

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
OCCY COMMISSION MEETING
June 20, 2025**

PERSONNEL

Child Death Review Board: We have a vacancy in Child Death Review Board. The position was filled for a short time, but we ultimately lost the new employee for a better paying position at the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General. Due to budget constraints, we will more than likely wait a bit to refill it. It is a new position for us. The position will serve as a part-time case manager and an injury prevention specialist/education. The position will share information gathered during CDRB (in aggregate and de-identified) in the form of presentations, offer educational presentations to children about how to keep infants, children, youth and themselves safe. This position will also be charged with working with partners to improve policies, practices and perhaps laws to prevent child deaths.

CDRB also has two new, paid graduate interns:

- **Mr. Andrew Long** is an Ophthalmic Technician, Medical Scribe, and Surgical Technician turned full-time graduate student. He is pursuing a Masters in Public Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center with an emphasis on epidemiology.
- **Ms. Vivian Sanchez** is a graduate student seeking a Masters in Public Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. She has most recently served as a Graduate Research Assistant focusing her efforts on combatting health advertising of tobacco. In addition, she has served as an interviewer for the Oklahoma State Department of Health Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System and as an Epidemiology Intern at the Waco-McLennan County Health Department.

FINANCES - Mahboob ul Haq, OCCY Business Manager

General Budget Monitoring:

Mr. ul Haq continues to monitor our current budget situation. In addition to the attached report, Mr. ul Haq will present information during our meeting that will provide further explanation and detail. (*Please see handout.*)

State Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

I want to thank Mr. Ul Haq and Assistant Director Mark James for their tireless work on the 2026 budget. I also want to thank the managers for being so gracious and understanding about the decisions that were made. I will be presenting the details during the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Grand Jury Petitions Filed: At this time no new grand jury petitions have been filed that include Annette Wisk Jacobi or other OCCY employees as subjects.

Office Expansion: Due to lack of available funding, OCCY will not be seeking additional office space. For this reason, we will continue to have all those who were teleworking only come into the office once a week and utilize the commuter spaces.

Tour of Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC): I want to thank Director Tardibono for allowing me to tour COJC and more importantly attend the Home Sessions with the young men. It was inspiring to see the Office of Juvenile Affairs home program in action.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Child Death Review Board (CDRB)– Lizz Kaup, Program Manager

Annual Report: A draft of the Annual Report utilizing the complete data from deaths that

Year of Death	Total # of Child Deaths (per Vital Statistics)	Total # of Cases Eligible for Review (Including Natural Deaths*)	Total # of Cases in Open Status	Total # of Death Cases Reviewed & Closed by CDRB Boards
2025	Unknown	Unknown	68	0
2024	Unknown	282	248	34
2023	622	281 (45%)	53	228
2022	618	300 (48%)	0	300
2021	594	269 (45%)	54	215
2020	532	258 (48%)	4	254
2019	581	232 (40%)	3	229
2018	577	245 (42%)	0	245
2017	628	258 (41%)	0	258
2016	655	271 (41%)	0	271
2015	658	270 (41%)	0	270
2014	696	293 (42%)	1	292

*Natural death cases eligible for review include deaths in which abuse or neglect was a component of the case. For example, the child died of asthma and the caregivers had a history of not obtaining medical treatment for the decedent.

At the end of calendar year 2023, OCCY Leadership and CDRB made the decision to 'skip' ahead to focus on 2022 deaths and near deaths. The goal is to review and close, including completing data entry on, all 2022 cases and produce an annual report comprising of 2022 data. Once 2022 is complete, the goal will be to continue moving forward to 2023 cases while also catching up the 2020 and 2021 cases.

CDRB also is reporting the following numbers for the past two State Fiscal Years:

	2024	2025
# of Death Cases Closed	524	518
# of Near-Death Cases Closed	74	257

I want to thank the staff and the board members for all of their hard work! What a turn around we have seen within this department.

Postadjudication Review Board (PARB) – Keith Pirtle, Program Manager

New Atoka County PARB: The first meeting of the Atoka County PARB was held on May 7th. Mr. Pirtle facilitated the meeting and three, newly-trained PARB members began reviewing cases.

