

**Joint Meeting of the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board
and
The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board**

REGULAR MEETING

**MINUTES
July 20, 2023
9:00 am**

CDRB MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Beatty, Catherine Miles for Ryan Brown, Jennifer Laizure for Kevin Corbett, Susan Damron, Connie Frederick for Lorri Essary, Lory Dewey for Mike Fields, Donna Glandon for Rachel Holt, Nikki Kinsler, Jacqueline Gillespie for Keith Reed, Susan Schmidt, Marissa Belase for Deborah Shropshire, Stacy Barrett for Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Amanda Mathews, Mary Ellen Stockett, Jolianne Stone, Brandi Woods-Littlejohn for Tracy Wendling

DVFRB MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Cobb (OCME), Melissa Van Duyne (OAG), Jill Nobles-Botkin (OSDH), Brandi Woods-Littlejohn (OSDH IPS), Marissa Belase (DHS), Melanie Ferguson (ODMHSAS), Donna Glandon (OJA), John Cleveland (DAC), Martina Jelley (OSMA), Angela Beatty (OCADVSA), Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA), Shelly Harrison (NAAV), Tania Bardin (NAAV)

STAFF: Anthony Hernández Rivera (DVFRB PM), Nicholas Massey (DVFRB RA), Elizabeth Kaup (CDRB), Joseph McGrath (CDRB)

GUEST: Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communications Director Jason Matheson

I. Call to Order, quorum check, Oklahoma Child Death Review Board

Susan Schmidt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 am. Introductions were made in lieu of roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Call to Order, quorum check, Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board

Chair Donna Glandon called the meeting to order at 9:13 am. Introductions were made in lieu of roll call. Quorum was achieved with 13 members present at the time of quorum check.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Beth Washington, Safe Kids Tulsa, Tulsa Regional Review Team Applicant (CDRB).

Lizz Kaup presented Beth Washington's application to serve on the Tulsa Regional Review Team. Beth Washington is a supporter of Safe Kids Tulsa. Brandi Woods-Littlejohn made a motion at 9:19 am recommending the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth Executive Director, Annette Wish Jacobi, JD, appoint Beth Washington to the Tulsa Regional Review Team. Motion seconded by Susan Damron.

Angela Beatty	Yes
Catherine Miles	Yes
Jennifer Laizure	Yes
Susan Damron	Yes
Connie Frederick	Yes
Lory Dewey	Yes
Donna Glandon	Yes

Nikki Kinsler	Yes
Jacqueline Gillespie	Yes
Susan Schmidt	Yes
Marissa Belase	Yes
Stacy Barrett	Yes
Amanda Mathews	Yes
Mary Ellen Stockett	Yes
Jolianne Stone	Yes
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn	Yes

Motion passed

IV. Presentation by Jason Matheson, OHP Communications Director: Amber, MEA, Blue and Silver Alerts

OHP Communications Director Jason Matheson began his presentation by stating his goal was to give DVFRB and CDRB memberships an overview of emergency alerts, such as Amber, MEA, and Blue Alerts, that are currently available in Oklahoma. Director Matheson first started by explaining how OHP communications operates. He explained OHP recently moved to 5 regional communications centers and that the central regional center in Oklahoma City houses the State Communications Supervisor Desk. He added that the State Desk is the hub of OHP notifications for the entire state.

Director Matheson then pivoted towards explaining how the emergency alert system in Oklahoma works. He stated the Amber alert is the first one that often comes to mind for the general public because when it is activated it goes to the entire state regardless of where an abduction happened. In recent years, however, he mentioned the state has implemented other systems that are scalable to specific situations and geographic areas. He first pointed to the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) for newer smart phones. These systems provide for more flexibility and scalability to the situation, meaning that alerts can be sent targeting specific areas without having to alert the entire state like it's done with Amber. He then explained the Emergency Alert System (EAS), which is only used exclusively for Amber Alerts, and explained how it is depicted over tv, radio, and can even be sent out over National Weather Service radios.

