STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

Date: 1-17-2025

Time: 10-12

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

| 1 | Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests | 5 Min | Deanna Chancellor |
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| 2 | Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act | 5 Min | Cherra Taylor |
| 3 | Review and Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2024, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board meeting | 5 Min | Deanna Chancellor |
| | Discussion and possible action | | |
| 4 | Discussion on adding additional voices to the PARB Case Review meeting. | 20 Min | Director Annette Jacobi |
| 5 | Proposed Policy and Process for Inviting Natural and Foster Parents to Attend a PARB Review. | 10 Min | Keith Pirtle |
| | Discussion and possible action | | |
| 6 | Discussion and Report from the Subcommittee to Explore Increased Payment Rates to Foster Parents | 10 Min | Sarah Herrian |
| | Discussion and possible action | | |
| 7 | Review of the Annual Report Survey Submissions from Local Boards | 15 Min | Keri Spencer |
| 8 | State PARB Findings and Recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth in Accordance with Title 10, Chapter 51, Sect 1116.6 | 20 Min | Deanna Chancellor |
| | Discussion and possible action | | |
| 9 | PARB Year in Review and Program Managers Report | 5 Min | Keith Pirtle |
| 10 | E-Team Report | 5 Min | Lisa White |
| 11 | Report from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth | 5 Min | Dr. Kalie Kerth |



| 12 | OCCY Proposed Legislative Changes | 10 Min | Marcia Johnson |
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| 13 | 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 | 5 Min | Deanna Chancellor |
| 14 | Adjournment | | Deanna Chancellor |

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

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STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting September 27, 2024 10:00am

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests and a Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01a.m. by Vice-Chairperson, Sarah Herrian. 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 in person: Daniel Herring, Cindy Humphrey, Adrian Ratke, the Honorable Tom Newby, Dr. Kalie Kerth, Amanda Bodine, Kristi Thompson, Keri Spencer, Donna Keller, Lou Flanagan, Sarah Herrian, Liz Nelson, J.J. Waggoner, Amber Shaw, the Honorable Leah Edwards, the Honorable Christine Larson, Lynda Whitney, Cindy Nocton, Brant Bullard, and the Honorable Kaitlyn Allen. Members not present: Greg Delaney, the Honorable Paul Hesse, and Deanna Chancellor. OCCY staff members present: Keith Pirtle, Mark James, Shelbi Tatarian, Marcia Johnson, and Cherra Taylor. Guests present: Lisa White, University of Oklahoma E-TEAM; and Tricia Howell, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

- 2. Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act Quorum was determined and in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.
- 3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2024, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Special Meeting

 Discussion and Possible Action

Copies of the minutes were provided.

Lou Truitt-Flanagan motioned, and Daniel Herring seconded to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2024, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Special Meeting. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

4. State PARB Proposed 2025 Meeting Dates

Discussion and Possible Action

The proposed meeting dates for calendar year are: January 17, May 16, and October 17. It was stated that October 17 was during fall break for many school districts, leaving a potential issue establishing quorum. It was suggested to schedule the meeting in September. September 26 was selected.

Kristi Thompson motioned, and Cindy Nocton seconded to approve the calendar year 2025 meeting dates of January 17, May 16, and September 26, 2025. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.



5. Vote on PARB Representative to OCCY Child Death Review Board Discussion and Possible Action

Keith Pirtle, PARB Program Manager, reported that Cindy Nocton has represented PARB on the Child Death Review Board (CDRB) for the last six years. He stated that it is time to appoint or reappoint a PARB member to CDRB. Cindy Nocton gave a brief explanation of what CDRB is and their duties as required by Statute. Ms. Nocton requested that she continue serving on CDRB. Mr. Pirtle stated that Lou Flanagan is interested in being an alternate member of CDRB.

The Honorable Leah Edwards motioned, and Cindy Humphrey seconded to approve Cindy Nocton as the PARB representative on the Child Death Review Board and Lou Flanagan as an alternate member. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative except for Lou Flanagan who abstained. Motion passed.

