# NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Friday, October 23, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CDT)

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The following staff will be attending via Go to Meeting: Keith Pirtle, Mark James, Christina Whatley, Lisa Rhoades, Ellen Lohrenz, Cherra Taylor, Annette Jacobi, Jennifer Hardin, Katharine Carson

The following individuals will be attending via Go to Meeting: Kim Rebsamen, KC Kounce, Johnna James, Sonja Cole, Kelly Tannehill, Constanzia Nizza, Lisa White, Sherry Skinner

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 22, 2021

### **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 July 24, 2020 Discussion and possible action	5 min.	Greg Delaney
4.	Child Welfare Data: New Judicial Dashboard	15 Min	Sherry Skinner

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5.	PARB Evaluation Update	15 Min	Lisa White, OU E- Team
6.	PARB Program Manager's Report	10 Min.	Keith Pirtle
7.	2021 State PARB Proposed Meeting Dates	5 Min.	Greg Delaney
	Discussion and possible action		
8.	Potential PARB Legislative Issues for 2021	25 Min.	Keith Pirtle
	Discussion and possible action		
9.	PARB and ICWA: Where we are and where should we be going? Discussion and possible action	30 Min.	Keith Pirtle
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 2915 N Classen Blvd, Suite 300 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

### STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD

via Gotomeeting video call Friday, July 24, 2020

#### **MINUTES**

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Greg Delaney. 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 via video conference were: Dr. Carol Bridges, Dr. Greg Parks, Greg Delaney, Lisa Buck, Deanna Chancellor, Christina Siemens, Dr. Kalie Kerth, Tracy Otto, Sarah Herrian, Cindy Nocton, the Honorable Pat VerSteeg, and Jonette Dunlap. Members present via phone were: Paula Cantrell, Melanie Johnson, Lana Freeman, and the Honorable Bill Baze. Members not present were: Lou Truitt-Flanagan, the Honorable Ryan Reddick, Daniel Herring, the Honorable Louis Duel, David Ross, the Honorable Leah Edwards, and Sandy Brown. OCCY staff members present were: Keith Pirtle, Christina Whatley, Amanda Jett, Ellen Lorhenz, Lisa Rhoades, Annette Jacobi, and Mark James.

### 2. Introduction of Members and Guests, Public Comments

Dawn Leemon and Lauren Tatum of Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), and Geneva Strech and Lisa White of the University of Oklahoma (OU) were in attendance. No public comments were made.

Greg Delaney introduced Sarah Herrian as the new board member for the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board. She is filling the position of Active Foster Parent with a Current Contract with OKDHS.

## 3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 3, 20120 *Discussion and possible action*

Cindy Nocton motioned and Lana Freeman seconded to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2020, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting. Motion failed.

The Honorable Bill Baze motioned and Cindy Nocton seconded for a recount of the votes to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2020, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

### 4. Child Welfare Data: Length of Stay Update

Copies of the OKDHS report, regarding the average length of stay in out-of-home care, were distributed to the members. Keith Pirtle stated that the report was separated by county in the order from the shortest average of stay for children to the longest average of stay.

### 5. PARB Evaluation Proposal

Copies of the proposal were distributed to the members. Lisa White and Geneva Strech, Evaluation Team (E-Team) at OU, reported that they reviewed sample data to determine what the web-based reporting site

will look like and how it will function. Some of the possible functions of the application will:

- Allow PARB members to securely enter data for analysis.
- Allow for specific data to be extracted for reports.
- Allow for analysis of demographic information and trends.
- Provide findings and recommendations based on analysis of collected data.

### 6. PARB Program Managers' Report

Copies of the report were distributed to the members. Keith reported that Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties have been conducting regularly scheduled meetings using technology, and other PARBs have begun inperson meetings in June while adhering to CDC guidelines.

Other activities include:

- Conducted outreach to local OKDHS directors and districts judges to improve relationships.
- Working to finalize the contract with OU's E-Team to begin evaluation and analysis of PARB data.
- Conducted online trainings for local PARB members.
- Completed the PARB annual report.

