# NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Friday, July 24, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CDT)

This public meeting is being held consistent with the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 301 et seq., signed into law by Gov. Stitt on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. See SB 661, 2020 O.S.L 3, § 3.

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The following State PARB Members will be attending via Go to Meeting: Judge Bill Baze, Christina Siemens, Cindy Nocton, Daniel Herring, David Ross, Deanna Chancellor, Greg Delaney, Greg Parks, Lana Freeman, Judge Leah Edwards Lou Truitt Flanagan, Melanie Johnson, Judge Ryan Reddick, Carol Bridges, Jonette Dunlap, Kalie Kerth, Lisa Buck, Judge Louis Duel, Paula Cantrell, Sandra Brown, Tracy Otto, Judge VerSteeg, Sarah Herrian

The following staff will be attending via Go to Meeting: Keith Pirtle, Mark James, Christina Whatley

The following individuals will be attending via Go to Meeting: Kim Rebsamen

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: October 23, 2020

# **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

1.	Welcome and introduction of new members and Guests and a Call to Order	5 min.	Greg Delaney
2.	Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act	5 min.	Cherra Taylor
3.	Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2020 Discussion and possible action	5 min.	Greg Delaney
4.	Child Welfare Data: Length of Stay Update	10 Min	Daniel Herring
5.	PARB Evaluation Proposal	15 Min	Geneva Stretch, OU E-Team

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6.	PARB Program Manager's Report	10 Min.	Keith Pirtle
7.	Current Oklahoma PARB Strategies for Enhancing Foster Parent Support, Protection and Monitoring	15 Min.	Keith Pirtle
8.	PARB Statutes Related to Foster Care: A group discussion on what PARB is doing with Foster Care in Oklahoma and what it should be doing.	40 Min.	Keith Pirtle, Lauren Tatum, Foster Care- OKDHS, Dawn Leemon, Foster Care Ombudsman
9.	Future State PARB Agenda Item Requests	10 Min.	Greg Delaney
10.	New Business Business which was not known nor could have been know through exercise of due diligence at the time of posting of this agenda	5 Min.	Greg Delaney
11.	Adjournment		Greg Delaney

The Board may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda

# Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth 1111 N Lee Avenue, Suite 500 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

# STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD

via

Uberconference video call Friday, April 3, 2020

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Dr. Greg Parks. Determination of quorum was established for members present and the board was in compliance with notice and agenda requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Members present were: Dr. Carol Bridges, Dr. Greg Parks, Greg Delaney, Paula Cantrell, Lana Freeman, Daniel Herring, Dr. Kalie Kerth, Lou Truitt-Flanagan, Melanie Johnson, the Honorable Bill Baze, Cindy Nocton, the Honorable Leah Edwards, the Honorable Ryan Reddick, David Ross, and Jonette Dunlap. Members not present were: the Honorable Pat VerSteeg, Lisa Buck, Deanna Chancellor, Christina Siemens, the Honorable Louis Duel, Tracy Otto, and Sandy Brown. OCCY staff members present were: Keith Pirtle, Robert Agnew and Mark James.

# 2. Introduction of Members and Guests, Public Comments

Kim Rebsamen of Tulsa County PARB was in attendance. No public comments were made.

Dr. Parks stated that Randy Stewart has resigned from the Advisory Board. He represented the position of Active Foster Parent with a Current Contract with OKDHS. Suggestions or recommendations are to be sent to Keith.

# 3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 24, 20120 Discussion and possible action

Lana Freeman motioned and Melanie Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2020, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

# 4. PARB Program Managers Report

Discussion and Possible Action

Copies of the reported were distributed to the members. Keith Pirtle reported that Canadian County PARB had scheduled their first independent meeting but was cancelled due to COVID-19. He also stated that the Data Study that University of Oklahoma's (OU) Sociology Department was supposed to conduct has fallen through. Keith contacted the E-Team with OU and they have agreed to conduct the study and create a database. The initial draft of the contract has been written and ready for review.