Director Matheson then moved on to explain the recent used of Missing and Endangered Alerts, otherwise known as Ashanti Alerts. He explained this alert was named after homicide victim Ashanti Billie, who was kidnapped and murdered in Hampton Roads, VA in September 2017. He added the advantage of this alert is that it can be used to try and find individuals over the age of 17 who fall outside the scope of Amber and Silver Alerts. In other words, it is an alert system at the disposal of law enforcement to try and find missing adults with special needs, or who are endangered or have been involuntary abducted or kidnapped.

He then proceeded to talk about Amber Alerts and stated requests for it are received by the OHP State Communications Supervisor Desk. Director Matheson stated information requesting an Amber Alert is relayed to the duty OHP Duty Officer and himself for approval. He then outlined the procedure if a request is approved. First, the alert is released to all Oklahoma law enforcement agencies via the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS). Second, information is released to the news media and other partners via email. Finally, Department of Transportation (DOT) message boards display the alerts, and the information is released via the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) and Emergency Alert (EAS) systems. Director Matheson then went over the recommended Department of Justice (DOJ) guidelines for issuing Amber Alerts.

Director Matheson then gave a brief overview of both Blue and Silver Alerts, followed by an overview of OHP's use of Twitter to release and regularly update emergency alert information. He stated Blue Alerts are issued when a law enforcement officer has been seriously injured or died in an assault and the suspect is outstanding. He then explained that Silver Alerts are used to located senior citizens who have gone missing. Finally, he stated

OHP has also been using an OHP Alerts Twitter page to disseminate information because it allows for frequent updates to the public without having to constantly reissue the WEA. He said this is a model created by the California Highway Patrol and adopted by other agencies across the country. An example of a Twitter OHP Alert Flyer was also shown and explained.

Finally, Director Matheson talked about an initiative OHP is currently working on called the Child Abduction Response Team (CART). He stated the idea is for CART to serve as a force-multiplier when smaller agencies request help with recovering a child who has been abducted. CDRB Chair Susan Schmidt asked whether the CART will be used when there is no family relationship between the abductor and the child. Director Matheson stated he is currently working on the criteria and protocols for the CART. He also gave an overview of what needs to be developed in order to have the Oklahoma CART operational upon questions from the CDRB about a timeline of when it will be in effect. Members of both Boards asked if there were statistics on the success rate of the new alerts. Director Matheson gave an overview of the instances where the alerts did not lead to recovering the child alive in recent years. General discussion ensued.

V. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the September 15, 2022 Joint Meeting

(CDRB) Donna Glandon made a motion at 10:00 am to approve the September 15, 2022 joint meeting minutes of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and the Child Death Review Board. Motion seconded by Jolianne Stone.

Angela Beatty	Yes
Catherine Miles	Yes
Jennifer Laizure	Yes
Susan Damron	Yes
Connie Frederick	Yes
Lory Dewey	Yes
Donna Glandon	Yes
Nikki Kinsler	Yes
Jacqueline Gillespie	Yes
Susan Schmidt	Yes
Marissa Belase	Yes
Stacy Barrett	Yes
Amanda Mathews	Yes
Mary Ellen Stockett	Yes
Jolianne Stone	Yes
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn	Yes

Motion passed

DVFRB Vice-Chair Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA) made a motion at 10:01 am to approve the September 15, 2022, joint meeting minutes of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and the Child Death Review Board. The motion was seconded by DVFRB member Shelly Harrison (NAAV).

Celia Cobbs (OCME)	Yes
Melissa Van Duyne (OAG)	Yes
Jill Nobles-Botkin (OSDH)	Abstain
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn (OSDH IPS)	Yes
Marissa Belase (DHS)	Yes
Melanie Ferguson (ODMHSAS)	Yes
Donna Glandon (OJA)	Yes
John Cleveland (DAC)	Abstain
Martina Jelley (OSMA)	Yes
Angela Beatty (OCADVSA)	Yes
Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA)	Yes
Shelly Harrison (NAAV)	Yes
Tania Bardin (NAAV)	Yes

Motion passed

VI. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose of Case Review (pursuant to 25 O.S. sec. 307 (C)(8)) and 22 O.S. § 1601)

Brandi Woods-Littlejohn made a motion at 10:03 am to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Jolianne Stone.

