

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

November 18, 2005

**Department of Mental Health
And Substance Abuse Services
Oklahoma City, OK**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Joel Carson
Beverly Eubanks
Dwight Holden, M.D.
Dorothy Logan
Larry McCauley, Ed.D.
Jack Turner
Gail Wood
Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D. (Not confirmed)

Others Present:

Tonya Salazar-ODMHSAS	Peggy Jewell-ODMHSAS
Carol Ladd- ODMHSAS	Dave Statton-ODMHSAS
Ben Brown-ODMHSAS	Sharon Jones-ODMHSAS
Rand Baker-ODMHSAS	Durand Crosby-ODMHSAS
Janie Hogue-VADTC	Ron Garner-ODMHSAS
Roger Jones-Carl Albert CMHC	Tracy Baustert-Youth & Family Services
Dee Bruce-Rambling Rose	Bobby Martin-Riverside Counseling
Shawn Roberson-OFC	Patty Gail Patterson-Jordan's Crossing
Warren Harden-ODMHSAS	Stephen Shoemaker-Indian Healthcare
Lance Compton-New Beginnings	Dustin Compton-New Beginnings
John Chaffin-Attorney	Don Abbott-Tri-City Youth & Family Ctr.
Ron Alexander-New Direction	Linda White-El Reno Residential Home
Keith Butler-Valliant House	Cindy Brown-Ada Area Youth Shelter
Shelle Drummer-Avalon Correctional	Dennis Whitten-Kiamichi Council
Dorthea Whitten-Kiamichi Council	Lisa Lorig-ODMHSAS
Brenda Seay-The Oaks RSC	Sue Hackler-The Oaks RSC
James Dixon-The Oaks RSC	Tara Best-OK Families First
Trudy Rutledge-OK Families First	Rowena Puget-SE OK Children's Center.
Rick Pickens-Roadback, Inc.	William Burkett-OFC
Janice Reese-Eagle Ridge Family Center	Tina Bruner-New Discoveries Youth&Family
Michael Miller-Valley Hope	Julia Rhodes-New Discoveries Youth&Family
Johnny Johnson-Valley Hope	Jennifer Winkleman-Ctr. for Positive Change

CALL TO ORDER

Dwight Holden, M.D., Chair called the November meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2005 meeting. Ms. Logan seconded the motion, with the request of a few changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTS

Sharon Jones reported in Ms. Martin’s absence. Ms. Jones had no additional information to add to the Critical Incident Report. Ms. Logan questioned why the seclusion and restraints were down when therapeutic holds were up. Ms. Jones advised that therapeutic holds are a new form of reporting for JCAHO accredited facilities through Oryx. Dr. Holden asked if this method was used at all facilities. Dr. Jewell, Medical Director, advised the method has been implemented at all facilities. Mr. Carson questioned the high number of medication errors at the Oklahoma Forensic Center. Bill Burkett, Executive Director, reported there was not one specific reason for the errors and they are continuing to monitor and improve. Mr. Burkett also noted four errors were caught by the system and did not reach the patient. Mr. Burkett stated medications are all uni-dose and from the order, it goes on the medicine cart and then is set up. When asked if there was any form of internal performance improvement to monitor and prevent future incidents, Mr. Burkett stated the PI coordinator receives a report to follow-up and investigate. The nursing division also maintains a separate PI project related to medication errors.

Ms. Logan moved to accept the Critical Incident Report. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	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 Center for Positive Change, Inc.; Jordan's Crossing, Inc.; Oklahoma Addiction Specialists Incorporated Services (Outpatient Services); Southern Corrections Systems, Inc. dba Riverside Intermediate Sanction Unit (Outpatient Services)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

B. Conditional Certification

Conditional Certification was recommended for Alcohol Drug & Assessment Center Company; Area Youth Shelter, Inc.; Eagle Ridge Institute, Inc. dba Eagle Ridge Family Treatment Center (Halfway House for Persons with Dependent Children); Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc.; Kiamichi Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.; McAlester Alcoholism Council, Inc. dba The Oaks Rehabilitative Services Center, Eufaula; New Direction Centers of America, L.L.C.; Oklahoma Families First, Inc., Holdenville; Palmer Continuum of Care, Inc. (Intensive Outpatient Services); Tri-City Youth & Family Center, Inc.