Other activities include:

- The Voices for Children Conference, that was scheduled for April 3 4, was cancelled due to COVID-19
- Keith presented at an Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Regional meeting in Okmulgee.
- Keith attended the Panhandle PARB meeting.
- Oklahoma and Tulsa County PARBs are continuing to meet using video conferencing and secured

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transmission of cases for review.

• Legislation to change the term limits of members from three to five years is moving forward.

# 5. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2020 - 2022

# Discussion and Possible Action

The Nominating Committee has nominated Greg Delaney to serve as Chair and Deanna Chancellor to serve as Vice Chair beginning July 1, 2020. Their terms will conclude on June 30, 2022.

Lou Truitt-Flanagan motioned and the Honorable Leah Edwards seconded to accept Greg Delaney as Chair and Deanna Chancellor as Vice Chair of the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board beginning July 1, 2020. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

# 6. Review of State PARB By-laws

# Discussion and possible action

Copies of the By-laws with the proposed revisions were sent via email to the members. Two changes are proposed: to remove the specified months for when meetings are to be scheduled in Article V, Section 1 and; to remove the specified month to vote on officers for the next term in Article IV, Section 2.

Cindy Nocton motioned and Lana Freeman seconded to accept the proposed changes to the By-laws. The majority of the members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

# 7. PARB Annual Report Draft

Copies of the draft report were sent via email to the members. Keith announced that OCCY has hired Robert Agnew as the new Public Information Officer. He will be assisting Keith with the formatting of the report. Keith reported that he incorporated data from OKDHS, from a judicial survey, and from local board surveys as well as definitions of PARB, the juvenile court systems, and other entities. Keith is working to include quotes from multiple sources such as juvenile court judges and child welfare specialists. Dr. Carol Bridges suggested that the first sentence of each paragraph in the Narrative be highlighted. Cindy Nocton commented that the report is greatly improved from previous reports.

# 8. Local PARB Board Annual Report Recommendations

# Discussion and possible action

Copies of the local board recommendations were sent via email to the members. Keith requested that the members review the recommendations to determine what to recommend to OCCY's Board of Commissioners. Jonette Dunlap asked if anyone had review the California law that was mentioned in one of the local boards' recommendations. It was determined that the California law has not been reviewed.

Keith stated that some of the overwhelming concerns he saw was the need for supplies, training via video conference or webinar, and collaboration with other entities such as OKDHS and CASA. Keith will work with the local boards to correct these issues. Dr. Kalie Kerth state that she would like to see local boards have more interaction with foster parents during reviews. Lana Freeman stated that her board had made attempts to send reports to foster parents but has been unable to ensure delivery. Judge Bill Baze stated the boards' interaction with foster parents could help judges in their rulings. Cindy Nocton stated that education is needed for PARB members and child welfare specialists in providing necessary information. Paula Cantrell stated that her board has requested change of placement forms from her local child welfare specialists in order to receive foster parents' information for outreach. Dr. Bridges stated that her board request the foster parents' information from OKDHS for outreach, and follow up with the foster parents in order to provide informed recommendations to the court. It was requested research be done on how some of the local boards were able to receive information from attorneys for their reviews. It was suggested that local boards educate attorneys PARB, including having the attorneys attend meetings.

Keith stated that he will encourage local boards to do outreach and will assist them to improve relations with the other entities within their communities. He also requested that Cindy and Paula assist with mentoring other boards as well. Dr. Greg Parks asked for suggestions on developing a consistent approach for outreach and collaboration. Keith stated that he recently conducted a meeting via video conference with many of the PARB chairs, and believes that regular communication between the chairs will assist in developing consistency across the state. Keith will send out the forms used for outreach of foster parents and will conduct a training for PARB chairs on standard practices and cross training. Dr. Kerth suggested that a toolkit be created to assist the chairs in managing their boards. It was suggested that training to write more comprehensive recommendation reports is needed. Another suggestion was to reinstate the chairman's conference to train chairs on the protocols needed to manage an effective PARB. Keith

Keith requested that the Board members review both the local board recommendations and the annual report draft and contact him with any ideas or concerns they may have.