6. Creation of a State PARB Subcommittee to Explore Increased Payment Rates to Foster Parents

Vice-Chairperson Herrian stated that after some discussion on certain issues that State PARB wanted to undertake, including increasing payment rates for foster parents, it was determined that more information was needed before moving forward with any initiative. Vice-Chairperson Herrian suggested forming a subcommittee to explore options. Amanda Bodine, Amber Shaw, Liz Nelson, Lou Flanagan, Daniel Herring, and Donna Keller volunteered to sit on the subcommittee.

7. State PARB Recommendations Discussion: Oklahoma's Promise eligibility requirements and efforts to modernize the state's approach to individual service plans

Tricia Howell, Director of Child Welfare at Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), presented information and answered questions regarding foster youth's eligibility to Oklahoma's Promise and OKDHS' efforts to enroll foster into the program. Some of the information provided included:

- Youth who are in custody in 8th grade 11th grade are eligible for Oklahoma's Promise.
- Youth who were in custody and then adopted in the 8th grade 12th grade are eligible for Oklahoma's Promise.
- Youth who are adopted or reunified with parents prior to the 8th grade -11th grade are eligible subject to income requirements.

Maghan Ruark, Deputy Director of Programs in OKDHS Child Welfare, presented information regarding the efforts made to modernize the state's approach to individual service plans (ISPs). Ms. Ruark stated that the new format will be available to child welfare staff November 1, 2024. She provided an overview of the upcoming changes to the ISPs.

Copies of the presentations were provided.

8. E-Team Report

Lisa White, senior researcher with the University of Oklahoma's (OU) E-TEAM, presented on the background and progress of the PARB database. Some of the information provided included:

- OU's E-TEAM provides services for program evaluation and research.
- PARB partnered with the E-TEAM in 2020 to create a new central data entry system.
- E-TEAM analyzed data from two counties to create a base template of the database.
- The new database launched in April 2021.



- The annual PARB report for FY2023 was completed, utilizing the data from the database.
- Next steps will include new monthly reports, four new fields will be added, and a new section to collect volunteer hours, and add a data point to follow termination filings.

Copies of the presentation was provided.

J.J. Waggoner left the meeting at 11:30am.

9. Proposed PARB Credentialing Process

Mr. Pirtle presented a proposal for a new credentialing process for the local PARBs. Some of the proposed process and updates included:

- Utilization of the database will be mandatory for all PARBs.
- Establish a set of standardized best practices and training protocols.
- Draft an assessment tool and annualize site reviews to determine standards are met.
- Virtually conduct mandatory chairperson trainings.

Copies of the credentialing proposal and the assessment form draft were provided.

10. Report from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

Dr. Kalie Kerth informed the Board members, including the new members, of the roll the Board of Commissioners has, and requested members to reach out to Mr. Pirtle with any concerns they want presented to the Board of Commissioners.

11. Program Managers Report

Mr. Pirtle provided a report of activities between June 1, 2024, and September 25, 2024. Some of the information reported include:

- The members stepping down from State PARB are Jonette Dunlap, Christina Siemans, David Ross, Lisa Buck, and Carol Bridges.
- OU E-TEAM updated the training manual for the PARB database and it is now available.
- OU E-TEAM finalized the PARB annual report for State Fiscal Year 2023 and it is now available.
- An outreach committee was formed, and the first meeting was held on July 25th. There will be monthly meetings thereafter to develop strategies for promoting PARB and recruiting new members.

Copies of the Program Manager's report were provided.

12. 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 was discussed.

13. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2025.

Dr. Kerth motioned and Judge Edwards seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Policy and Process for Inviting Natural and Foster Parents to Attend a PARB Review

What is PARB?

Oklahoma's Post Adjudication Review Boards: PARB

 A group of trained and supported volunteer citizens in every judicial district that meet regularly to monitor deprived docket cases in their communities and make recommendations to the presiding Judge and child welfare.

PARB's Mandate

Oklahoma State Statute mandates that a PARB review the case of every adjudicated deprived child at least once every six (6) months.

The PARB Case Review Process

Each PARB is an independent body and operates in unique ways. However, according to Oklahoma Statute (Title 10. Chapter 51. Section 1116.3), "A review board may solicit the attendance at its meetings of persons known to the board with information concerning the case of any child subject to its review." The PARB Manual (Page 14) also states that, "If necessary, contact others that you believe are appropriate to discuss your notations and ask the questions related to your review of the court file, such as: attorneys, school personnel, therapist, medical personnel doctors, etc."