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

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

C. Certification

Certification was recommended for Gary E. Miller Canadian County Children's Justice Center; Hands of Hope, Inc. dba Shekinah Counseling Services; Maximus Family Services, Inc.; McClain-Garvin County Youth and Family Services, Inc.; New Discoveries Youth and Family Services, Inc.; Oklahoma Addiction Specialists Incorporated Services (Intensive Outpatient Services); People, Inc.; Valley Hope Association dba Cushing Valley Hope; Youth & Family Services, Inc.; Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma, Inc.

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

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

D. Initiation of Revocation Proceedings

New Beginnings Medical Center, L.L.C.; Riverside Counseling, Testing and Educational Services, L.L.C; Roadback, Inc.

Ms. Logan moved to approve the initiation of revocation proceedings for the above-referenced programs. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Community Residential Mental Health Programs

A. Certification with Commendation

Certification with Commendation was recommended for Miller Cozy Home, Inc.; Spears Management Co.; Inc. dba Firm Foundation Residential Care Home

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

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Dr. Holden offered the Board's congratulation's to the staff at Miller Cozy Home, Inc.; Spears Management Co.; Inc. dba Firm Foundation Residential Care Home on the certification with commendation.

B. Certification

Certification was recommended for Dyco Properties, Inc.dba Northfork Residential Care Home; El Reno Residential Care Home; Orchard Grove dba Rambling Rose

Ms. Wood moved to approve certification for the above referenced programs effective November 18, 2005 instead of December 1, 2005. Ms. Logan seconded the motion.

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY REPORT

Ms. Salazar had nothing further to add to her report. Ms. Logan clarified the wording of an investigation summary.

Ms. Eubanks moved to accept the Advocate General's report. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER

Dr. Cline thanked Joe Filippo, Director of the Wellness Center for hosting the Board Meeting at the facility. Dr. Cline introduced and thanked Roger Jones, Executive Director of Carl Albert Community Mental Health Center, for helping facilitate the meeting in McAlester. Dr. Cline also introduced and recognized Rowena Puget for being a strong community advocate for mental health and substance abuse services. Dr. Cline announced the Transformation Grant was awarded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and thanked Ms. Eubanks, Dr. McCauley, and Ms. Shaw for attending the “big check ceremony” which was held at the state capitol. SAMHSA Administrator, Charles Curie, presented the check to Governor Henry on behalf of the State of Oklahoma and the Department in the amount of \$13.73 million. Changes will affect not only our Department but agencies statewide. Dr. Cline explained even with the great staff and programs, the system needs to be radically transformed to meet the needs of those needing services. The grant is for five years and does not require any state matching; most grants do require matching funds. This grant is also unique because the funds cannot be used for direct services. The federal government realized the need to improve our system and required the grant to be used for infrastructure change and sustainability. John Hudgens will be the director for the transformation process on behalf of the Department. Dr. Holden mentioned it has been a priority to find other sources of funding other than the legislature and revenues from billing and collections. Receiving such funds proves to the Legislature and others the Department is taking responsibility and working with them to help meet the needs of Oklahomans. Dr. Holden recognized the Department’s hard work in securing the Transformation Grant. Dr. Cline reported Oklahoma was one of seven states awarded the fiercely competitive grant, out of

the thirty-five who applied. The ultimate goal for SAMHSA is to transform services throughout the United States. With only seven states chosen, the intent is for the states to serve as models and use the information learned to help expand the change process throughout the nation. There will be a great deal of technical support and assistance because the money is invested in only seven states. Ms. Wood inquired how the system was going to be transformed and what actions were planned. Dr. Cline stated the transformation will occur over the five-year period of the grant, with the first year used to develop the plan. Dr. Cline indicated the plan is dependant upon stakeholder involvement in gathering information. Information is needed from those who have used and have been touched by the system, from providers and people who work within the system, and those who may have been missed by the current system. Dr. Cline noted this dovetails nicely with the strategic planning the Board has been involved in updating. Dr. Cline clarified this grant was not awarded based on need, although our system does have that need, it was based on a system with significant movement in that direction, the ability to complete the process successfully, and the commitment to the process. Mr. Carson agreed with Dr. Holden's comment on creating your own credentials.