# 9. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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Children in Open Court Cases on June 1, 2020						
County	Number of Open OKDHS Court Cases	Number of Total Children (in the cases)	Number of Children with Open Removals	ALOS Days	ALOS Months	
CIMARRON	0	0	0	0	0	
GREER	7	10	6	158	5	
COTTON	1	2	1	179	6	
ELLIS	1	6	6	221	7	
PUSHMATAHA	11	19	18	226	7	
ROGER MILLS	8	14	14	289	9	
HARMON	5	14	13	319	10	
MURRAY	25	42	42	330	11	
WAGONER	48	84	77	338	11	
ADAIR	53	120	94	348	11	
HARPER	1	2	2	360	12	
MAJOR	14	21	19	361	12	
TILLMAN	10	17	6	392	13	
MARSHALL	20	35	35	391	13	
KINGFISHER	26	50	49	397	13	
CHOCTAW	32	58	50	394	13	
ROGERS	40	73	69	398	13	
SEQUOYAH	45	94	73	383	13	
CUSTER	49	93	87	387	13	
CREEK	74	125	118	399	13	
NOWATA	5	8	8	443	15	
GRANT	8	14	11	463	15	
TEXAS	9	19	19	452	15	
MAYES	18	30	27	455	15	
BLAINE	26	50	41	459	15	
PONTOTOC	46	85	85	463	15	
PAYNE	101	169	158	452	15	
KAY	112	209	175	450	15	
OKMULGEE	127	230	202	466	15	
POTTAWATOMIE	136	253	251	456	15	
MCCLAIN	17	29	28	495	16	
MCINTOSH	20	35	27	500	16	
HUGHES	22	38	38	498	16	
STEPHENS	25	33	33	477	16	
OTTAWA	28	43	43	491	16	
DELAWARE	29	56	52	481	16	
CHEROKEE	49	93	87	479	16	
JACKSON	49	92	68	498	16	
PITTSBURG	55	101	99	488	16	

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# PARB Evaluation and database creation proposal from the E-Team at the University of Oklahoma

7-15-2020

- 1. Design and develop a secure web-based reporting application.
- 2. Analyze trends and create recommendation categories from PARB recommendations in Oklahoma County and one other county for calendar years 2018 and 2019. Develop assessment metrics for future determinations to better understand how the court system utilizes PARB recommendations.
- 3. Provide findings and recommendations based on analysis of PARB data, including recommendations for appropriate evaluation measures and future evaluation studies, to document outcomes and successes such as how PARB recommendations are used between collaborating agencies such as the Oklahoma County Juvenile Court (OCJC) and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) and how the permanency of placement for youth in the PARB process may be impacted.
- 4. Analyze the PARB Member Database to assess demographic information such as gender, age, ethnicity, qualifications, etc. to identify member profile, determine diversity, trends, etc.



# **Protect Support Monitor**

# Post Adjudication Review Boards of Oklahoma Program Manager's Report July 24, 2020

# 1. Local PARB Board Report:

- A. Tulsa and Oklahoma County PARB Boards continue to meet via video conference
- B. All other PARB Boards stopped meeting in April and May. Some started meeting again in June and most are back meeting in July.
- C. Guidelines for reconvening were sent to PARB Board Chairs but the final decision was up to each Board after consulting with their members and Deprived Court Judge.

## 2. Outreach

- A. Wagoner and Cherokee County District Director, Lesley Nix meeting
- B. Carter and Love County, District Director Ambre Miller Meeting
- C. Reaching out to Ottawa County through Lynda Whitney, Delaware County Chair
- B. Focus group for Foster Parent Feedback Form and meeting, Jenny Countess, OKDHS
- C. Alternative Dispute Resolution Board Member (See later Discussion)
- D. Foster Care Mediation (See later Discussion)

# 3. OU Study Update

A. We are working on a contract with the University of Oklahoma E-Team. Geneva Stretch is the Director. See Board Packet. This seems like it will be a successful partnership.

