

# Campus Safety and Security Task Force

## MINUTES

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members and guests Jim Aulgur, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Bruce DeMuth, Pioneer Technology Center; Doug Major, Meridian Technology Center; Lisa Teel, University of Oklahoma; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Jack Bryant, Redlands Community College; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Larry Rice, Rogers State University; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Kathryn Gage, Oklahoma State University; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Randy Graves, Carl Albert State College; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Richard Andrews and Anita Poole-Endsley, Rose State College; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Kim Edd Carter, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Keli Cain, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Shelby Rowe, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; and Todd Pauley, Angela Caddell, Liana Bortoto and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**APPROVAL OF SEPT. 12 MEETING MINUTES:** Chancellor Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the Sept. 12, 2017, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

**ODMHSAS/JED FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:** Johnson introduced Shelby Rowe from the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Rowe told members that her agency had acquired a GLC Youth Suicide Prevention grant through SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). She shared four key initiatives through the grant: providing evidence-based, gatekeeper training for educators, families, students and mental health professionals; promoting statewide awareness campaigns, including 60-second PSAs involving students, called "Directing Change;" providing more comprehensive consultation and strategic planning; and assisting in the distribution of certain safety devices around the state, including medication deactivation packets and gun locks.

Rowe explained how the ODMHSAS partnership with the JED Foundation aligns the agency's existing consultation and strategic planning efforts, noting that while the agency had worked with K-12 schools to develop a mental health services policy and procedure framework, it had not engaged higher education campuses due to the varied composition of campus populations. She shared that 11 Oklahoma higher education campuses attended a September 2017 convening to explore the ODMHSAS JED partnership opportunity, during which participating campuses were asked to commit to the JED strategic planning process for three years. Of those campuses, six committed to the project: Langston University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Redlands Community College, Tulsa Community College, Oklahoma City Community College and Southern Nazarene University. Rowe indicated that each of these campuses was working with the JED Foundation on a confidential needs assessment to inform development of a custom strategic plan. JED sponsorships through the ODMHSAS partnership were valued at approximately \$22,000 per campus.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Johnson asked Todd Pauley to give a legislative update. Pauley provided an update on progress in the special session, noting that the situation was evolving on a daily basis given the varied viewpoints on measures to generate new revenue to fund core services. Johnson reminded members that the State Regents' Task Force on the Future of Higher Education, comprised of members from within and outside public higher education, was reviewing all aspects of the state system, including academic models, online education, structure, fiscal services and operational efficiencies, workforce development, and information technology.

Pauley shared that Rep. Greg Babinec was recognized as Freshman of the Year by OK2A, a pro-gun lobby group. He encouraged task force members to contact Rep. Babinec to emphasize higher education's position to maintain the current law regarding weapons on campus.

Larry Rice asked Pauley to remind the group when bills would be filed and become public. Pauley responded that the bill filing deadline would be around Jan. 18, adding that some dormant gun bills from the 2017 regular legislative session could be activated in the new session. Pauley said he would prepare a list of bills that are likely to resurface for task force review.

Pauley expressed his gratitude for support provided by a coalition of business leaders and higher education officials against guns on campus, and invited task force members to attend an Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce reception on Nov. 15 at the Beacon Club honoring Representatives Mike Osburn, Tammy West and Ryan Martinez for their efforts to maintain the current law. Johnson stated that the coalition effectively stopped about 50 bills that could have put weapons on campuses.

**CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE:** Johnson asked Lisa Teel to provide an update on the activities of the Campus Emergency Manager Consortium. Teel reported that she and Sarah Kimball of the State Regents' staff attended a meeting of the Northwest Oklahoma Emergency Management Association on Oct. 17 to encourage networking among campus and community law enforcement and emergency services personnel. Kimball reported that additional regional meetings were planned after the first of the year.

**WORKGROUP REPORTS:** Johnson asked for workgroup reports.

**Campus Best Practices** (Lee Bird, Chair): Caddell gave the update in Bird's absence. Caddell told members that the group was working on developing a directory of subject matter experts who could provide free or low-cost training programs in key topic areas, such as diversity, Title IX, Clery Act provisions, and First Amendment considerations. The speakers board would provide affordable, on-site training options for campuses. Caddell said that applications addressing 11 topics had been submitted to date, and that a review protocol was in development. She added that once the first set of applications was processed, the topic list would be available online for campus staff to access.

**Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research** (Larry Rice, Chair): Rice thanked Johnson and Pauley for their tireless work to keep weapons off campuses. He reported that the workgroup remained ready to assist when support was needed to address campus safety and security legislation.

**Training and Plan Development** (Albert Ashwood, Chair): Caddell gave the report in Ashwood's absence. She noted that the committee continued to work to provide free and low-cost training opportunities for both entry-level and seasoned campus safety and security staff. She reiterated the importance of campuses working closely with community and county law enforcement and emergency management personnel, and asked task force members to encourage campus police officers and emergency managers to participate in local and regional meetings sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association.

**2018 STATEWIDE SUMMIT:** Johnson told members that planning had begun for the third campus safety summit, which would take place in November 2018. He asked Caddell to update members on the planning process.

Caddell referred members to a handout that outlined potential topics recommended by past summit attendees, including facilitating interaction with local law enforcement; business continuity planning; Title IX, Clery Act and Code of Conduct reviews; drug recognition and drug abuse education; severe weather sheltering; and earthquake preparedness. Caddell said that prior summit keynote and plenary sessions included a representative from a campus that had experienced a recent emergency incident and, since these sessions had been highly rated, this type of session should be considered for the 2018 summit. Task force members concurred.

Caddell asked task force members to share additional topics that should be explored at the summit. Suggestions discussed included pandemic health issues, sexual assault education and awareness, mental health services, natural disaster response, and impacts of campus carry laws in other states. Steve Turner recommended a focus on opioid training, with Todd Hembree, Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation, as a potential speaker. Teel reported that she had attended an excellent cybersecurity forum hosted by OneNet at Rose State College and recommended a cybersecurity session at the upcoming summit. Johnson encouraged Jim Augur, Bruce DeMuth and Doug Major to identify any additional summit topics that would be of particular interest to the career technology centers.

Caddell told members that State Regents' staff were working with the Reed Center to review viable dates for the summit, and noted that Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 was an option. Johnson expressed concern that Nov. 6 was Election Day; Caddell committed to consider other date options to avoid any potential schedule conflict.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Caddell notified task force members that the deadline for campuses to confirm federal National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance was usually Dec. 31, though she had not yet received notice of the NIMS renewal protocol for 2018. She committed to contact the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and send an update to the Council of Presidents. Kim Carter reported that he and some other task force members had attended a day-long seminar on campus safety and security, and that one of the presenters spoke about how NIMS and the Incident Command System (ICS) informed their response to an active shooter event. Carter complimented the state system campuses for maintaining NIMS compliance.

**WRAP UP AND COMMENTS:** Johnson asked members to note the future task force meeting dates and announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.