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

Copies of a list of current strategies were distributed to the members. Keith reported that he has been conducting research on PARB's role regarding support to foster parents and that PARB could do better across the state. He listed several current strategies being used to support foster parents better. These include:

- Encourage local PARBs to recruit more foster parents for Board membership.
- Encourage local PARBs to reach out to foster parents for case reviews.
- Multiple trainings on foster care were conducted.
- There has been an increase in coordination and collaboration with foster care partners, such as Foster Care and Adoptive Association, and Circle of Care to name a few.

There was discussion surrounding the importance of foster parents being involved in custody cases, and possibly filling out a unified court or OKDHS form on the status of the children and youth residing in their homes. There was also discussion on whether the form would be mandated or optional for foster parents.

## 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

Copies of an assessment to discuss how effective PARB currently is in addressing statutes around foster care involvement were distributed. Keith went through the assessment questions with the board members. Under each question, several of the members explained what their local PARBs or organizations' ideas, strategies, and activities are that could meet the requirements. Some of the activities include:

- OKDHS is in the process of creating a court report template for foster parents to complete.
- Have PARB assist in creating an atmosphere of teamwork between OKDHS, foster parents, and the courts.
- Oklahoma Foster and Adoptive Association is developing a foster parent mentorship program to assist new foster parents in guiding them through the processes.
- OKDHS provide annual surveys to foster parents to find systemic issues within the system.
- Increase communication efforts between PARB, OKDHS, and other public and private foster care and adoptive services.

### 9. Future State PARB Agenda Item Requests

Some of the suggestions include:

- Discussion regarding digital formats, recommendations and reports, and maintaining confidentiality.
- Discussion regarding Tribal representation and resources for PARB.
- Discussions regarding ICWA in Oklahoma

### 10. New Business

(Business which was not known nor could have been known through exercise of due diligence at the time of posting of this agenda)

No new business at the time of this meeting.

### 11. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

PARB Meeting Page 3 of 3 Meeting Date: July 24, 2020

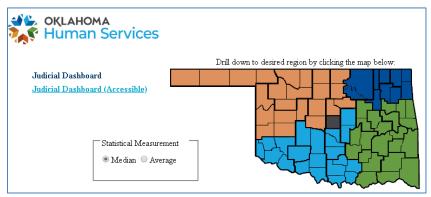
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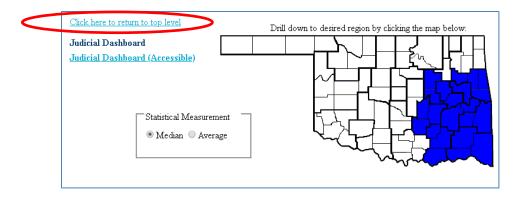
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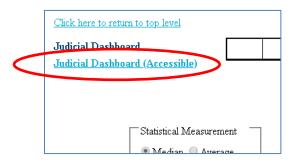


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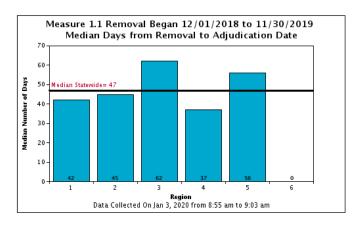
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- Period Under Review (PUR) most measures cover a 12 month period (unless noted otherwise).

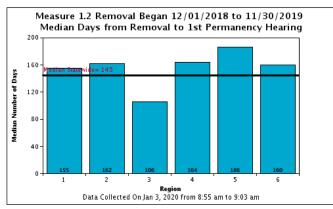
### Measure 1.1 – Days from removal to Adjudication Date

- This measure includes all children where child's removal begin dates falls during period under review (PUR) prior (12 month period unless stated otherwise)
- Difference between days from Removal Begin Date to Adjudication Date

### Measure 1.2 – days from Removal to 1st permanency Hearing

- This measure includes all children where child's removal begin dates falls during (PUR)
- Difference between removal begin date and 1<sup>st</sup> permanency hearing
- A permanency hearing includes the following hearing types:
  - Adjudicatory\*
  - Termination
  - Permanency
  - Pre-Trial Child's Permanency Reviewed
  - Adjudicatory-Child's Permanency Reviewed
  - Termination-Child's Permanency Reviewed
  - \*To be counted as a Permanency hearing, date must be after or equal to Adjudication date. If same date, disposition must have occurred at Adjudication.