# 4. Training

A. Tuesday Trainings: See handout

- 5. Legislative Report: See handout
- 6. Annual Reports
  - A. See final report

# **PARB Tuesday Trainings during COVID**

#### March 31, New Member Training

April 7, from 1-3 is our weekly Tuesday Training. See log in and call in information below. Maghan Ruark, Permanency Administrator at OKDS will be joining us. She will be reviewing the Court Improvement Program and DHS Joint Project. This Project is aimed at shortening the length of time in care for deprived kids by identifying barriers and working with the Court to address those barriers. Maghan was on the agenda for the canceled PARB/CASA Conference and I am excited that she will still be able to share her information with us. I believe there are lots of opportunities for us to partner together on this effort and work toward the same goals.

**April 14,** from 1-3. Please join us next week to hear from the members of the Oklahoma County Mental Health PARB Board. This Board was formed last year to address kids that get stuck in the deprived system due to their underlying mental needs. PARB Board members from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Developmental Disabilities Services and the Court Liaison's office and others will all be on the call to share their experiences and expertise.

April 21, Keith, PARB Chair Basics

April 28th, Nothing

**May 5**, Dr. Deb Shropshire, M.D., Child Welfare Services Director, will be sharing with us the Child Welfare Services Vision and True North Goals.

Keitha Wilson, MSW, Family First Prevention Services Program Administer will be sharing how the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), and soon the Family First Prevention Plan, creates a framework towards achieving Child Welfare's Vision. The CFSP is a 5-year strategic plan that sets forth Oklahoma's vision and goals to strengthen the child welfare system and is required to receive Federal funding. The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to support children and families and prevent foster care placements.

May 12, Enhanced Foster Care, Maegan Wiss, OKDHS and Leslie Hebert, ODMHSAS

May 19<sup>th</sup> Foster Care and Adoption in Oklahoma: What PARB should know Please join us for a discussion on foster care and adoption. I will start the conversation by reviewing a few of the PARB statutes as they relate to foster care and foster parents. Then Andrea Buck, Deputy Director of Foster Care and Adoption at OKDHS will talk about the foster care process and the Pinnacle Plan. Then Robin Gibson, Field Administrator for Adoption Transition at OKDHS will talk about Wendy's Wonderful Kids and hard to place kids. And last but not least, our friends at the Foster Care and Adoption Association, Sarah Herrian and Rochelle Simmons will talk about their group and whatever else is on their mind.

May 26th, Nothing

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday Training Tomorrow. Tuesday, June 2nd, 1-3 PM

**Title:** Beyond the Bruises: The Role of Coercive Control in the Entrapment of Victims of Intimate Partner Violence., Jacqueline Steyn, LPC, Private Consultant, Brandon Pasley, Senior Director of Specialized

Training, YWCA Oklahoma City, Karen Cunningham, Oklahoma PARB Member **Description:** Most of us understand physical and sexual violence within intimate partner relationships.

Lesser understood, is the aspect of coercive control. However, coercive control is central to our understanding of the dynamics of abuse, and to our ability to assess risk of harm. This training will provide an introduction to the characteristics of coercive control, how it presents, and the impact to the victim. Resources for victims and lessons learned from the Domestic Violence PARB will also be discussed.

**June 9th, 1-3 pm**, Tuesday Trainings. Tim Scott, Coordinator of the Child Mediation Program will be reviewing the Early Settlement Child Permanency Mediation Program. You may not be aware that PARB boards can recommend to the Court that they consider mediation. This is a great resource for foster parents, court involved folks and anyone else trying to work it out.

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# OCCY Legislative Update - 2020

The OCCY request bills were progressing until the issues surrounding COVID-19 presented. Due to the pandemic, the legislature heard a fraction of the bills they would consider during a typical session. For this reason, none of the OCCY request bills were enacted into law. It is the intention of OCCY to request the bills again during the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Oklahoma Legislature.

