being short of medication or not connected with their support services and then recycled right back into the criminal justice system. This is important ground work that is being laid that will help DMHSAS meet more of those needs across the state. Director Jones had mentioned that at some point it might make sense to foster that communication between the two Boards.

Dr. Cline made his formal resignation announcement to the Board. His last day of duty will be December 15, 2006. The opportunity has come up for Dr. Cline to serve,

pending confirmation, as the Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Dr. Cline commented that it is a great opportunity to serve people in need across the country. Dr. Cline emphasized that the only reason he has been considered for this position is because of the great work and activity that's taking place in the state of Oklahoma. ODMHSAS has wonderful staff, wonderful advocates and family members who are working hard to improve the system in the state, and the changes and improvements that have been made have been recognized nationally; whether that's drug courts, mental health courts or WRAP services, all of those things that are improving services for people in need. That has come to the attention of people who are making those decisions. Dr. Cline stated the good news and the timing of this is that, typically, when Governors change in other states, a number of those directors and commissioners for state agencies also change, because in most states, unlike Oklahoma, those appointments are made by the Governor. There may be several directors or commissioners of substance abuse and mental health agencies across the country that may be looking for employment. So, the Board may have a larger pool to choose from than would be typical.

Dr. Cline added that he has been at the Department almost six years and that it has been an incredible opportunity to work with an outstanding team of people, employees as well as other people spread across the state. He indicated you don't get opportunities like that very often. Dr. Cline said that he has had what he has considered to be the best job around because it brings him in touch with so many committed passionate people who believe very strongly in improving the quality of life for people struggling with illnesses. Dr. Cline said that it has always amazed him that he actually got paid to work with such outstanding people, and he is very grateful. Dr. Cline thanked the Board for hiring him almost six years ago and also thanked them for their support over these years. Dr. Cline wanted to especially thank the volunteers who have supported him.

Dr. Holden opened the floor to the Board members who wanted to say something to Dr. Cline.

Each Board member offered their support and congratulations to Dr. Cline.

Dr. McCauley moved to approve the Commissioner's Report. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM COO

Mr. Statton stated that the Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million to ODMHSAS to open a new crisis center in Norman, Oklahoma. As of November that has been completed, and the Department has a partnership with Red Rock Community Mental Health Center. Mr.

Statton stated, the Department is looking forward to a long-term relationship with them. The Red Rock Crisis Center is much like the Oklahoma County Crisis Center. Red Rock also operates the same kind of facilities in southwestern Oklahoma. With the opening of this crisis center, it is believed that it will make a difference in how the longer term needs of consumers who arrive at Griffin Memorial Hospital are met. Additionally, Mr. Statton offered his congratulations to Dr. Cline.

Mr. Carson moved to accept the Chief Operating Officer's report. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

REPORT FROM PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. McCauley reported that there were two presentations that were given: Ms. Steifmiller from Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center presented information regarding tracking a satisfaction survey. The Performance Improvement Committee was very excited about that. Tracy Leeper and Mark Reynolds presented a report on the Regional Performance Monitoring.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Carson reported in Mr. Turner's absence that at the last Finance Committee meeting the committee adopted a resolution to recommend to the Board that the fixed rate changes be approved for services that were proposed by Mr. Garner and approval of the financial statements presented.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Garner had no additional information to add to the Monthly Finance Report.

Mr. Fisher moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACTED FIXED RATES

Mr. Garner presented the contracted fixed rates. It is estimated that this rate increase will cost the Department an additional \$675,000 that was appropriated by the Legislature. Dr. Cline commented that the funding for gambling came as a separate item that actually came through the unclaimed prize money through the lottery. So that

is a separate stream of money for that which is dedicated specifically for gambling. On the substance abuse side and the mental health side the Department's goal is to bring those all to the Medicaid rate. To do that would take over \$10 million; the Legislature has worked closely with the Department to develop a three-year plan to get the rates to that level. The hope in the future is that as Medicaid increases their rates, then the Department will increase rates. The Department would piggyback on those rates. The Department may have some rates that will be separate from that.

