



## Minutes of April 8, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

In person at Legacy Plaza; Virtual via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 9:05a.m. by President Ed Long. Quorum was established.

**In attendance: Directors:** Monika Turek, Ed Long, Sekou Clincy, John Delara, Lucia Ciciolla, Paula Koos, Linda Manaugh, Elizabeth Fisher, LaToyia Williams, Juli Skinner, Teresa Berg, Cynthia Mooney, Elizabeth Bard (late)

**Guests:** Kasandra Turbett, Nicolle Moore, Ashleigh Kraft, Valerie Isaacs, Erica Frazier

**Staff:** Carly Harris, Kelly Sipotz

### BUSINESS

Consent agenda for March, minutes and the Finance report were presented. Linda Manaugh motioned to approve and Monika Turek seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### COMMITTEE & DIRECTOR REPORTS

#### President's Report

- 1. Two days at the capital.** Many thanks to Linda Manaugh. Went to the capital for Invest in Kids Day. OPSR coordinated advocacy day at the capital. Next day, in Senate chamber, ACEs and PACEs Awareness Day resolution was passed – lead by Linda Manaugh. Working with Julie Montgomery. Plan to do on annual basis. [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2021-22%20INT/SRES/SCR24%20INT.PDF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2021-22%20INT/SRES/SCR24%20INT.PDF)
- 2. OKAIMH Collaboration with Potts Family Foundation & Self-Healing Communities** - Four communities in mind, update coming soon. Already have buy in and support from several agencies, Health Dept, Education, Mental Health, Health Care Authority – jointly promote to bring together workforce serving early childhood health. Discussion about how OKAIMH can respond to needs of the workforce. Virtual and in person options.
- 3. IECMH Learning and Development System for Oklahoma** – Supporting both endorsement and other providers. Help from Monika Turek to develop L&D system. Discussion with Tessa Chesher, OPSR, IBEAR and others about partnering. Goal is for both OKAIMH members and others in the state to be able to access opportunities for learning and development.
- 4. ECE Expulsions from Preschool Report** – Hoping in May that Kerry Williams from OPSR will come present on situation in OK around expulsion. Engage Dept of Education. Kerry Williams will co-author with OKAIMH an op-ed on social emotional learning, partly in response to movement to ban social emotional learning in schools (being linked to critical race theory). Ed Long invites members to share about other opportunities to advocate for early childhood issues.
  - a.** Paula Koos provided info about bill on House floor – bill would put into legislation that early childcare, education, and referrals will be part of OPSR. There are some in House opposed to the bill citing CRT, co-opting “equity”.

#### Committee Chair Reports

- 1. Communications.** Chair: Brandi Duden, not present. Presented by Ed Long. Requesting quotes from contractors to work on updating and restructuring the website. Hoping to make it a more user-friendly platform. RFQ going out soon. Make sure it is organized around regulation, learning pillars. Brandi is requesting help for language to be put in the RFQ.

2. **Fall Conference.** Chair: John Delara – Ed Long would like to get a budget line item for Fall Conference. Close to signing off to get Bruce Perry as speaker, joined by Kristi Brandt. October 17 is tentative date. Working on getting two other speakers, including legislative panel. Working on Save the Dates and the title/theme (tying to the pandemic). Having Bruce Perry will be great for attention and attendance. Thanks to Carly and John!
  - a. Linda Manaugh – brought up Bruce Perry’s talks focusing on the first two months of life, thinking about themes.
  - b. Will send an email out looking for chair/volunteers for the Povl Toussieng Memorial Leadership in Infant Mental Health Award (email was sent to Amy Chlober)
  - c. Membership meeting will be kept separate again this year.
  - d. The next Fall Conference Committee meeting is on April 20th at 1pm by zoom if you would like to attend.
3. **Endorsement Strategy Group.** Chair: Autumn Cooper, not present. No formal update.
4. **Finance.** Chair: Cynthia Mooney. Meetings will be held last Friday of the month. Memberships are higher than expected, which is good news.
5. **Governance.** Chair: Ed Long. No formal update
6. **Sustainability.** Chair: Paula Koos. No formal update
7. **Workforce Development.** Chair: Ed Long (interim). Monika Turek now a co-chair. In discussions about developing learning and development opportunity for membership and others. Will be sending out outline with the focus of the committee and inviting members to join and contribute. Want to identify other non-board members who might be interested in serving on the committee.
8. **Alliance Call.** No update yet because Alliance call is scheduled later this month.

## Business

1. **Endorsement®** - Kelly Sipotz. No formal report.
  - a. Made a pitch to point new organizations/individuals to Kelly/Carly about seeking endorsement. She shared that we’ve had a bit of a plateau in numbers seeking endorsement.
2. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** LaToyia Williams. Shared the DEI policy for board review.
  - a. Sekou Clincy – would like to review by email but thinks has all right language.
  - b. Will send out to board to review and open for feedback
  - c. Will bring back next month for a vote to adopt it
3. **Potts Family Foundation and Early Relational Health ARPA Funding Request.** Linda Manaugh with help from Marlow Nash submitted proposal for ARPA dollars for funding to develop an early relational health core in OK with regional staff coordinating support to address issues for infants and toddlers exacerbated by the pandemic (e.g., delays in development). The goal is to recover losses incurred during the pandemic. Three parts: 1. Statewide early relational health core to support training and program management (pediatricians, behavioral health, social workers); 2. Community-based grants – funding innovative ideas; 3. Pay for success model with focus on evidence-based programs, involving outside investors. Ed brought an investor from Macon Capital in NY with \$15 million pledged. Now looking for other investors in the state to support the loan side or community grants side.
  - a. Ed Long disclosed conflict of interest with his company potentially being involved in administering the funds. Ed will recuse himself from any proposal or support from OKAIMH.
  - b. Link to submitted proposal:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HRu67jLtetPI4iHA5BTgXJI08DbU5XO/view?usp=drivesdk>

- c. Can sign on letter of support for proposal as individual or organization:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGDAS9O9neERCGT0Bn9d1f8nLVsSosA4OAS\\_t1OzQrMHW\\_qQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGDAS9O9neERCGT0Bn9d1f8nLVsSosA4OAS_t1OzQrMHW_qQ/viewform)
- d. OKAIMH vote to sign on to letter of support for the proposal – Paula Koos made motion to support the proposal and sign on as supporter. Cynthia Mooney seconded the motion. The motion passed with majority vote with 9 votes. Ed Long and Linda Manaugh abstained from the vote.

**Announcements.**

None

**Public Comment**

None

Next Board meeting is second Friday in May @ 9:00a.m. via Zoom

**Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. by Ed Long**

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*Submitted by Lucia Ciciolla*