

**North Central Oklahoma Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2015**

The North Central Oklahoma Continuum of Care met Thursday, February 5, 2015, at Northern Oklahoma Youth Services in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Chair Jennifer Haney called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Attending were:** Jennifer Haney-Northern Oklahoma Youth Services (NOYS), Mike Biggers-CDSA, Barry Graddick-CDSA, Tameron Session-Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, Johnathan Stein- Payne County Youth Services, Tenille Chestnut- Youth and Family Services, Erin Brook- Youth Services of Creek County, Denise Jack – Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO), Melisa Brumley – HMIS - United Way Ponca City, Patti Graham - Wings of Hope, Marie Abraham-Robinson-Wings of Hope, Tammy Richmond-Mission of Hope, Stephanie Akins – Mission of Hope, Terrie Hill- Peachtree Landing, Erin Willis-VA, Tulsa- Alice Doyle- VA Homeless Program, Tulsa, James Carter- Northern Oklahoma Youth Services(NOYS)

**Introductions**

James Carter, is the new Executive Director for NOYS.  
Barry Graddick will be filling Mike Biggers' position at CDSA.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jennifer Haney asked for a motion to approve the February 5, 2015 minutes provided by Marie Robinson. There were no changes needed. Patti Graham made the motion to approve the minutes. Terrie Hill made a motion to second the minutes. Motion carried.

**Agency Reports**

**Peachtree Landing**

Terrie Hill reported:  
Shelter is full at times  
Preparing for annual fundraiser in May- "Cowboy Ball"  
Seeing more clients with mental health issues  
Facing challenges to find permanent housing  
Maintains a partnership with Day Springs

**HMIS - United Way Ponca City**

Melisa Brumley reported:  
Point in Time reports have been edited- fewer pages

**CDSA**

Mike Biggers reported:  
Grant received to buy 3 houses to use for low income families  
Managing 28 other homes funded by Affordable Housing Act  
Continues to help youth get GED and learn a trade  
Still not enough habitable housing available for community members  
Seeing more unemployed individuals seeking support due to lay offs

March 31<sup>st</sup> - last day... retirement!

Enid Youth & Family Services of North Central OK (YFSNCO):

Tenille Chestnut reported:

Valentine's Gala coming up- 120 tickets sold

7 children in shelter (14 beds)

Fully staffed

Northern Oklahoma Youth Services (NOYS):

James Carter reported:

Grant renewal time

Busy shelter

DHS is privatizing and contracting- looking for foster families to be recruited and trained

Goal is for children to be transitioned from shelter to transitional housing

Life Skills Training Program- a success!

Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO)

Denise Jack reported:

Focus on Teen Dating Awareness Month- Annie Flowers will be speaking all month

Shelter full

Sexual Assault/Like Skills Group successful- women process while doing arts and crafts

March 26<sup>th</sup>-Annual Fundraiser- Food, Fashion and Fun

Continues to work with incarcerated women

Youth Services of Creek County

Erin Brook reported:

Considering a foster care contract and will recruit foster families

Youth are staying longer at the shelter

Two shelters closing

Youth Services of Creek County is not closing- it is a private non-profit

Dec.2014-Jan. 2015: 28 different children received support

Veterans Affairs, Tulsa

Erin Willis reported:

Grant renewed for 2016

New employment assistant helping Veterans find jobs

Rapid Rehousing money being used to serve homeless in Kay County, Noble County and Payne County

Veterans Affairs, Tulsa

Alice Doyle reported:

Focus on supporting homeless Veterans

Outpatient services available in Tulsa and Muskogee

### Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

Tameron Session reported:

Program services include juvenile oversight, inspection of youth shelters, responding to complaints and review of child deaths

Focus on children of incarcerated parents

Support incarcerated parents

Extensive planning and coordinating done in Jackson County (Altus) and Comanche County (Lawnton) focus to ensure transitional housing for youth

### Wings of Hope / Stillwater Domestic Violence Program:

Marie Abraham-Robinson reported:

Grant writing

Annual Fundraiser- Women With Wings on March 5<sup>th</sup>

Full shelter

Some residents present with mental health and substance abuse issues

Recently hired Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor

### Payne County Youth Services (PCYS):

Johnathan Stein reported:

Upcoming annual Fundraiser- Murder Mystery Dinner Theater/Silent Auction

Expecting 230 people to attend

PCYS is a private non-profit and is not closing

Shelter beds available

7 active in Transitional Living Program

Partnering with Edwin Fair and Lions Boys Ranch to use ESG money for transitional housing support for youth leaving youth shelter

Will be resigning and relocating- Everyone wished him well

### Mission of Hope (MOH):

Tammy Richmond reported:

January has been a busy month due to weather, more people have sought shelter

8 from Transitional Housing found their own housing

PIT survey-done!

Familines in Parenting classes through a partnership with the IOWA Tribe

36 in Emergency Shelter

22 in Transitional Housing

### Northern OK Youth Services (NOYS):

Jennifer Haney reported:

Vearl retired.

Youth WIA program has a new title and service changes (adds kids in and out of school)

Focus on educating youth and making them more employable

Three will be graduating

Check out Facebook page

Have been more selective with ESG funds

### **New Business**

Grants Inv. Worksheet due February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Melissa will send them out by Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

### **HMIS**

Melisa Brumley reported no HMIS Report. System was down.

### **Point-in-Time (PIT)**

All agencies should send their reports to Rebekah.

### **Accountability for Coc**

ODOC wants to provide training for Rating and Ranking Comm.  
We need to remain a cohesive continuum- members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings  
Members should give agenda items and consider joining a committee  
Noncompliance may affect our funding  
We are receiving Tier One grants- very positive!!!  
Congratulations to Amanda and Denise on receiving the Rapid Rehousing Grant

### **Adjourn**

Denise Jack made a motion for meeting to adjourn. Patti Graham seconded the motion.

Next meeting will be March 5, 2015 at Enid Youth and Family Services Enid, Oklahoma.