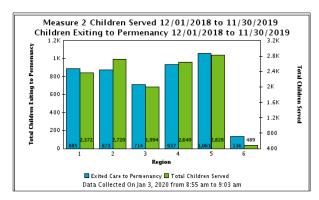


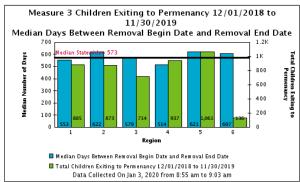
### Measure 2 – Children Exiting to Permanency

- This measure includes a count of all served children in care during the PUR and a count of those children exiting to permanency during PUR
- Permanency Exit Reasons include:
  - Adoption or Adoption / Tribal Jurisdiction
  - Guardianship Relative or Non-Relative
  - Reunification
  - Custody to Relative

### Measure 3 - Time to Permanency - Days between Removal and Exit

- Removal End Date during PUR with an exit reason of:
  - Adoption or Adoption / Tribal Jurisdiction
  - Guardianship Relative
  - Reunification
  - o Custody to Relative
  - o Guardianship Non-Relative
- Length of time in days between Removal Begin Date and Removal End Date





### **ADOPTION MEASURES:**

### Measure 4.1

- All children with a case plan goal (CPG) change to Adoption during PUR, (recommendation of Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) to court)
- length of time from Removal Begin date to date of CPG to Adoption

### Measure 4.2

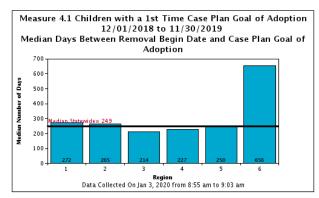
- All children who become Legally Free during PUR ("Legally Free" is termination of parental rights for all applicable parents)
- length of time from date CPG established as Adoption to Legally Free Date (TPR)

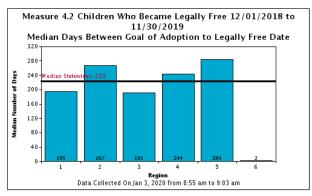
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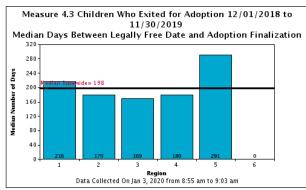
- All children with a Removal End date in PUR who exited care to Adoption
- length of time from Legally Free Date to Removal End Date (Exit)

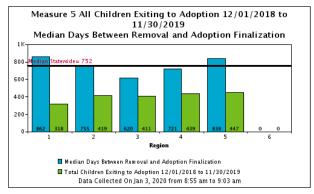
### Measure 5

- Removal End Date during PUR to Adoption Finalization date
- length of time from Removal Begin date to removal end date (total time in care)



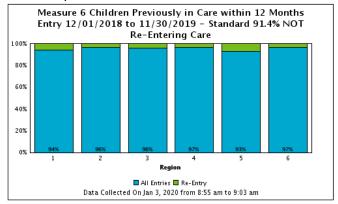






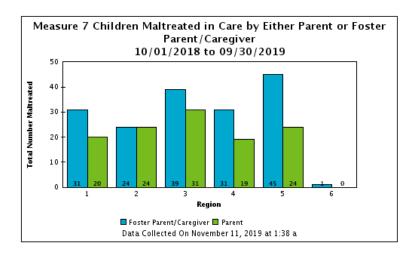
### Measure 6 - Re-Entry

- Percentage of children with a previous removal end date within 12 months of current removal begin date
- Standard is above 91.4% without a previous removal



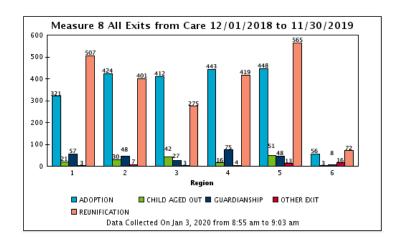
### Measure 7 - MIC

- Children Maltreated in Care by Foster Parent or Bio Parent during prior 12 month period
  - Can select perpetrator as Foster Parent, or (Bio) Parent



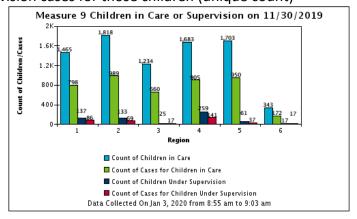
### Measure 8 - All Exits from Care

• All children who exited from care during PUR and includes all children exiting care.