Inviting Natural and Foster Parents to Attend a PARB Review

Though not common, natural parents and foster parents have presented their case information to PARB's as part of the review process.

State Statute and OCCY PARB Policy do allow for natural parents and foster parents to present information regarding their case, if the following parameters are honored.

Requirements

- 1. Only those with information concerning a case that is scheduled to be reviewed by the board and have been pre-approved by the board chair may attend and present information to the board on their case. Advocates, additional family members, members of the public and anyone else that does not have information regarding the case and has not been pre-approved and invited by the board may attend.
- 2. The natural parent or foster parent is presenting information or answering clarification questions by the board. The case review and subsequent recommendations will not be discussed until all guests have left the meeting.

- 3. Scheduling is at the discretion of the board and will be held during regular board meeting times.
- 4. Presentations are time limited and at the discretion of the board. 15-20 minutes is recommended.
- 5. Only the presiding Judge, child welfare and parties to the case, such as the ADA and all other attorneys will receive a copy of the final recommendation.

Understanding PARB and the PARB Review

PARB members are volunteer citizens who have chosen to spend their time ensuring that the juvenile court system serves families and functions at the highest level possible within the community they live. They receive training, pass a background check and pledge to keep the information they hear confidential. Their recommendations and efforts in no way replace the formal and legal deprived court and child welfare system. There are 44 Boards and 300 PARB volunteers statewide. Though their contributions are significant, they lack the capacity to review every deprived case, every six months statewide. Many communities do not have an active PARB due to a lack of volunteers.

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| 2 | 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) |
| 3 | HOUSE BILL NO By: Archer |
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| 7 | An Act relating to children; providing foster care |
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| 9 | Services to review amount annually; allowing the Director to authorize a greater amount; providing for |
| LO | codification; and providing an effective date. |
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| L 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: |
| L 5 | SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified |
| 16 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7401-101 of Title 10, unless |
| L7 | there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: |
| L 8 | A. The foster care maintenance payment for Resource Parents who |
| L 9 | are traditional foster parents shall be at least: |
| 20 | 1. Twenty-two Dollars and seventy-two cents (\$22.72) per day, |
| 21 | or Six Hundred Eighty-one Dollars and sixty cents (\$681.60) per |
| 22 | month, for a child who is zero (0) years to five (5) years of age; |
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- 2. Twenty-five Dollars and forty-two cents (\$25.42) per day, or Seven Hundred Sixty-two Dollars and sixty cents (\$762.60) per month, for a child who is six (6) to twelve (12) years of age; and
- 3. Twenty-seven Dollars and sixty-two cents (\$27.62) per day, or Eight Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars and sixty cents (\$828.60) per month, for a child who is thirteen (13) years of age or older.
- B. The Director of the Department of Human Services shall review the foster care maintenance payment rates annually, pursuant to 45 C.F.R., Section 1356.21(m), to assure appropriateness and may authorize a foster care maintenance payment in an amount greater than is specified in subsection A of this section.
- 12 | SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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Annual PARB Survey Summary Report

January 17, 2025

The annual PARB survey was distributed to PARB members at the end of 2024. Twenty PARB members completed the survey. The following is a summary of the results.

Which entities provided case information to your board in 2024?

The most common entities that provided case information to the PARB boards were child welfare staff (CWF), CASA workers, and service providers. Figure 1 presents all entities; respondents were able to choose more than one source, so the number of entities exceeded the number of respondents.

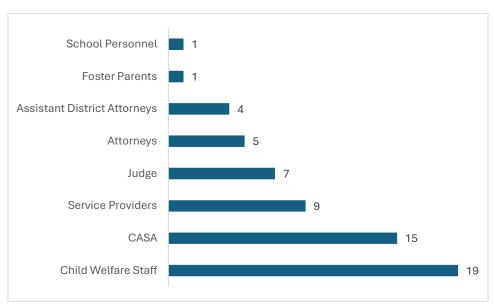


Figure 1. Sources of Information (n = 20)

What new systemic barriers have emerged in the past year, and what recommendations would you make to address these (n = 17)?

Many PARB members said they had no new systemic barriers to report and that everything was running smoothly, with one member stating that they have a good working relationship with their child welfare staff.