Mr. Carson indicated he wanted to ensure members of the legislature be made aware and the Department receives credit for the credentials that have been generated. Dr. Cline advised the Department does emphasize that subject in every interaction with the legislature; it is the responsibility for everyone who has contact with the legislature. Dr. Cline added the event was thoroughly covered by the media and copies were included in the board book. Mr. Carson suggested the article be mailed to each member of the legislature; Drs. Cline and Holden agreed the mailing would be an effective method to inform members of the legislature.

Ms. Eubanks asked if after the grant funds are expended if it would possibly take money from patient care to maintain and support the structure. Dr. Cline reported the changes will be made to the infrastructure, not creating new services, this would not require additional funding. One goal in transforming the system is to make it more effective and create a cost savings throughout the entire state system. For example, by providing services to the community it may prevent people from going to the emergency room or getting picked up by law enforcement and ending up in the county jail. Ms. Eubanks inquired of any additional staff involved in the process, and if other funds would be sacrificed or would force the Department to lobby for additional funds. Dr. Cline responded any positions created would be offered with the understanding that it is based on the five-year funding, or there will be a funding plan as a part of the system. Dr. Cline advised a system would not be created which would take funding from the treatment programs.

Mr. Turner questioned if the recommendations from the Governor and Attorney General's Blue Ribbon Task Force would be applicable to the transformation process, as a major part of the results indicated the importance of early intervention. Dr. Cline mentioned several task forces and initiatives have served as building blocks toward this transformation before receiving the actual transformation grant. The information was included in the Department's application for the grant and certainly helped the Department receive the award. The data included an extensive study on substance abuse and mental illnesses

that were left untreated and additional cost to the state as well as recommendations. As the comprehensive plan is created it will incorporate all the data from all these different sources. Ms. Logan recommended when addressing members of the legislature to stress this funding is prohibited to be use for treatment itself, to eliminate any misunderstanding of appropriations.

Dr. Holden discussed the underserved population of geriatric care and how to address their needs especially in rural areas. Dr. Holden stated telemedicine is a growing practice, is a very valuable cost-effective resource, and would recommend expanding that direction. A demonstration on telemedicine at a future Board Meeting was offered. Dr. Cline reported the method is also used for court proceedings and has been very beneficial.

Dr. Cline mentioned all state agencies and departments participated in the year round United Way Campaign. This year the Central Office raised over \$15,000 from employee's contributions, which is a significant increase from last year. Dr. Cline wanted to recognize employees for stepping up, because many charities are suffering due to other relief efforts.

Dr. Cline reported on the underage drinking meeting in Washington, D.C., which was sponsored by SAMHSA. The U.S. Attorney General and the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services presented at the event. Dr. Cline noted the importance of early intervention and prevention is recognized by SAMHSA and hopefully there will be more resources and funding from SAMHSA to address this issue. There will be a series of town halls sponsored through SAMHSA but orchestrated throughout the state agencies of Oklahoma and across the country.

Dr. Cline discussed the Legislative Interim Study on Gambling Addiction and Problem Gambling. This is a relatively new initiative of the legislature. The budget appropriated \$250,000 for gambling services and is supplemented by additional funds from unclaimed prizes, which is not considered a reliable source of funding. This topic will be a budget amendment and discussed in the financial report. There are some suggested amendments to address concerns to carry out a comprehensive plan. The fact the legislature focused specifically on the gambling issue is encouraging, because attention is drawn toward resources. Dr. Holden commented on underage drinking and described a long-term study showing how the age at which someone starts drinking and when it becomes a problem dramatically affects the risks.

Ms. Eubanks moved to accept the Commissioner's report. Ms. Logan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Mr. Statton reported on how the Department has made it a priority to advertise and make the Department's mission known. Mr. Statton noted there have been advertisements at sporting events, like the big score board screen at the OU football games with the Department's message projected. Mr. Statton also described the Department's pronounced presence at the state fair, with a large booth and games offered to attract visitors. This resulted in our best level of participation volume in our fair history.