Mr. Carson moved to accept the Contracted Fixed Rates. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PENDING INVESTIGATION INTO OCARTA COMPLAINT

Mr. Durand Crosby reported that following the last Board meeting it was discussed and the motion had been approved by the Board to essentially retain or hire an independent investigator that would report directly to the Board. That investigator would work with the Board in trying to ascertain whether any type of inappropriate activity had occurred, but at the same time it would be realized and recognized that the Attorney General's investigation would be finished first as has been requested by the AG's office. Mr. Crosby's office and the Department as a whole have continued to work closely with the AG's office in this matter. The Department has continued to cooperate and to comply with their requests, but the Department has not yet heard an end date. The AG's office has not told the Department when it will be resolved. The Department assumes that it will be resolved either this month or next since the multi grand jury is scheduled to adjourn by the end of this calendar year. As the Board had discussed, it was looked at who could conduct this independent investigation. The investigator needed to be somebody outside of this agency to avoid any potential bias or conflict of interest. Another state agency was looked at which was the Council for Law Enforcement Education and Training or CLEET which is essentially the state's police academy. They train law enforcement officers on how to conduct investigations. DMHSAS sent an agreement to CLEET, essentially a memorandum of understanding, to get their approval. Mr. Crosby explained to the Board how this process worked. CLEET is unable to accept funds for such services. DMHSAS will provide an equal number of hours in training to CLEET in exchange for the investigation time. Mr. Crosby has presented the Memorandum of Understanding to the Board Chairman for approval and signature.

Dr. Holden wanted to clarify that the AG's investigation has begun, however there has been no response from them at this time. Mr. Crosby reported that the AG's office is well into their investigation. Mr. Crosby stated that it is his belief that the AG's office is

coming to an end to their investigation, based on the fact that the multi grand jury is due to adjourn at the end of December.

Mr. Carson moved to accept Mr. Crosby's report. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF TERRY CLINE, Ph.D., COMMISSIONER; DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER; DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dr. McCauley moved to go into Executive Session. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Abstain	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

Dr. McCaffree moved to return to open session. Dr. Vanderslice seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. McDonald	Yes
Dr. Vanderslice	Yes	Ms. Wood	Yes

[Dr. McCauley left at this time.]

Dr. McCaffree moved to accept the resignation of Dr. Cline. Mr. Carson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Mr. McDonald	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Mr. Carson moved to appoint Mr. Rand Baker Interim Commissioner. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Mr. McDonald	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Mr. Carson moved the Chairman appoint a search committee to search for a new Commissioner. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Mr. McDonald	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Dr. Holden explained the need for expediency with finding a new commissioner, at the same time not rushing so quickly that the Board moves to accept someone that might not be the best candidate. The Board is going to try and balance the two. Dr. Holden noted that the Board is seeking people for this committee who have strong involvement, commitment, and leadership capability but who also represent multiple constituencies. Dr. Holden noted that the search committee needs to represent the Board, since ultimately the Board will have to vote on this position. Dr. Holden also noted that the committee needs to include men, women, minority representation, consumer representation, family advocacy representation, mental health representation, substance abuse representation, any way that you can think of the Board wanted it to be reflective of the diversity that is true of the state of Oklahoma. Dr. Holden appointed the members of the Search Committee: Mr. Jack Turner; Dr. Larry McCauley; Mr. Bruce Fisher; Ms. Gail Wood; Mr. Bob McDonald; Ms. Tonya Salazar; Ms. Greta Shepherd; and Ms. Donnita Heck as an ex-officio member.

In addition, the Board would like to expand beyond this committee. The Board is going to seek ways to involve a larger constituency from a variety of the Department's advocacy groups to be involved in this process, partially through submitting questions. The Board is also going to look at other ways, at crucial points along the way, to involve a larger group, even though they will not necessarily be voting members; they will definitely be a part of this process, and this committee will be charged in making sure that they include their feedback.

Dr. Holden announced that the Board/Search Committee will immediately begin the process of getting advertisements out, as well as word of mouth. Dr. Holden encouraged the Search Committee to convene as soon as possible. Dr. Holden expressed his appreciation to Rand Baker for his willingness to serve as Interim

Commissioner and to Dave Statton for his continued service and the very talented staff they bring in to keep the Board going forward.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ODMHSAS BOARD MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007

Dr. Holden announced the suggested meeting dates:

January 12
March 9
May 11
June 8
July 13
September 14
November 9

Mr. Carson moved to approve the Board meeting dates for calendar year 2007. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Mr. Fisher	Yes	Dr. Haynes	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	Yes
Mr. McDonald	Yes	Dr. Vanderslice	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carson requested that at the January Board meeting the Board discuss and possibly vote on organization of the Board on an annual basis. Mr. McDonald suggested that the Department consider having a mechanism in place, such as an Inspector General for this Department, as an investigative mechanism to be activated as needed. Dr. Cline indicated that discussions about that were underway and feedback will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. McCaffree moved to adjourn. Ms. Wood seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Dwight Holden, M.D., Chair

Joel Carson

Beverly Eubanks

Bruce Fisher

Henry Haynes, Ed.D.

Mary Anne McCaffree, M.D.

Larry McCauley, Ed.D.

Bob McDonald

Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D.

Gail Wood