## **OCCY Request Bills**

#### HB3211: Grievance Procedures for Juveniles in Adult Facilities - Bill Died in Senate (Stalled by COVID)

This bill creates new law at\_10A O.S. §2-3-105 by directing OCCY to administer a grievance process to be utilized by children detained in a jail or other facility to be made available at any time prior to or after adjudication, conviction, and incarceration.

# HB3214: Default Placements for Youth - Bill Died in Senate (Stalled by COVID)

This bill amends 10A O.S. §2-3-101 prohibiting detainment of children under 17 in adult facilities, requiring a hearing and establishing factors for the court to consider before any child ages 15 -17 alleged to have committed murder in the first degree before being confined to adult facility.

#### HB3215: Juvenile and Youthful Offender Competency Hearings – Bill Died in Senate (Stalled by COVID)

This bill amends 10A O.S. §2-2-401.1 by permitting the Office of Juvenile Affairs to raise the issue of a child's competency any time prior to or during a delinquency or youthful offender proceeding for any child in its custody.

# HB3216: OCCY Oversight Duties - Bill Died in Senate (Stalled by COVID)

This bill amends 10 O.S. §601.6 by restoring language to allow the Office of Juvenile System Oversight to conduct site visits on shelters and private residential facilities.

#### SB1731: OCCY Clean-Up - Bill Died in House (Stalled by COIVID)

This bill amends 10 O.S. §601.1 by adding a position to the OCCY Board to include a Commissioner who is knowledgeable and has experience with the Indian Child Welfare Act, increasing appointments for the Post adjudication Review Board from three to five years, removing duty of Director to receive Commission advice and approval in hiring staff, and authorizing OCCY program referrals to the State Auditor.

#### Juvenile Law

#### SB 1948 – Juvenile Statute Clean-Up

This is a routine clean-up bill for 10A to amend, merge, consolidate and repeal multiple versions of statute that is conflicting. *EFFECTIVE DATE: May 21, 2020* 

#### HB 1282 - Placement of Children in Detention

This bill amends 10A O.S. §2-3-101 by providing: 1. No child twelve (12) or younger shall be placed in a detention facility unless all alternatives are exhausted, the child is charged with a felony and a risk-assessment screening indicates detention is required. A judge must approve. 2. Any child thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) may be placed in detention only after all alternatives are exhausted, the child is charged with a felony and a risk-assessment screening indicates detention is required. **EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020** 

#### HB 2823 - Child Death Review Board

This bill amends 10 O.S. §1150.2 by extending the sunset of the Child Death Review Board until July 1, 2023.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020** 



#### Criminal Law & Procedure

# HB 3251 - Violent Crime List

This bill amends 57 O.S. §571 by adding certain domestic violence crimes provided for in 21 O.S. §644 to the list of violent crimes. The crimes are: Domestic Assault or Domestic Assault and Battery (A&B) with Dangerous Weapon; Domestic A&B with a Deadly Weapon; and Domestic Abuse by Strangulation. The other Domestic Abuse offenses provided for in 21 O.S §644 are still not included in the violent crime list. **EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020** 

#### SB 1462 - Dissemination of Private Sexual Images

This bill amends 21 O.S. §§1040.13b by making it a felony for anyone who gains or attempts to gain financially or gain anything of value as a result of the non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images. The punishment is up to four (4) years in prison. A second of subsequent violation is punishable by up to ten (10) years in prison and registering under the Sex Offender Registration Act. The State shall not have the discretion to file the case as a misdemeanor pursuant to 22 O.S. §234. *EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020* 

#### Miscellaneous

# **HB 1276 – Child Support and License Revocations**

This bill amends 43 O.S. §139 and 47 O.S. §139.1 by removing the ability to suspend or revoke occupational licenses and driver licenses for nonpayment of child support obligations, BUT it still allows recreational licenses or permits to be revoked or suspended. Now, for not paying one's child support, one stands the risk of having their hunting/fishing license revoked or suspended, or their boat certificate of title not to be renewed. *EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020* 

# **HB 2871 - Initiatives and Referendums**

This bill amends 34 O.S. §3.2 by allowing persons signing initiative or referendum petitions to use the address of the A.G.'s Office if they are enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program. *EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020* 

