

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

**September 9, 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  
Mary Ann McCaffree, M.D.  
Larry McCauley, Ed.D.  
Jack Turner  
Gail Wood  
Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D. (Not Confirmed)

**Others Present:**

Terry Cline, Ph.D.-ODMHSAS	Janice Hiner-ODMHSAS
Dave Statton-ODMHSAS	Rand Baker-ODMHSAS
Lisa Lorig-ODMHSAS	Durand Crosby-ODMHSAS
Denecka Cain-ODMHSAS	Melissa Lange-ODMHSAS
Ron Garner-ODMHSAS	Ben Brown-ODMHSAS
Terri White-ODMHSAS	Carol Ladd-ODMHSAS
Meredith Martin-ODMHSAS	Orrin Dale-NWOSU
Nancy Gibson-YWCA Reflections HWH	Renea Butler-King-ODMHSAS
Barbara Reese-YWCA Reflections HWH	Sue Hackler-The Oaks RSC
Melanie Smith-Youth Services Steph Co	Brenda Seay-The Oaks RSC
Don Bowen-Griffin Memorial Hospital	Carol Armstrong-Transitions
Donna McClung-McClain/Garvin County YFC	Tonya Salazar-ODMHSAS
Cynthia Tobar-Latino Community Development	David Morgan-OK Treatment Services
Jennifer Goodrich- Youth Services of OK CO.	Greg Conway-Tulsa Boys Home
Bonnie McAffrey-Youth Services of OK CO.	Russ Gilette-Tulsa Boys Home
Janie Hogue-ODMHSAS	Jack Hogue- MH
Mike Templeton- Crossroads Youth & Family	Andrew Scott-ODMHSAS
Greg Parks, Ph.D.-Youth and Family Services	Kelli Epps-ODMHSAS
Dixie Pebworth-Freedom Ranch, Inc.	Carrie Slatton Hodges- Red Rock BHS
Christy Kaserman- Red Rock North	Peggy Jewell, M.D.-ODMHSAS
Krista Conder- Family Childrens Services	Jeff Packha-Journal Record
Patti Trail-Center Point, Inc.	Ron Kelley- ORALA
Nancy Humphreys-CBTI	Kristi Allison-ORALA
Jerry Copp-ORALA	George H. Weber- QTFS
William Burkett-OFC	Pam McKeown-ODMHSAS
Jeanette Whitehill- HOPE	Jim Reagan- JTCMHC
Nellie Meashintubby-PCCS, P.C.	H.N. "Sonny" Scott-NAIC
Wendy Hanifin-ODMHSAS	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dwight Holden, M.D., Chair called the September meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum was present. Dr. Holden introduced Ronna Vanderslice, Ed.D. as the newest Board Member. Dr. Holden also commented on the Festival of Hope. Dr. McCauley advised that the Department was well represented, Dr. Cline and Dr. McCaffree’s husband were both honored at the event.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2005 meeting. Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Eubanks	Yes	Dr. Holden	Yes
Ms. Logan	Abstain	Dr. McCaffree	Abstain
Dr. McCauley	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes		

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTS**

Ms. Martin had no additional information on the Critical Incident Report. Ms. Logan asked about an incident where death was reported but no autopsy was performed and wanted to know how it is decided whether they will receive an autopsy. Ms. Martin advised that it depends on the circumstances; if there is a doctor available or if there is a doctor present when the death occurs and a death certificate is signed. Dr. Holden described how the Critical Incidents reports have evolved and how highly the system is organized and reviewed.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Eubanks	Yes	Dr. Holden	Yes
Ms. Logan	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	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 Point, Inc.; Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Community Services Program; Oklahoma Treatment Services, L.L.C. dba Rightway Medical of Roland; Tulsa Boys’ Home, Inc.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**B. Conditional Certification**