Other members reported the following systemic barriers:

- Reduced in-office contact and lack of access to supervisors/district managers.
- Difficulty escalating concerns due to reliance on generic contact numbers.
- Lack of staffing and high turnover.
- Lack of understanding of PARB's purpose from newer workers.
- Perceived misuse of parental termination as punishment for parents, impacting children negatively.
- The visitation rights of children needs reinforcement.

Members provided the following recommendations for systemic improvements:

- Utilize new DHS reports, which will include detailed information on trial reunifications and safety plan cases to enhance decision-making.
- Reinforce the importance of visitation as a child's right.
- Provide additional information to attorneys and judges on the purpose of PARB and how families may be positively impacted by PARB services
- Strengthen the relationship between PARB and CASA.

How well do court partners (e.g., judges, DHS workers, CASA) understand the role and value of PARB? How can your board and PARB staff make improvements in this area (n = 20)?

PARB members reported court partners having a strong understanding of the role and value of PARB, saying:

- Judges, DHS supervisors, and experienced court partners understand and value PARB.
- Some DHS workers at the supervisory level appreciate the role of PARB.
- CASA involvement on some boards enhances collaboration and understanding.

PARB members also reported gaps in understanding, saying:

- Some attorneys and CASA personnel lack clarity on PARB's role in the court process.
- Turnover and insufficient training around PARB contributes to knowledge gaps.
- Some judges and attorneys could benefit from discussions around PARB's role and value to families.

Improvements suggested by PARB members included:

- Organize meet-and-greet sessions with judges, district attorneys, and other court staff.
- Conduct training sessions involving court partners who understand and value PARB to educate others.
- Hold a statewide meeting, led by Keith or other PARB staff, to explain the benefits of PARB.

Have you noticed any gaps in mental health services for children or their parents in your county (n = 20)?

While some members felt there were no glaring issues, others acknowledged room for improvement, identifying gaps in mental health services for children or their parents that included:

- Long wait time for mental health services
 - Several respondents highlighted long wait times for mental health services, particularly for counseling, sexual abuse cases, and challenging behaviors, leading to specific populations being underserved.
 - o Waitlists often lead families to give up on seeking services due to delays.
- Limited availability of providers
 - There are significant gaps in the availability of specialized mental health providers, such as those for evidence-based treatments or problematic sexual behaviors.

- Counties are described as having general counselors (LPCs) but lacking specialists in areas like substance abuse, domestic violence, and evidence-based therapies.
- Inconsistent or inadequate services
 - Some noted inconsistencies in mental health care delivery due to unstable home environments or insufficient follow-up providers.
 - Respondents noted a lack of experienced therapists, many of whom are under supervision.
 - o There are not enough agencies that provide evidence-based treatment statewide.

How do you feel about the current practices around aging out of care? Do you believe there are adequate efforts to prevent children from aging out without a permanency plan (n = 20)?

PARB members identified many current positive practices, saying:

- Child Welfare Services (CWS) and judges are doing a good job of reducing the number of children aging out without a permanency plan.
- Efforts are being made to connect children with resources and supports; one respondent said, "Every child in our county has a case plan goal of either reunification or adoption."

PARB members also identified areas for improvement in this area:

- Members pointed out the issue of inadequate resources and support for children aging out of care, including;
 - A lack of group facilities or personal support systems to support children aging out of services.
 - o Insufficient staff and funding to provide comprehensive services.
- Children refusing services or going AWOL was also mentioned.

PARB members reported some concerns regarding children aging out of services without a permanency plan. These included:

- Concerns about delays in termination trials and permanency planning.
- Issues with children falling through the cracks, especially without consistent follow-up or adequate resources.

Some PARB members noted that their boards did not often review cases in which children are aging out of services, and some also said that they lacked enough experience in this area.

How can PARB staff better serve and support your board (n = 18)?

Most PARB members (14 out of 18) responded to this question by expressing gratitude, saying how helpful and supportive the PARB staff have been. Specific responses included:

- "The PARB staff has been very supportive and helpful with our questions and guiding us through our meetings."
- "[Our] PARB Staff are a cohesive team; sharing and working together...cases are reviewed and entered without incident."