Angela Beatty	Yes
Catherine Miles	Yes
Jennifer Laizure	Yes
Susan Damron	Yes
Connie Frederick	Yes
Lory Dewey	Abstain
Donna Glandon	Yes
Nikki Kinsler	Yes
Jacqueline Gillespie	Yes
Susan Schmidt	Yes
Marissa Belase	Abstain
Stacy Barrett	Yes
Amanda Mathews	Yes
Mary Ellen Stockett	Yes
Jolianne Stone	Yes
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn	Yes

DVFRB member Tania Bardin (NAAV) made a motion at 10:02 am to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by DVFRB member Brandi Woods-Littlejohn (OSDH IPS).

Celia Cobbs (OCME)	Yes
Melissa Van Duyne (OAG)	Yes
Jill Nobles-Botkin (OSDH)	Yes
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn (OSDH IPS)	Yes
Marissa Belase (DHS)	Abstain
Melanie Ferguson (ODMHSAS)	Yes
Donna Glandon (OJA)	Yes
John Cleveland (DAC)	Yes
Martina Jelley (OSMA)	Yes
Angela Beatty (OCADVSA)	Yes
Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA)	Yes
Shelly Harrison (NAAV)	Yes
Tania Bardin (NAAV)	Yes

Motion passed

Staff of both Boards were present for Executive Session. Quorum was maintained throughout executive session.

- i. Continue review and discussion on joint case #180004 (DVFRB)/18-B-37-03-2019-00050 (CDRB)
- ii. Continue review and discussion on joint case 190077 (DVFRB)/19-B-37-03- 2022-00012 and 19-B-37-03-2022-00013 (CDRB)
- iii. New review and discussion on joint case #190077 (DVFRB)/19-B-37-03-2022-00012 and 19-B-37-03-2022-00013 (CDRB)
- iv. Consideration to exit from executive session and return to regular meeting agenda. (DVFRB)

The DVFRB exited from executive session at 11:36 am.

Note: OHP Communications Director Jason Matheson participated in the executive session discussion until 10:19 am. His participation was due to the DVFRB and CDRB needing to ask case-specific questions to Director Matheson regarding DVFRB case #180004 and CDRB case 18-B-37-03-2019-00050.

VII. Approval to Return to Open Session (CDRB)

Brandi Woods-Littlejohn made a motion at 11:32 am to return to open session. Motion seconded by Susan Damron.

Angela Beatty	Yes
Jennifer Laizure	Yes
Susan Damron	Yes
Connie Frederick	Yes
Lory Dewey	Yes
Donna Glandon	Yes
Nikki Kinsler	Yes
Jacqueline Gillespie	Yes

Susan Schmidt	Yes
Marissa Belase	Yes
Stacy Barrett	Yes
Amanda Mathews	Yes
Mary Ellen Stockett	Yes
Jolianne Stone	Yes
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn	Yes

Motion passed

VIII. Action Items from Executive Session

Brandi Woods-Littlejohn made a motion at 11:34 am to close those cases designated as closed. Motion seconded by Donna Glandon.

Angela Beatty	Yes
Jennifer Laizure	Yes
Susan Damron	Yes
Connie Frederick	Yes
Lory Dewey	Yes
Donna Glandon	Yes
Nikki Kinsler	Yes
Jacqueline Gillespie	Yes
Susan Schmidt	Yes
Marissa Belase	Yes
Stacy Barrett	Yes
Amanda Mathews	Yes
Mary Ellen Stockett	Yes
Jolianne Stone	Yes
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn	Yes

Motion passed

18-B-37-03-2019-00050
19-B-37-03-2022-00012
19-B-37-03-2022-00013
22-B-37-03-2023-00001
22-B-37-03-2023-00002
22-B-37-03-2023-00003

Mary Ellen Stockett made a motion at 11:35 am to send a letter to OCPD inquiring as to the protocol and threshold for what triggers the DHS referral process. Motion seconded by Brandi Woods-Littlejohn.

IX. New Business In accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(9)

There was no new CDRB business. There was no DVFRB business.

X. Adjournment

(CDRB) Brandi Woods-Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 am. Motion seconded by Angela Beatty. The DVFRB also adjourned at 11:37 am.