Conditional Certification was recommended for Freedom Ranch, Inc. dba CBTI-Tulsa; Hands of Hope, Inc. dba Shekinah Counseling Services; McClain-Garvin County Youth and Family Services, Inc.; Youth & Family Services, Inc.; Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc.; Youth Services for Stephens County, Inc.; YWCA of Enid.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**C. Certification**

Certification was recommended for 12 & 12, Inc.; Crossroads Youth and Family Services, Inc.; McAlester Alcoholism Council, Inc. dba The Oaks Rehabilitative Services Center; Oklahoma Treatment Services, L.L.C. dba Tulsa Rightway Medical; Professional Counseling and Consulting Services, P.C.; Quapaw Tribal Family Services; Transitions, Inc.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Programs of Assertive Community Treatment**

**A. Conditional Certification**

Conditional Certification with was recommended for F&CS Mental Health Care, Inc.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**B. Certification**

Certification was recommended for Carl Albert Community Mental Health Center, Ada.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Community Mental Health Centers**

**A. Certification**

Certification was recommended for Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center; Oklahoma Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Red Rock Behavioral Health Services.

Ms. Logan moved to approve certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Eubanks	Yes	Dr. Holden	Yes
Ms. Logan	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	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 Edna Lee’s Room & Board, Inc. dba Edna Lee’s Residential Care; Orchard Grove Residential Care Facility; Santa Fe Residential Care Home, L.L.C.; Spears Management Co., Inc. dba Boley Residential Care Home #2.

Ms. Logan moved to approve certification for the above-referenced programs. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Dr. Holden offered the Board’s congratulation’s to the staff at Edna Lee’s Room & Board, Inc. dba Edna Lee’s Residential Care; Orchard Grove Residential Care Facility; Santa Fe Residential Care Home, L.L.C.; Spears Management Co., Inc. dba Boley Residential Care Home #2 on the certification with commendation.

**B. Certification**

Certification was recommended for C.B.W., Inc. dba Golden Years Residential Care; HAV Tap, Inc. dba The Harbor; Meadow Brook Residential Facility, L.L.C.; Spears Management Co., Inc. dba Boley Residential Care Home #1; Sugar Mountain Retreat, Inc.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Dr. Holden explained the certification process, the committee, and the process by which programs are reviewed and sponsored by Board Members.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER**

Dr. Cline reported on the Partnership for Children’s Behavioral Health Meeting. The initiative is to create a unified system that addresses all of the children’s behavioral health needs as well as their family’s needs. The initiative is moving at an aggressive pace and is at a point where critical decisions are being made regarding models to utilize in developing the program. Models such as:

authorizing services, delivering services, billing for services, monitoring and assuring the quality of services, which need agreement by the state agencies. This initiative is a very critical transformation for the state system; this will change how services get delivered statewide. This initiative will also help ensure that children will not fall in between the cracks as well as making the system more family friendly.

Dr. Cline reported on a Medstat Conference call with a Medicaid agency, CMS, the Health Care Authority, which is the Medicaid Agency within the state, and Jeff Buck from SAMHSA. The Medstat group is a private consulting group, out of Washington D.C., that the federal level has contracted with through the grant to provide technical assistance with the project. This is an effort to integrate the Department's data systems with the Medicaid agency's data systems. The largest source of funding for behavioral health services in the state is a Medicaid Agency and Medicaid agencies are the largest insurers of health. This focused grant initiative will integrate data between the two systems. The Medicaid system is very sophisticated and has the capacity for growth and will reach hundreds of additional providers that we currently do not reach. This initiative compliments and supports the Department's Medicaid Recovery Collaborative as our services become more integrated.

Dr. Cline was a presenter to the Department's Residency Program which is primarily located at Griffin Memorial Hospital. The psychiatric residency program is funded through the Department and provides an opportunity for psychiatrists to become interested in public service and provides needed coverage for the system as the residents progress through the program. Excellent care is another benefit to the consumers due to the state of the art technology a teaching program encompasses. Dr. Jewell, Medical Director for ODMHSAS, is serving as interim director of the Residency Program. The Department is currently performing a national search for a permanent director. The psychiatric residency program has 17 residents currently enrolled.