#### **HB 2877 - Victims Impact Panel**

This bill amends 22 O.S. §991a relating to the Victims Impact Panel by raising the authorized fee for the panel from sixty dollars (\$60.00) to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). It also tries to clarify that businesses operating as a Victims Impact Panel shall ONLY be operating as a Victims Impact Panel. Certified assessment agencies, certified assessors or providers of alcohol and drug substance abuses course are prohibited from providing victims impact panel programs and are prohibited from having any pecuniary or proprietary interest in a Victims Impact Panel. It also provides that Victims Impact Panels shall provide their proof of required documentation to the District Attorneys Council beginning October 1, 2020, and are required to pay an annual fee of one thousand dollars 7 (\$1,000.00). The DAC shall provide a statement certifying that the provider has complied with all of the requirements set forth by law. *EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2020* 

#### **HB 3756 – Videoconferencing District Court Proceedings**

This bill creates a new law at 20 O.S. §130 by authorizing the use of videoconferencing technology in the district courts in all stages of civil or criminal proceedings, except jury and non-jury trials, and shall be governed by the Rules of the District Courts. *EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020* 

#### HB 4138 - Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act

This bill creates the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act at 74 O.S. §30.4 et seq. It allows political subdivisions to see Opioid Abatement money through grants for treatment, prevention, avoidance and awareness education, counselling, and a whole list of other possibilities, including but not limited to reimbursement for law enforcement expenditures. The Abatement Board is comprised of nine (9) members. *EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 2020* 

#### SB 661 – Open Meeting Act

This bill made some amendments to the Open Meetings Act to allow some accommodations during the COVID-19 state of emergency this year relative to videoconferencing. These changes are effective until November 15. 2020, or when the Governor terminates the emergency, whichever occurs first. Previously, there could only be videoconferencing if a



quorum was present at the meeting location. Under this change, all members of the public body could videoconference if they so desired. It also amended 25 O.S. §307.1 by requiring each public meeting held by videoconference or teleconference to be recorded. It even allowed for videoconferencing of Executive Sessions. It also slightly changed the notice dates for meetings. *EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2020* 

# SB 1081 - Anti-Red Flag Law

This bill creates a new law at 21 O.S. §1289.24c providing that the state legislature pre-empts any legislation in Oklahoma dealing in any way with extreme risk protection orders against an Oklahoma citizen. "Extreme risk protection orders" means an executive order, written order or warrant issued by a court for which the primary purpose is to reduce the risk of firearm-related death or injury by doing one or more of the following: 1. Prohibiting an individual from having the custody or control, owning, possessing or receiving a firearm; or 2. Having a firearm removed or requiring the surrender of firearms from a named individual. *EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2020* 

#### **SB 1423 - Vaping**

This bill amends 10A O.S. §2-8-224 by making it unlawful for anyone under twenty-one (21), rather than eighteen, to use, possess, etc., tobacco or vapes. Does the same for 21 O.S. §1241 relative to providing tobacco or vapes to a person under twenty-one (21). Basically, it makes similar amendments throughout the Oklahoma Statutes. *EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2020* 

#### SB 285 - Breast Feeding

This bill amends 40 O.S. §435 by requiring all state agencies to allow an employee who is lactating reasonable break time to express her milk. *EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2020* 

#### Oklahoma PARB Strategies for Enhancing Foster Parent Support, Protection and Monitoring

7-24-2020

- 1. Encourage local PARB Boards to recruit more foster parent membership on their Boards
- 2. Encourage local PARB Boards to reach out to foster parents to discuss their case as it is being reviewed either in person or through written reports.
- 3. Enhance and coordinate the written foster parent reports to the court. Keith and Sarah serving on a committee headed up by Jenny Countess at OKDHS to edit and formalize the Foster Parent Court Report.
- 4. Several recent PARB Trainings on Foster Care. (See Tuesday Trainings)
- 5. Better coordination and collaboration with all foster care partners including, Foster Care and Adoptive Association, Foster Care and Adoption at OKDHS, Field Administrator for Adoption Transition at OKDHS, Wendy's Wonderful Kids at OKDHS, Circle of Care, Foster Care Ombudsman Program.
- 6. Dispute Resolution Advisory Board (see below)
  A. Foster Care Mediation (see below)