Mr. Statton commented on the Emergency Mental Health Summit, which was requested by the Attorney General and hosted by NAMI. The turnout was encouraging; there were nearly 500 people who attended from various organizations and providers.

Mr. Statton reported on other upcoming events. Survivor Suicide Day is scheduled for November 19, 2005, and the Annual Mental Health Best Practices Conference will be held December 1st and 2nd, 2005.

Mr. Statton reported on Griffin Memorial Hospital's (GMH's) census and the actions taken to reduce it. Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS) assisted with the assessment, and Don Bowen, Executive Director, developed a plan of correction with more community-based projects and a 30-bed enhanced residential care program being implemented. The census hit a low of 116, but temporarily increased to approximately 160. CMS performed a follow-up survey and determined that GMH meets the standards and can continue to operate.

Mr. Statton reported on GMH's Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon which was well attended and has a tradition of recognizing the employee of the year. The employee of the year is selected by all employees and this year it was tied. The award is \$500 cash donated by the family of Robert Adair who was employed at GMH from 1936 to 1976. He served in many capacities with his last position being the Business Manager. The Adair family graciously donated two \$500 awards. Deanna Hames, carpentry, and Orville Seaton, housekeeping, were the recipients. Mr. Statton recognized both employees for their dedication to the mission and pointed out their co-workers in a clinical environment voted them as employees of the year. The Board also gave their congratulations to Mr. Seaton and Ms. Hames.

Mr. Statton reported three new PACT Teams are operational for the counties of Carter-Love, Pottawatomie, Seminole, and Kay. The program continues to grow and adds another level of service helping to make a difference.

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
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

REPORT FROM PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Eubanks reported the October PI Meeting did not have a program or presentation due to scheduling and time conflicts; therefore, the meeting was utilized to share ideas and follow-up on current projects. Ms. Eubanks described the stigma those who utilize our services fall victims to. Drs. McCauley and McCaffree discussed using the residency programs to promote the idea of substance abuse and mental health as being actual diseases not just end-stage diseases.

Ms. Wood asked what could be done to control the patient's prescriptions as most times doctors cannot communicate on this issue. Dr. Holden stated HIPPA regulations makes communicating sensitive data almost impossible. Dr. McCauley commented there should be some type of national database all pharmacists, no matter what pharmacy is used, could access the system. Ms. Wood discussed the only actions to be taken, as a concerned family member, is to visit the pharmacy, red flag the patient and specific prescription, or ask the pharmacist to contact the doctor. Dr. Jewell reported on an ongoing year-long project with the HealthCare Authority with one facet relating to Medicaid consumers. If the patient receives a sedative hypnotic drug from more than one provider, both providers will receive a list advising the patient's name and who is prescribing the medication. Dr. Jewell reported a 90% decrease during the first year while studying the sedative hypnotic medications. Next year the system is proposing to track pain medications, allowing medications from the same class to be tracked and physicians made aware of any duplications.

Ms. Eubanks advised there was discussion regarding methods of tracking the number who attempt to access mental health and substance abuse services but are unable to receive them. At any given time, there are approximately 500-600 people across the state on the waiting list for substance abuse treatment. Due to the wait, they are no longer able to be contacted when services are available. The numbers for mental health are closely monitored and reported to the legislature each month. Approximately 850 people each month were turned away from community mental health centers during the budget shortfalls. Last year, with additional appropriations, the number was reduced to approximately 500 each month and should continue to be reduced. Ms. Eubanks discussed her experiences while trying to secure services for a client. Ms. Eubanks noted some facilities were more sensitive than others, and the importance of re-iterating to staff what their purpose is in the process. Deputy Commissioner Brown followed-up with substance abuse facilities to provide leadership in this area.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Turner reported on the November Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Garner and Ms. Lange explained a recent budget revision as well as budget increases for new grants that were recently awarded. Mr. Garner discussed the monthly financial report, explaining all expenditure budgets are within expectations. Mr. Garner noted revenues for most facilities are on track for collecting the budgeted amounts. Lastly, Mr. Garner explained several new fee-for-service rates which the Department is requesting Board approval, primarily for services currently being reimbursed at cost.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Garner reported all expenditures are in balance and revenues are positive. Dr. Holden asked why certain items are line items and others are more collectively reported. Mr. Garner reported the contracted community mental health services are reported together in one line and next year they may be lined out. Dr. Holden confirmed if the Board wanted more information on the contract allocations, data could be provided.