### Measure 9 - Children in Care

- This measure includes total count of children in care Point in time counts
- Total count of cases for those children (unique count)
- Count of children in supervision
- Total count of supervision cases for those children (unique count)





# E-TEAM has partnered with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to:

- ➤ Design and develop a secure web-based reporting application.
- 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.

# E-TEAM has partnered with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to:

- 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.
- Analyze the PARB Member Database to assess demographic information such as gender, age, ethnicity, qualifications, etc. to identify member profile, determine diversity, trends, etc.

# WHERE WE ARE NOW

E-TEAM is analyzing data from Oklahoma County PARB forms to:

- •Identify recurring categories of PARB recommendations to be used for aggregate data analysis.
- Identify any missing data.
- Report outcomes.
- •Recommend assessment metrics that can be used to better understand how the courts are using the PARB recommendations.

# WHAT WE FOUND

Through a content analysis of the qualitative data on the PARB Recommendation forms we have identified ten main overarching recommendation categories:

- Placement
- Mental Health Services
- Parental Rights and Supports
- Visitation
- Assistance/Resources/Specialized Services

- Cultural Supports
- Educational Services/Training
- Health Care Services
- Individual Service Plan
- Assignment of Worker/Advocate

# Next Steps

- Complete a full analysis of the PARB Recommendation Form.
- ➤ Prepare a report with findings and recommendations.
- ➤ Begin the design of a web-based application that will be used to input and track PARB data.



## **Protect Support Monitor**

## Post Adjudication Review Boards of Oklahoma Program Manager's Report October 23, 2020

### 1. PARB Board Report:

- A. Tulsa and Oklahoma County PARB Boards continue to meet via video conference. They will need to start meeting in person starting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- B. About 20 of the 36 local PARB Boards are meeting in person. The other continue to postpone their meetings.
- C. Another virtual training was held for all PARB members on the forms and other items.
- D. An Ottawa County kick off meeting took place and an outreach meeting also took place with an Ottawa County Coalition. They are now recruiting members and plan on having their first meeting in January.

### 2. Outreach

- A. Outreach activities took place to promote the PARB new member training on 9-29-2020. As a result, one new member and 9 potential members were trained and 10 people were registered for the next PARB New Member Training. Also, as a result 3 new potential members are submitting applications.
- B. Christina and Keith met with all the Oklahoma County Juvenile Court Judges on September 21st to promote PARB and increase communication.

### 3. Administrative

- A. PARB Form updates and fillable PDF Forms were created.
- B. Rob Agnew has updated PARB's section of the OCCY web site. This includes posting all the updated PDF fillable PARB Forms. https://www.ok.gov/occy/Programs/Post\_Adjudication\_Review\_Board/index.htm l.

### 4. Special Projects

- A. Two meetings were held with Phil Johnson and Tim Scott on getting the Foster Care Mediation Program up and running again through OCCY.
- B. PARB Staff led a breakout session for a Legislative Youth Summit on Homeless Youth and promoted the Commission and OCCY programs as well as the homeless task force.
- C. Progress is being made on the OU Study of the PARB Boards. Recommendations in Oklahoma County from 2019 are being categorized. Steps are being taken to identify another PARB County to review their recommendations from 2019 as well. Custer County is the favorite so far.
- D. At the request of one of the State PARB Members, Keith has been working with Jennifer Hardin and others to facilitate plans and discussions around the need for faster jury trials in termination of parental rights cases.