- "PARB staff are exceptional and are timely in answering questions, assisting in navigating documentation, and are excellent representatives of OCCY."
- "PARB has been very supportive and we understand the cases, and we talk and discuss the hard topics."

A few PARB members offered some ideas on how PARB staff could better serve and support their board. These included:

- Improving the PARB conference by offering more in-depth topics/sessions.
- Providing options for virtual participation to support members in rural areas who face challenges attending live meetings.
- Advocating for practices that prioritize timely reunification of children with families and avoid using the DHS or court system as punitive measures, as this negatively impacts children
- Expanding online training options to efficiently use members' time, as these are well-received and minimize travel needs.
- Continuing to improve database efficiency by eliminating unnecessary fields and streamlining the lock/unlock, editing, and reopen processes to save time for those performing quality control.
- Strengthening relationships with judges through visits and providing feedback to boards on ways to enhance their usefulness in the court process.

One PARB member gave a shout-out to the newest PARB staff member saying:

"I absolutely adore this Board and believe we are making a difference. We could not do this without the incredible PARB staff!! Shelbi came in and hit the ground running and she has done an amazing job. She is always on top of everything and seems very eager to get involved and learn more. Amazing staff at PARB!"

Annual Recommendations from the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board

Submitted to OCCY June of 2024

As required by statute, the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board annually submits a number of recommendations to the Commission on Children and youth.

1. Change the name of the Post Adjudication Review Boards to; "Oklahoma Foster Care Review Boards".

The name, Post Adjudication Review Board, is quite descriptive and accurate for the work that PARB does. However, for the average person, not familiar with the Juvenile Court System, Post Adjudication is an unfamiliar and confusing term. The main purpose of PARB is to review cases when children are in foster care. As a result, it is believed that a name change to "Citizens Review Board for Children in Foster Care", will be better understood by the public and more clearly understood when recruiting volunteers.

2. Reduce the time to initiation of services and improve the quality of needed mental health services to families engaged within the child welfare system.

At the end of each calendar year, local Boards are asked to identify trends and systemic issues that they see impacting the child welfare system. One of the most common issues perceived by the local Boards and identified in 2022 was the need for earlier initiation of services to families engaged with child welfare. Also identified, based on board members experiences, was the need for additional mental health services for many of these same families. Though no data has been gathered to substantiate these concerns, the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board agrees that earlier initiation of services and additional mental health services are needed.

3. Increase payments to foster parents. Index to inflation.

4. Improve Oklahoma's Promise, for youth who are aging out of child welfare custody.

Children in state custody should automatically qualify for Oklahoma's Promise. Eliminate the requirement that foster children provide the parents adjusted gross income or any other financial proof of financial status. This is extremely difficult for a child in state custody to provide. We all know how important it is for all children to successfully navigate from a dependent youth living at home to an independent and successful adult meeting their own needs and able to function in society. This transition can be especially challenging for youth involved in the child welfare system who may not have had sufficient support and role modeling from a caring adult. Between July 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, 96 youth aged out of child welfare custody. Many of these youth lack housing, employment skills and legal documents such as a birth certificate or social security card. Although the Oklahoma Department of Human Services strives to implement strategies to address these barriers, the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board believes there is always additional opportunities to improve connections and resources for this vulnerable population.

5. State PARB supports the efforts of child welfare and other court partners in their efforts to modernize the states approach to individual service plans.

State PARB Discussion:

- The ISP could be written better, with less cutting and pasting and more specific to addressing the reason for child welfare involvement.
- More training on partnership with parents and how to listen better.
- The ISP is hard to read. They could be formatted better.
- Some judges put the same thing in every ISP.
- Make things measurable
- Put the individual back in the individual service plan
- Make sure they are tied to a safety plan.
- Make sure the resource being referenced is available nearby
- Parents do not know how to complete the ISP
- There is some cutting and pasting going on with ISP.