Ms. Eubanks asked if the tobacco tax money was being received and if so how it was being used. Mr. Garner reported the budget was increased by \$1,154,000 from the tobacco tax revenues and currently the funds are un-obligated but are planned to be spent on multi dimensional family therapy for adolescents and their families. Ms. Eubanks asked where the report shows the approved money from the Senate Bill 1106, the increased cost of a license to sell alcohol. Mr. Turner reported currently there is approximately \$616,200 in the 245 fund. Revenues started coming in about three years ago and are approximately \$200,000 per year. Mr. Turner reported the funds are appropriated to the Department and can be used for various purposes.

Mr. Turner asked who determines how to use the funds. Mr. Turner stated that the Board needs to be involved in the process of deciding what the funds should be allocated toward. Deputy Commissioner Brown explained after consulting numerous providers the most valuable resource is a workbook which is made available to each person at the treatment programs. The plan is to continue providing these manuals, and to revise and expand them to include: co-occurring treatment centers, women's treatment centers, adolescent treatment centers, and drug courts. Dr. Cline verified that a sample of the manual was provided to the Board Members for review.

Mr. Turner questioned if it would be the Board's responsibility to determine how the funds are spent. Dr. Cline clarified the Board is ultimately responsible for all funds that are spent. The Board is also responsible for all care provided through the Department. These duties are delegated to the staff, just as other appropriated dollars from the legislature.

Dr. Holden asked Mr. Turner if he would like the Department to separate out those particular dollars and bring them to the Board for discussion. Mr. Turner advised he would like the Board to be notified and some action be taken. Mr. Turner pointed out that is a reason the Board was formed. Dr. Cline agreed the Board is essential in the process and noted the Board Finance Committee has been helpful. Mr. Turner indicated that he was unable to discern where the funds were located. Dr. Cline offered to have the information provided to the Board. Mr. Garner stated the report could be modified to track those expenditures. These funds are put into a separate fund, 245 fund, and are tracked separately.

Mr. Garner guided the Board through the current budget report, to see how they were currently displayed. Mr. Carson questioned what funds were used to provide the underage drinking materials. Dr. Cline responded they were compliments of the federal government and supplied to increase awareness of the issues. Ms. Wood and Dr. Vanderslice agreed the items are good marketing devices. Mr. Carson clarified he wanted to verify the expenditures because it is the duty of the Board. Ms. Logan recommended a Board training or a Board retreat may be a

good way to agree on a philosophy for these types of issues. Dr. Holden agreed, but also stated the Board has been increasingly involved and this question came from the sub-committee's finance chair and shows that the sub-committees are serving their purpose.

Ms. Eubanks moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report. Ms. Logan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUDGET REQUEST CHANGE: GAMBLING ADDICTION

Mr. Garner reported on the budget request for gambling addiction treatment for the sum of \$900,000. Mr. Garner also noted a line item without an amount indicated, which is a reserved area for an infrastructure request related to a new behavioral health program. Mr. Garner should have a figure available at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Garner also noted the request for \$3 million for a contract rate increase for next year. If it is funded then the rate increase will create a comprehensive adjustment to the mental health and substance abuse rates paid.

Mr. Carson moved to accept the Budget Request Change Regarding Gambling Addiction. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RATES