Dr. Holden commented about the Hurricane Katrina Disaster and how Oklahomans are considered experts on tragedies because of the 1995 Murrah Building bombing. Dr. Holden also noted that Rand Baker, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health Services would address the disaster relief as it pertains to the Department. Dr. Holden commented on an article from the Board book which noted that Oklahoma is ranked number one in the country for per capita drug court funding.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Mr. Statton requested that Mr. Baker report on the Department's participation in the hurricane recovery efforts. Mr. Baker reported on the congregate relocation at Camp Gruber and the relocation which was planned at Falls Creek; the Department had a major presence at both sites preparing for recovery efforts. The Department received the call on Sunday and the American Red Cross were the first to respond in terms of mental health needs. The Department dispatched a team to Falls Creek to be prepared upon the arrival of the victims. The staff was advised to stand down after 48 hours, because the victims had not arrived. There is a new community, over a thousand people, at Camp Gruber and the Department has been active in serving that community in several different ways: disaster response/crisis counseling to deal with the situational trauma, crisis counselors for mental health, as well as roamers to attend to victims' needs. There is a higher proportion of the new community who need mental health attention, than a typical disaster response. Especially those with a pre-existing mental illness and many have arrived without their needed medications. Emergent needs were responded to and essentially, the Department developed a satellite mental health clinic for the remainder of time. The Department has been actively involved in the command structure, in terms of the overall mental health of the community, and has made recommendations on what the children and families need to help build self governance. There have also been a lot of individual relocations around the state impacting the smaller communities and shelters. The Department reactivated the Project Heartland, which was formed during the Murrah building bombing. The Department communicated to all the mental health providers to be responsive to disaster relief needs, and are working closely with social service organizations and faith based organizations within their communities to ensure immediate response to mental health needs. Dr. Holden noted that Rand had on site experience with disaster relief at the new communities. Dr. Holden commented on the lessons learned after the bombing; that everyone is vulnerable to a mental health disorder, especially in such traumatic circumstances.

Mr. Statton recognized Deputy Commissioner Ben Brown for receiving a national government highway safety association award at their national convention. The Trailblazer Award is given to those who make sizeable contributions toward the interest of highway safety. Mr. Ben Brown has been involved in initiatives for the seatbelt law, child safety seats, and the alcohol limit of .08 during his 20 years of serving in the Oklahoma Legislature.

Mr. Statton also announced that the Department has lost a dear friend and a very good employee. Margaret Jimenez-Harris, civil rights administrator, passed away at 33 years of age. Mr. Statton noted her impeccable work and how she helped many people. Ms. Harris will certainly be missed.

Ms. Logan moved to accept the Chief Operating Officer's Report. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

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

## REPORT FROM PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. McCauley reported on behalf of Ms. Eubanks. Dr. McCauley reported on Todd Crawford's presentation for the developing Comprehensive Children's Center in McAlester. The first goal was to identify the areas of southeastern Oklahoma that need treatment facilities for mental health and substance abuse. There have been 12 counties identified which will be served by this facility. Pittsburg County is considered to be the "Center" and McAlester will be the "Hub". Dr. McCauley noted five reports were developed to help in making informed decisions. The first report included data of children's wellbeing and looked at demographics and socio-economic factors. Four items that emerged with high rates: poverty, unemployment, grandparents as primary care giver, and confirmed child abuse and neglect cases. The second report included information on community and stakeholder input; a grassroots project which emerged from the community and involved in the process. The third report reviewed Service Assessment and Gap Analysis to assess the quantity, quality, and any gaps in the services. The fourth report includes Best Practices to provide models and support. The fifth report was a service plan, a holistic, multi-agency, multi-service approach to address treatment and prevention. Dr. McCauley recognized Mr. Crawford's presentation, attitude, and enthusiasm for this project. Dr. McCauley noted that there will be further updates as that project progresses. Dr. McCauley indicated the RPM Focus Indicators quarterly report were useful in noting the current status and the progress that still needs to be reached. Mr. Turner wanted to clarify that 74% of families where children were being reared by grandparents. Dr. McCaffree replied that she had questioned that figure during the meeting as well, and that is what was collected and reported. Mr. Rand Baker clarified the information was collected through the survey the Child Welfare League conducted. Dr. Cline reported that the review was comprehensive and factors such as census data and contact with social service agencies were used. Dr. Cline offered to have the number re-verified. Mr. Turner requested that it be looked into due to the extremely high percentage. Dr. McCaffree noted that this is the highest density of poverty in the state when looking at an economic map. Dr. McCaffree noted that a high percentage of newborns she serves from the southeast area, and how it refers back to poverty and education. Dr. Holden commented on the area as being economically challenged which has lead to ongoing problems. Dr. McCaffree questioned if the area could be supported in areas such as education which might help at the beginning of the cycle and eventually change some of the outcomes. Dr. McCaffree uses this area as an example of how the problems are linked together: healthcare, education, economic, and criminal justice. Ms. Eubanks asked if there were any conferences or trainings for grandparents raising children