Support Protect Monitor

Post Adjudication Review Boards of Oklahoma

PARB Year in Review and Program Managers Report January 17, 2025

Highlights from 2024

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Members | 287 | 279 | 300 | 282 |
| Boards | 42 | 42 | 41 | 41 |
| Case Reviews | 3,710 | 1,816 | 2,544 | 2,626 |
| Volunteer Hours | 7,277 | 6,499 | 7,087 | 7,345.75 |

Local Board Changes:

New in 2024

Children of Incarcerated Parents-Tulsa December 2024

Disbanded in 2024

Blaine County December 2024

PARB Highlights

Oklahoma County PARB Coordinator Change: Christina Whatley left PARB to start serving on the OCCY CDRB. Shelbi Tatarian began serving as the Oklahoma County PARB Coordinator in May. Shelbi has been a great addition to the PARB Program. She Coordinates PARB's new outreach efforts, manages the seven Oklahoma County Boards and has developed new PARB relationships in Oklahoma County and beyond.

PARB Conference: Parent Panel, Judges Panel, PARB awards: <u>PARB Hall of Fame</u>: Carol Bridges, Lee Inbody, Sara Vincent Spain (Posthumously) <u>Child Welfare Partner of the Year</u>: Mary Bozarth (Cleveland County) <u>Judicial Partner of the Year</u>: Judge Laura Farris (Creek County)

PARB Removed from the Open Meeting Act: Legislation was passed in 2024 that removed local Boards from the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. New PARB procedures were developed to address policy issues such as establishing a quorum.

PARB Credentialing Process Established: New credentialing procedures were put in place to require boards to adhere to a minimum standard using a formal assessment tool.

Focused Outreach Efforts: PARB started a monthly volunteer Outreach Committee in July. This effort is facilitated by Shelbi Tatarian and includes PARB members from across the state. The committee established actionable steps that will allow PARB to expand its reach into local communities and to recruit more volunteers.

Tulsa Highlights

Tulsa PARB conducted several lunch and learn trainings that included subjects like the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and resources for families with incarcerated parents.

Tulsa PARB launched a Bi-Monthly Parent Panel to elevate the voices of biological parents.

The final member needed to activate the Children of Incarcerated Parents Board was recruited. Once onboarding the new member is complete, the board will be fully operational.

State PARB Highlights

2023 Recommendations to Commission: Five recommendations to commission were voted on in April and submitted to the Commission in June.

Members retired from State PARB in 2024.

Jonette Dunlap, Christina Siemens, David Ross, Lisa Buck, Carol Bridges

New members

Kristi Thompson, Keri Spencer, JJ Waggoner, Liz Nelson, Donna Keller, Amber Shaw, Brant Bullard, and Adrian Ratke

Plans for 2025

2025 PARB conference: April 21 will be the PARB pre-institute at the Embassy Suites in Norman. State PARB members are once again invited to attend.

Increase outreach efforts: New procedures will be put in place to address procedural gaps generated by the removal of the OMA.



Monthly PARB Report December

Overall Cases and Reviews-Last 6 Months

Reporting Period: 7/1/2024-12/31/2024

| Number of Cases | 1034 |
|-------------------|------|
| Number of Reviews | 1317 |
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PARB Reviews by Board-Last 6 Months

Reporting Period: 7/1/2024-/12/31/2024

| PARB BOARD | CASES | REVIEWS OR DATE OF LAST REVIEW |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Beckham and Roger Mills | 24 | 27 |
| Bryan | 55 | 92 |
| Blaine | | 4/11/2022 |
| Cleveland | 16 | 16 |
| Comanche | 128 | 157 |
| Craig | 11 | 11 |
| Creek | 96 | 106 |
| Custer | 32 | 44 |
| Delaware | 8 | 10 |
| Garfield and Grant | 68 | 102 |
| McClain and Garvin | 22 | 27 |
| Haskell | 13 | 19 |
| Latimer and Leflore | 9 | 11 |
| Lincoln | 5 | 5 |
| Love | 15 | 25 |
| Major | 10 | 17 |
| Mayes | 27 | 37 |
| Muskogee | 56 | 65 |