Mr. Garner reported that Department of Central Services (DCS) has approved four new rates and one change for an existing service. Mr. Garner explained currently three of the rate changes are for existing services the Department pays for and are cost reimbursed and two are in the Systems of Care. The first rate is the Recovery Enhanced Service rate and the request is for an additional \$1 per day. This is an effort to improve quality of services in the residential program; the program has to qualify as recovery home to get the additional \$1 per day. The legislature appropriated \$125,000 to fund this program and it will be managed closely to ensure it is not overspent the first year. Mr. Garner reported on the rate change for Behavioral Health Aide. The rate for Behavioral Health is established by the Health Care Authority for services within the System of Care at \$31.08 per

hour or \$7.77 per quarter hour. The request is to adopt the same rate; because of cost reimbursement of those services, it will make facilitating the contracted services easier. The Family Support Service rate is closely related to the behavioral health aide and acts as a liaison between families, their service provider, and other professionals. The rate is \$39.00 per hour. The PACT Service Rate is also cost reimbursed. They must report all their costs and since it is a Medicaid compensable rate they are required to report their Medicaid services and it is deducted from the cost settlement. The budget requests for \$120 per day per client to eliminate having to perform the cost settlement and allows to pay only the fee for service. The last rate is the Pharmaceutical Management Rate and is being requested to adopt the Medicaid rate of \$37.90 from the current \$31.74. The estimated cost is \$350,000 and this cost was programmed through the mental health core money. Ms. Logan inquired what was included in a pharmacological visit. Dr. Holden clarified it as a medication check-up and noted the rate is the same no matter the length of time spent on each client.

Mr. Turner moved to accept the Community Mental Health Rates. Mr. Carson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

PRESENTATION: SOUTHEAST CHILDREN’S CENTER BY DRUG COURT AND CO-OCCURRING CLINICAL DIRECTOR, TODD CRAWFORD

Todd Crawford described sloping hills and hillsides dotted with tall oak trees and a building in the “center”. Mr. Crawford reported on how an empty hillside will become a reality to serve children and families throughout the twelve counties in southeast Oklahoma.

In 2002 the need to provide available and adequate services was recognized for the families and children’s of this area. The attention was drawn from wide-scale community involvement, families, individuals, philanthropists, service providers, and professionals within the twelve counties. From this grassroots movement emerged a steering committee with a shared vision for a comprehensive children’s center. The twelve counties to be served by the center include: Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, McIntosh, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha. Pittsburg County is considered the “center” of the area because of the existing services available. The center would be located in McAlester which is referred to as the “hub”. This effort has been a combined effort of several state agencies along with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services who were all interested in the planning process for the facility. Funds, largely community based from this area, were set aside to outsource the Centennial Commission. The Centennial Commission used the funds to contract with the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA). The CLWA completed a

series of activities within the counties to develop reports for the steering committee to be able to make strategic and informed decisions.

There were five reports developed and provided to the steering committee for planning the center. The first report is a data report gathered the demographics of the area. Four trends emerged with high rates when compared with the rates throughout other areas of the state: High rate of poverty, unemployment, grandparents as primary care givers, confirmed child abuse and neglect. Dr. Cline asked for clarification on the statistics regarding the grandparents rearing children. Mr. Crawford explained of the homes where the primary care givers are not the parents, the percent of grandparents raising grandchildren is 67.2% compared with 58.35% statewide. The overall percentage of children being reared by someone other than their parents is 10% and of that 67.2% are raised by the grandparents.

The second report was about community and stakeholder input. There were several town hall meetings and focus groups held over the twelve counties to get information specifically from the people who live in this area and experience services in this area to ensure their needs would be addressed. The community voiced a high need for substance abuse services, mental health care, and general health care for children and families in this area.

The third report was on service assessment and gap analysis and was utilized to assess quantity and quality of care of existing care in the area. There were services identified in the area, however, the services were scattered throughout the vast region, resulting in a lack of a quality continuum of care.

The fourth report focused on best practices, the science to service method, where science helps explain practices that should be used in treatment. The report gave important data on how to serve 266,000 people in such a vast rural area. The following became the framework for the steering committee while making decisions, "Comprehensive center for children and families to provide integrated community based services through a holistic approach."

The fifth report was a service plan to help develop an implementation plan for the center. The report describes the vision for the center as, "An Exemplary Center focusing on holistic multi-agency, multi-service approach of identifying, preventing, and treating children's emotional, behavioral, mental health disorders, emphasizes family involvement and support, and includes physical health and wellness for children and their families." Once the reports were synthesized the immediate needs emerged as mental health services, adolescent substance abuse services, health services, comprehensive information and referral, and they all must be done through a prevention strategy which focus on the community and children.