due to parents having mental health or substance abuse problems. Dr. Cline indicated that DHS sponsors a conference that focuses on the subject, and is a large enough issue to justify a conference. Dr. McCauley added studies have been performed that show the caregiver is the one who is usually subject to depression or some other mental health need based on the additional pressure and responsibility. Ms. Logan asked if the Turning Point Coalition has been involved. Dr. Cline stated the status of the Turning Point in that area is unknown.

**REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, September 6 and discussed the current budget as well as the FY-2007 budget request. Ms. Lange discussed a revision to the current year's budget of \$165,362, which is related to a domestic violence grant transferred to the Attorney General's office. Mr. Garner presented the August 31<sup>st</sup> Finance report and the proposed FY-2007 budget request, which is due to the Legislature and the Governor on October 1. The proposed budget request includes an increase in appropriations of \$32,740,900. The Finance Committee discussed and agreed with the budget request.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Lange discussed a revision to the current year's budget of \$165,362, related to a domestic violence grant being transferred to the Attorney General's office. Mr. Garner presented the August Finance report: collections are over budget. Ms. Eubanks asked about the amount of remaining budgets for different programs or activities. Mr. Garner explained the finance report is presented on a cumulative basis and expenditures are reported as they occur. The report also projects payroll for state operated facilities and contracts. When contracts are encumbered in DCS, it attaches the appropriate dollars from those particular budgets. Mr. Garner provided an example using Drug Courts. The initial base funding was \$4 million; the contracts were in place up to the \$4 million, when Drug Courts received an \$8 million increase it is spread throughout the contractors with a budget amendment to the contract. The contract cost estimate is in place, and once the information is entered into the PeopleSoft System it gets attached and the number of appropriated dollars is available.

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

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FY07 BUDGET REQUEST**

Mr. Garner presented the proposed FY-2007 budget request, which is due to the Legislature and the Governor on October 1, 2005. The proposed budget request includes an increase in appropriations of \$32,740,900. Ms. Eubanks requested explanation of the description for core mental health and substance abuse services under the maintenance category. Mr. Garner responded it represents an unfunded mandate of a 10% increase estimate for health insurance and a 1% increase in the match for retirement contributions the state provides for its employees. Ms. Eubanks asked for information on the maintenance category for Substance Abuse and Mental Health treatment rate adjustment. Dr. Cline explained that the Department recognizes the need for an increase in our rates, especially with the recent rise in gasoline costs. With the passing of the licensing legislature, substance abuse treatment is more comparable in terms of credentials to mental health treatment; which is one of the reasons the Department is requesting the rate increases. Ms. Eubanks expressed some concern because this could affect the quality of care of those who need our services. Ms. Eubanks understands that funding and supporting substance abuse is a priority and wants to make sure the efforts continue. Mr. Turner supported the idea of maintaining the quality of treatment providers by being able to compete for competent and qualified employees. Dr. Holden agreed and stated that it is a challenge across the board for balancing employee quality and budget. Dr. Cline recognized the leadership that the substance abuse field demonstrated by lobbying for the licensing statutes.