State PARB: The State PARB meeting took place on May 16. Sarah Sarah Herrian was elected as the new State PARB Chair. In addition, three members were nominated for submission to the Governor's Office to serve as the State PARB representatives to the Commission. These nominees include Dr. Kalie Kerth, Cindy Nocton and Daniel Herring.

PARB and Parent Voice: Oklahoma County PARB Coordinator Ms. Shelbi Tartairan facilitated the final session of the Bi-Monthly Parent Voice Series. This series has been instrumental in helping PARB members develop a deeper understanding of the parent experience, thereby improving the quality of board recommendations.

New Tulsa PARB Coordinator: Ms. Malayna Hasmanis provided her notice of resignation during May. She has been a transformative coordinator and her energy has been infectious. However, we are pleased to say that Ms. Saralyn Miller has taken on the role and has hit the ground running.

Office of Planning and Coordination (P&C) – Danielle Dill, Program Manager

Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Partnership:

The Children of Incarcerated Parents Advisory Committee convened on May 9 and established CIP Advisory Workgroups based on 25-26 strategic plan: 1) Networking and Respite for Service Providers; 2) CIP Advocacy Day at the Capitol; and 3) Data Mapping.

In addition, their service provider event will be a partnership between OCCY, Haruv USA, and the OU Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work. It is scheduled for November 14, 2025 in Tulsa.

Homeless Children & Youth (HCY) Partnership

Although supported by both chambers of the legislature, Senate Bill 799I was vetoed by the Governor on May 22nd. He cited issues with parental control and concerns of abuse for his rationale.

Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Partnership

The annual OCCY PDG site visit/audit was conducted by staff from the OPSR on May 8th. No issues or concerns were cited. In addition, the Early Childhood Transition Summit, sponsored by OCCY, is scheduled for June 20-21. The event is sold out.

**Office of Juvenile Systems Oversight - Harold Jergenson & Tina Pendergraft,
Supervisors**

	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints Visits	Facility Oversight Visits
May 2023	46	33	0	0
June 2023	36	45	2	0
July 2023	40	68	0	0
August 2023	41	47	0	0
Sept 2023	34	47	2	0
Oct 2023	54	24	2	0
Nov 2023	26	36	1	2
Dec 2023	24	20	0	3
Jan 2024	40	56	2	0
Feb 2024	51	26	1	0
Mar 2024	30	54	0	0
April 2024	33	27	0	1
May 2024	38	39	0	0
June 2024	27	28	0	0
July 2024	25	22	1	0
August 2024	29	26	0	0
Sept 2024	35	6	0	0
Oct 2024	33	22	0	0
Nov 2024	33	16	1	2
Dec 2024	26	28	0	2
Jan 2025	17	71	0	0
Feb 2025	26	43	1	1
Mar 2025	21	56	0	0
April 2025	29	49	2	1
May 2025	30	9	1	0

TOTALS	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints Visits	Facility Oversight Visits
SFY19	404	368	7	1
SFY20	334	545	15	5
SFY21	364	337	3	3
SFY22	462	390	13	3
SFY23	429	462	8	5
SFY24	438	473	6	6
SFY25 YTD	304	3488	6	6

Foster Youth Matters/Foster Parent Voices - Tina Pendergraft, Supevisor

	# of Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parents Complaints
May 2023	34		10
June 2023	45		16
July 2023	40		18
August 2023	21		21
September 2023	18		13
October 2023	20		13
November 2023	13		14
December 2023	17		22
January 2024	22		21
February 2024	18		8
March 2024	36		11
April 2024	39		19
May 2024	32		19
June 2024	30		14
July 2024	33		21
August 2024	27		14
September 2024	17		13
October 2024	32		6
November 2024	28		11
December 2024	22		14
January 2025	23		15
February 2025	17		8
March 2025	25		16
April 2025	43		18
May 2025	29		18

*as reported by TJ Cleary of Oklahoma Human Services

** as reported by Dawn Leemon of Oklahoma Human Services

TOTALS	# of Foster Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parent Complaints
SFY19	183*		180
SFY20	395		178
SFY21	405		182
SFY22	395		163
SFY23	437		165
SFY24	306		193
SFY25	296		154

*Program stated in November 2018 (SFY19)

** In previous reports, the foster parent and foster youth numbers for the month of February were transposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