## **Post Adjudication Review Board Program**

# 2021 Training and State PARB Meeting Dates and Events

## **2021 PARB Training and State PARB Meeting Dates**

### January

State PARB Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00-12 2915 North Classen, Suite 300 OKC, Main Conference Room

New Member Training: OKC, 13th, 4-6 2915 North Classen, Suite 300 OKC, Main Conference Room, Keith, Christina

### **February**

New Member Training: OKC, 10th, 4-6 2915 North Classen, Suite 300 OKC, Main Conference Room, Keith

Regional, TBD, Keith

### March

New Member Training: Tulsa, 30, 3-6, Kim

### **April**

State PARB Meeting April 9th, 10-12 2915 North Classen, Suite 300 OKC, Main Conference Room

### May

New Member Training: OKC, 12th, 4-6 2915 North Classen, Suite 300 OKC, Main Conference Room, Keith, Christina

Regional, TBD, Keith

### June

New Member Training: Tulsa, 29, 3-6, Kim

PARB201: Subject, date and location to be determined at the April Conference

### July

New Member Training: OKC, 10th, 4-6

2915 North Classen, Suite 300

OKC, Main Conference Room, Keith, Christina

State PARB Meeting, 23<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12 2915 North Classen, Suite 300

OKC, Main Conference Room

### August

New Member Training: Tulsa, 31, 3-6, Kim

Regional, TBD, Keith

### September

New Member Training: OKC, 15th, 4-6

2915 North Classen, Suite 300 OKC, Main Conference Room

### **October**

State PARB Meeting, 22rd, 10:00-12

2915 North Classen, Suite 300

OKC, Main Conference Room

PARB201: Subject, date and location to be determined

### November

New Member Training: Tulsa, 30, 3-6, Kim

Regional, TBD, Keith

### Potential State PARB Legislative Issues for 2021

- 1. Home Schooling Safety
  - A. Kids that are at risk for continued abuse and neglect due to isolation from their community
  - B. Two meetings were held last year to discuss options
  - C. Met with National Responsible Home Schooling group and Julia Sterr with OKDHS. Committee members included, Jennifer Hardin, Kalie Kerth, Paula Cantrell and Jonette Dunlap.
  - D. Do we want to explore this issue again?
- 2. PARB Name Change: Citizen's Review Board for Children and Youth
  - A. We were unable to find an author last year
  - B. Do we want to try and find an author and pursue this a second time?
- 3. Jury Trials for Termination of Parental Rights in Oklahoma
  - A. The Concern: Termination of parental rights often takes significantly more time than it should due to the requirement of Jury Trials for TPR. This significantly delays adoption and therefore child permanence. In rural areas there are very few jury trials set per year and criminal proceedings are prioritized. COVID 19 is not helping.
  - B. PARB did take this on a few years ago.
  - C. Judge VerSteeg is serving on a committee looking into this issue
  - D. Oklahoma Supreme Court precedent recognizes a right to trial by jury in the termination of parental rights at least by the state.
  - E. It is still a constitutional right unless overturned by a subsequent Supreme Court decision or a modification of the constitution.
  - F. One meeting was held to explore the issue further. It included Kathryn Brewer from the DA Council, Sarah Herrian, KC Kounce, Jennifer Hardin, Director Jacobi and Keith Pirtle.
  - G. Is this an issue we want to take on? Do we want to wait and see what comes out of Judge VerSteeg's efforts first?

#### State PARB Indian Child Welfare and PARB Outline for Discussion

10-23-2020

- 1. PARB and ICWA: Where we are and where we are going
  - A. The State of PARB and ICWA
    - a. Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties have ICWA Boards
    - b. Most boards try and identify ICWA Cases, make sure there are active efforts, that Tribal placement is pursued, and that DHS is reporting ICWA compliance.
    - c. Bryan County has Choctaw Nation ICW staff attend the PARB Meeting
  - B. Discussion Questions
    - a. What is PARB's Role in ICW cases?
    - b. Where are there opportunities for PARB to connect better with tribes and ICW workers?
    - c. How do we foster that connection?
  - C. How can PARB help the process when a case is determined to be ICW?
    - a. Is there more we should be doing? Should we make a committee and pursue this further?