Mr. Turner Eubanks moved to accept the FY 07 Budget Request. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

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

**PRESENTATION: MENTAL HEATH SERVICES BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAND BAKER**

Deputy Commissioner Rand Baker discussed the transformation initiative of mental health systems nationwide which includes a critical emphasis on individualized treatment with a focus on hope and recovery for the individual as well as their family. The presentation will include panel members describing steps that are being taken to move toward the transformation through improving cultural competence, which is a key factor. The system is a work in progress and has re-oriented case management services to be strengths base, systems of care is building WRAP around services for children which focus on the culture and the strengths of the family. There are more steps that need to be taken; one accomplished with the addition of the cultural competence coordinator to help with training and strategic planning.

Renaë Butler-King, cultural competence coordinator, began by stating a phrase that embodies her work, "It's a collective move, that's takes us on a very personal and private journey." Ms. Butler-King began by providing a little of her background, education, and how she ended up at the Department because it makes a difference in how she delivers services for this agency. The mental health staff is helping develop a strategic plan for cultural competence for the department. Ms. Butler-King has done some presentations for directors of CMHC's, and resulted in the training of staff. Focus groups are also being put together to create an advisory council. One of the focus groups concentrated on The President's New Freedom Report and discussed the six goals and how they relate to cultural competence. Various cultural competence grants are also being worked on and researched. A statewide cultural competency survey was taken to determine who was already doing cultural competency work, what they were doing, and who was involved. There is an annual cultural competency cross culture diversity conference in which the Department will participate. The Department has developed partnerships with other entities such as NAMI who helped work with youth at Carl Albert High School to advocate cultural competency and how it relates to mental health. The Department has developed and is also involved in other partnerships on breast cancer, cancer summit, and co-occurring issues. Within these partnerships the Department plays various roles: consultants, participants, speakers, and as disparity chairs. One of the most recent activities being instituted is a Cultural Competency Café, which is an atmosphere to begin conversation around cultural competency. Dr. McCaffree announced that there is a need for cultural competence and that is stressed on the OU Health and Science Center's campus, and is interested in the development of the program. Ms. Butler-King announced that the Department does have a presence in the medical community by participating in the breast care and cancer summit where she served as the disparity chair. Part of what that group is developing, for medical students, is to be aware of the immediate needs of the minority groups. Dr. Holden asked how LGBT population was integrated into the cultural diversity program. Ms. Butler-King advised that the program is still being developed and there needs to be discussions on how to approach different issues and is open for comments or suggestions.

Cynthia Tobar, Latino Community Development Agency, stated since 2003 an estimated 746 potential child victims of trauma have come to the Latino Agency for help, and that is only the local Oklahoma City area. All were Spanish speaking families who came seeking help and does not include the gang violence programs. Coupled with this number are the other needs and challenges of families when they try to obtain service such as language barriers. In 2002, focus groups were held to identify service gaps in the community: why are families not getting the help that they need? Are the families aware that there are mental health needs? Is it related to culture? The results indicated that they are aware of the need for mental health care. Other issues were identified: legal immigration concerns, trust and society, social norms for the United States, and bureaucracy. The agency then prioritized and addressed those needs. ODMHSAS with their funding and support have made it possible to serve the child victims. There are still challenges to overcome. The need for master's level

employees is apparent in social work, but adding the ability to speak Spanish makes it even more difficult. It is a great challenge to provide incentives for students to enter a field where salary is limited. Currently, there is access to one of the few multi-lingual therapists who understand the community. Along with the multi-lingual therapist, a case management piece is built into the program to serve the children. Family orientation must also be a consideration, if the child is able to speak English, sometimes the parents do not, and there has to be clear communication between everyone. It is important that the parents be fully aware of what services are being provided to their children, how that affects their relationship, and how the parents can help make the treatment effective. There are still a great number of underserved Spanish speaking families who need services. Hopefully the family trauma program will help reach out and make a difference in that population. Dr. McCauley voiced his support of the multi-lingual services, and is currently learning Spanish in addition to his sign language skills. Ms. Eubanks mentioned supporting scholarships to assist Spanish speaking people in becoming counselors. Dr. Holden noted that the Hispanic speaking population is rapidly growing, and is also learning to speak Spanish. Ms. Tobar recognized the Board for being supportive of the cultural diversity initiative.