Office of Juvenile System Oversight at OCCY Related to PARB Activities

Title 10. Children
Chapter 26 - Services to Children and Youth
Section 601.6 - Office of Juvenile System Oversight - Powers, Duties, Authority, and Complaints (edited for discussion purposes)

- B. The Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall:
- 3. Establish, in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Act, Sections 1801 through 1813 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a voluntary program for foster parents to mediate complaints concerning the rights of foster parents, as provided for in Section 1-9-119 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, that relate to certain actions, inactions or decisions of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or child-placing agencies that may be adversely affect the safety and well-being of children in the custody of the state;
  - A. <u>The PARB Program Manager has traditionally served on the Dispute Resolution Advisory</u> Board. Keith Pirtle was appointed on 5-20-2020
  - B. A Foster Care Mediation Program was established in the past and organized out of the dispute resolution program through the Administrative Office of the Courts. Traditionally the PARB Program Manager has served as the manager of the Foster Care Mediation Program at OCCY. This service has not been utilized, organized or promoted for several years. Keith Pirtle was appointed on 5-20-2020. Tim Scott of the Administrative Office of the Courts can help reshape the Foster Care Mediation Program
- 4. Receive any complaint alleging that an employee of the Department of Human Services or a childplacing agency has threatened a foster parent with removal of a child from the foster parent, harassed a foster parent, or refused to place a child in a licensed or certified foster home, or disrupted a child placement as retaliation or discrimination towards a foster parent who has:

A. Foster parent complaints are addressed through several mechanisms tied closely to PARB and OCCY. Tina Pendergraph works for the OJSO and works with the Office of Client Advocacy at OKDHS to address and review complaints. Dawn Leemon is the Foster Care Ombudsman within the Office of Client Advocacy at OKDHS. She works closely with OCCY to address and quantify concerns of foster parents.

# PARB Statute Review Assessment An exercise in understanding state statutes related to foster care and how we want to proceed as a state leadership body

# Assessment questions to address five foster care and PARB statutes:

- 1. Is PARB currently addressing this statute?
- 2. Is another agency or entity addressing this task?
- 3. Should PARB be addressing this issue?

# Title 10: Chapter 51: Section 1116.6 (Edited for discussion purposes)

- 1. Serve, in coordination with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, as a clearinghouse for reports and information concerning the foster care review program (*PARB*) and the review boards as they relate to foster care;
  - 1. Is PARB currently addressing this statute?
  - 2. Is another agency or entity addressing this task?
  - 3. Should PARB be addressing this issue?
- 2. Work with both public and private agencies concerned with foster care and adoption exchanges to inform the public of the need for temporary and permanent homes and other services needed by deprived children; and identify, analyze, and recommend solutions to any issue concerning child welfare and foster care services within the child welfare delivery system,
  - 1. Is PARB currently addressing this statute?
  - 2. Is another agency or entity addressing this task?
  - 3. Should PARB be addressing this issue?
- 3. Participate in the statewide planning and promotion of foster parent involvement in local planning for child welfare services.
  - 1. Is PARB currently addressing this statute?
  - 2. Is another agency or entity addressing this task?
  - 3. Should PARB be addressing this issue?

- 4. Develop recommendations concerning foster care training to improve the quality of foster care services.
  - 1. Is PARB currently addressing this statute?
  - 2. Is another agency or entity addressing this task?
  - 3. Should PARB be addressing this issue?
- 5. The State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board may designate multidisciplinary committees on the local level to act as advocates for foster parents in order to assist in the resolution of specific complaints concerning foster care and to help facilitate the relationship between the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, child-placing agencies, and the foster parents.
  - 1. Is PARB currently addressing this statute?
  - 2. Is another agency or entity addressing this task?
  - 3. Should PARB be addressing this issue?