| Board 13 (OKC) | 7 | 7 |
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| Board 2 (OKC) | 24 | 37 |
| Board 7 (OKC) | 25 | 28 |
| DV Board (OKC) | 19 | 19 |
| ICWA (OKC) | 13 | 13 |
| Mental Health (OKC) | 12 | 13 |
| Transition (OKC) | 10 | 10 |
| Okmulgee | 66 | 109 |
| Okfuskee | | No Data |
| Osage | 30 | 30 |
| Payne | 40 | 40 |
| Pittsburg | 29 | 61 |
| Pontotoc | 41 | 43 |
| Pushmataha | 4 | 4 |
| Rogers | 14 | 15 |
| Sequoyah | 16 | 22 |
| Board 2 (Tulsa) | 17 | 20 |
| ICWA Tulsa | 3 | 3 |
| ILS Independent Living Services | 4 | |
| (Tulsa) | | 4 |
| Tulsa Domestic Violence and | 3 | |
| Mental Health Board | | 3 |
| Wagoner | 62 | 65 |
| Washington and Nowata | | 11/27/2023 |
| Woodward | | 7/14/2022 |

PARB Cases/DHS Deprived Cases/Total Reviews-Last 12 Months Reporting Period: 1/1/2024-12/31/2024

| BOARD | CASES | DHS DEPRIVED CASES | REVIEWS OR DATE OF LAST REVIEW |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Beckham and Roger | 41 | 35 | 62 |
| Mills | | | |
| Blaine | | 18 | 4/11/2022 |
| Bryan | 59 | 51 | 150 |
| Cleveland | 31 | 162 | 31 |
| Comanche | 175 | 122 | 267 |
| Craig | 17 | 10 | 22 |
| Creek | 113 | 62 | 187 |
| Custer | 38 | 35 | 92 |
| Delaware | 17 | 26 | 25 |
| Garfield and Grant | 84 | 70 | 177 |

| McClain and Garvin | 35 | 33 | 53 |
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| Haskell County | 18 | 10 | 45 |
| Latimer and Leflore | 26 | 45 | 63 |
| Lincoln | 12 | 39 | 13 |
| Love | 20 | 9 | 39 |
| Major | 11 | 10 | 29 |
| Mayes | 38 | 33 | 80 |
| Muskogee | 68 | 43 | 120 |
| Oklahoma: | 187 | 568 | 269 |
| Board 2 | | | |
| Board 13 | | | |
| Board 7 | | | |
| DV Board | | | |
| ICWA | | | |
| Mental Health Transition | | | |
| Okfuskee | | 20 | |
| Okmulgee | 96 | 72 | 239 |
| Osage | 36 | 30 | 53 |
| Payne | 56 | 75 | 80 |
| Pittsburg | 51 | 23 | 137 |
| Pontotoc | 55 | 48 | 64 |
| Pushmataha | 11 | 16 | 17 |
| Rogers | 30 | 55 | 31 |
| Sequoyah | 22 | 41 | 33 |
| Tulsa: | 66 | 566 | 70 |
| Board 2 | | | , • |
| ICWA | | | |
| ILS | | | |
| DV and MH | | | |
| Wagoner | 96 | 45 | 166 |
| Washington and | | 54 | 11/27/2023 |
| Nowata | | | |
| Woodward | | 28 | 7/14/2022 |

Recommendations Categories

Reporting Period: 7/1/2024-12/31/2024-Last 6 Months

RECOMMENDATION CATEGORY

FREQUENCY

| Active efforts | 117 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Assignment of Worker Advocate | 14 |
| Community Resources | 128 |
| Educational Supports | 66 |
| Healthcare Services | 66 |
| ICWA Findings | 47 |
| Individual Service Plan for Children | 37 |
| Individual Service Plan for Parents | 197 |
| Mental Health Services | 240 |
| Parental Rights and Supports | 188 |
| Permanency Plan | 436 |
| Placement | 474 |
| Reasonable efforts | 99 |
| Tribal supports | 64 |
| Visitation Parental | 173 |
| Visitation Sibling | 65 |
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Volunteer Training Hours

Reporting Period: 10/1/2024-12/31/2024-Last 3 Months

| TRAINING | NUMBER OF HOURS |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Big Brothers, Big Sisters | 12 |
| Holiday Hurdles: Parent Panel | 6 |
| Leadership | 22 |
| New Member Training | 2 |
| OMA and Credentialing | 56 |
| PARB Database Training | 2 |
| Total Number of Training Hours | 100 |

Active PARB Members

Reporting Period: Reporting Period: 1/1/2024-12/31/2024-Last 12 Months

| NUMBER OF ACTIVE PARB | 275 |
|-----------------------|-----|
| MEMBERS | |