Christy Kaserman, Director Red Rock North, explained that their office provides mental health and substance abuse services to the GLBT. Chris Williams is the Young Gay and Lesbian Alliance coordinator. The YGLA ranges from age 13-20 with 30-50 youths. Ms. Williams explained that the population they serve has a higher rate of suicide and a higher rate of alcohol and drug addictions; therefore the motto of YGLA is, "Out, Proud, and Sober." The program performs outreach services within the community for schools and churches to identify their need for services. YGLA provides a safe and sober environment for recovery, which has not always been available for the gay community. Ms. Williams explained that she encouraged a social environment, and is a support structure for those who need it. The groups discuss items such as coping skills, depression, peer pressure, alcohol and drug addition, and any of their other problems. It is rewarding to see children get empowered through their actions and the effort that they put forth. The group also participated in the gay pride parade and won an award for best spirit for a non-profit organization. These children are taking pride in who they are and what they can accomplish. The most recent project was creating 300 baskets for youth that have made their way to Tahlequah, and again has empowered the children for taking part in their community. Ms. Williams expressed the staff's excitement for expanding services and work space. The next project will be for high school students to have a place to do homework and have study groups. Ms. Williams thanked the Department and the Board to have the opportunity to serve the community and making the services available. Ms. Williams closed with an encouraging message about an underage club that is located down the street that has a reputation for being drug infested. Recently, the club has come under new management and wants to connect with Red Rock's services. People are now starting to seek out services that Red Rock provides. This proves Red Rock's presence in the gay district and how it is uniting and forming relationships with other organizations.

Mr. Sean Winders provided additional information on how Red Rock North operates. He explained that they provide a lot of day services and offer reach out in the evenings. There are some other small organizations, such as restaurants, that will sponsor special weekends. The outreach program is centered towards the homeless, prostitutes, drug dealers, and the bar areas; to the people who do not make it into the society. Mr. Winders explained day services and the vast majority seen for assessments. The main need is for a safe place to process a situation, since the subculture can be isolating. Another method of treatment is to form support groups, but if further assistance is needed they are referred to an outside agency, due to the small size of Red Rock North. Individual therapy is also available. The LGBT community has several things that make it unique: the ability to hide and socialization skills which are traditionally centered around alcohol. These factors lead to short-term, intense relationship. If and when a healthier relationship forms the community does not support the situation. Making a place for people to go is so important. Dr. Holden recognized Red Rock North for taking a leadership role and supporting an underserved area and that cultural competence encompasses a wide variety of areas.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Cline introduced Janie Hogue, who will be presented, for approval, to the Board at the November Board Meeting to serve as the Executive Director of VADTC. Ms. Hogue has a Master’s Degree in addiction and psychology as well as a Bachelor of Science in Human Services. Ms. Hogue is a certified chemical dependency clinical supervisor in Alaska and a nationally certified addiction counselor. Ms. Hogue has served as an Executive Director at a program in Alaska.

Dr. McCaffree moved to enter Executive Session. Dr. McCauley seconded the motion.

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

Dr. McCauley moved to exit Executive Session. Ms Eubanks seconded the motion.

Ms. Eubanks	Yes	Dr. Holden	Yes
Ms. Logan	Yes	Dr. McCaffree	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.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Logan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Dr. McCaffree seconded the motion. All voted in favor: none opposed.

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Dwight Holden, M.D., Chair

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