Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Allison D. Garrett welcomed members Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Bo Hannaford, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Curtis Driscoll and Keli Cain, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Aaron Collins, Metro Technology Centers; Alton Jones, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Brandon Hill, East Central University; Justin Lockwood, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Kevin Leach, University of Oklahoma; Norman Nieves, University of Central Oklahoma; James Edwards, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Scott LaPlant, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Rick Koontz, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa; Clark Harris, Northern Oklahoma College and Angela Caddell, Jarrett Jobe, Sarah Kimball and Emelia Ross, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF SEPT. 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES: Garrett asked task force members to review the minutes of the Sept. 21, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

SUICIDE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE: Caddell informed members that guest speaker Julie Geddes, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, was unable to attend the meeting. Caddell will seek to reschedule the presentation for a future meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Jarrett Jobe, OSRHE Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, said his team was reviewing approximately 3,000 pieces of filed legislation, including many shell bills. He noted several bills pertaining to weapons carry laws, and thanked members for continuing to submit campus resolutions in support of maintaining current law regarding weapons on our college, university and technology center campuses.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Sarah Kimball had no consortium updates, but stated that the consortium was considering establishing a steering committee to lead efforts and activities.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Caddell asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Steve Turner, Chair): Turner had no updates. Caddell said that her team continued working through updates to the online Campus Best Practices Resource Repository, and encouraged task force members to share any materials they felt would be beneficial for the compendium.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell gave the report in the absence of Rice. She noted the workgroup would stand ready to assist Garrett and Jobe throughout the legislative session.

Training and Plan Development: (vacant) No updates.

FALL 2023 STATEWIDE SUMMIT UPDATE: Caddell told members that the tentative target date for the Summit was Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, and that the Reed Center in Midwest City and campus locations were under consideration. Caddell mentioned several potential session topics, including developing tabletop exercises, threat assessment, Title IX/Clery Act updates and reporting, depression/anxiety coping skills for students, faculty and staff, ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences), and serving neuro-diverse students. She invited members to recommend additional topics, and noted the plan to issue a call for proposals.

Caddell explained the intent to repeat most concurrent sessions, which would allow attendees to access as much of the content as possible, and noted she would be meeting with task force partners to continue detailed planning efforts, including consideration of a live demonstration.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Garrett asked if there were any other topics for discussion. Caddell reminded members to save the date for the Crisis Intervention Team training for campus law enforcement personnel, to be held in July at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Garrett thanked members for their attendance. She announced the next task force meeting would be held Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room or via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.