In 2003 the center construction plans were created, but were estimated at \$10 million. In 2004 the Centennial Commission headed a grant application through the Reynolds Foundation. The Board of Directors for the Southeast Children's Center was established locally to assist the steering committee and to be responsible for any funds related to the project. There has also been a tremendous amount of work done through the state agencies including ODMHSAS. Work was also done with local benefactors, Wanda Bass as the primary benefactor for the center, to develop alternate funding plans should the Reynolds Grant not be awarded. In June 2005 the Department was notified the application was not accepted. Currently, ODMHSAS' Leadership designated

approximately \$3 million for the center. Ms. Bass has allocated \$1 million of her personal money to help build the center, totaling \$4 million to begin development of the center. The Hospital Board Trust Authority voted to donate the property to the Department; therefore, the Department’s legal division has been working with the Trust Authority to get the deed put in our name. The location is important because the adult community mental health center, Indian health services, emergency youth shelter, and a recreational center are all located on the same campus and create a “hub” for the entire area. The substance abuse division plans to establish a multi-dimensional family therapy in Pittsburg County as well as other strategic counties to serve as hubs to start the evidence-based substance abuse practice. This is an intensive outpatient practice within the schools, homes, and community based offices and does not require a residential facility. The Health Department has also discussed developing a new building and a new center on the same campus.

Mr. Carson asked what happens after the \$10 million is secured and the building is funded, how much funding it would take to operate the facility. Dr. Cline explained that these needs are approximately three years away, but some funding would come from existing services; grant funded services would contribute, as well as requesting appropriations from the legislature, and some services would be Medicaid and insurance reimbursable. As a part of the strategic plan, stakeholder groups and focus groups will be held throughout the state which would include underserved populations. Everything will be done to try and reach out and gather information using local resources to obtain access to all groups. During the delivery of service, it is absolutely the Department’s responsibility to deliver services in a culturally competent way. Dr. Holden emphasized if in fact there is going to be a comprehensive center, every single part of the community needs to be addressed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL ISSUES

Dr. Cline introduced and recommended the Board appoint Janie Hogue as the new Executive Director for the Vinita Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center. Ms. Hogue was introduced to the Board at the last meeting and agreed to serve as interim director. Dr. Cline noted the Department is fortunate to have Ms. Hogue’s dedication, interest, and expertise. Dr. Holden verified this item did not need to be under the Medical Director’s review as the facility is clinical.

Mr. Carson moved to appoint Janie Hogue as the Executive Director for VADTC. Ms. Logan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Dr. Holden offered Ms. Hogue the Board's congratulations on being recommended and appointed as the Executive Director of VADTC. Ms. Hogue accepted and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ODMHSAS BOARD MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2006.

The meeting dates remain as the second Friday of every other month with the exception of November because Veteran's Day interferes with the schedule. November will be tentative until the best date can be confirmed. The July meeting changed from the 7th to the 14th. The approved meeting dates are as follows:

- January 13, 2006
- March 10, 2006
- May 12, 2006
- June 9, 2006
- July 14, 2006
- September 8, 2006
- November 17, 2006

Dr. McCauley moved to accept the Board Meeting Dates for 2006. Ms. Logan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PENDING INVESTIGATIONS, CLAIMS, OR ACTIONS INVOLVING ODMHSAS

Dr. Holden announced because the material could possibly involve sensitive and confidential information in terms of names, etc. an executive session is being requested.

Ms. Eubanks moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Logan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Ms. Logan moved to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Carson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Carson	Yes	Ms. Eubanks	Yes
Dr. Holden	Yes	Ms. Logan	Yes
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

Mr. Turner, Vice Chair, noted no action was recommended in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be Friday, January 13, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at ODMHSAS Central Office. Dr. Cline invited Board Members and guests to visit the future site for the Children’s Comprehensive Children’s Center following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Eubanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Logan seconded the motion. All voted in favor: none opposed.

Dwight Holden, M.D., Chair

Joel Carson

Beverly Eubanks

Bruce Fisher

Dorothy Logan

Mary Anne McCaffree, M.D.

Larry McCauley, Ed.D.

Rose Mary Shaw

Jack Turner

Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D.

Gail Wood