

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Becki Foster and Brian Bates, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (by phone); Joedon Hughes and Richard Andrews, Rose State College; Sam Holt, Murray State College; Leon McClinton, Oklahoma State University; Bob Parrish, Metro Technology Center; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Larry Rice, Rogers State University; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Chad Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Cheryl Evans, Northern Oklahoma College; Jerry Forbes and Bert Miller, East Central University; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Dan Piazza, Chris Tipton and Charles Wilson, Oklahoma City Community College; Roger Webb, Task Force Consultant; Kim Carter, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Michelann Ooten, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Durward Cook, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; and Angela Caddell, Sarah Kimball, Rachel Bates, Debbie Terlip, LeeAnna McNally and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Johnson asked members to review the minutes of the November 5, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Angela Caddell asked LeeAnna McNally to update members on the bills pertaining to campus safety and weapons. McNally provided updates on several bills, including SB 12 and HB 2597, referred to as 'constitutional carry' bills. She noted that amendments to the bills to preserve current provisions regarding weapons on campus were in development. She also thanked the many members of the Task Force who had participated in meetings of a local coalition advocating against constitutional carry.

Caddell told members that KTEN, a television station out of Durant, conducted a Facebook poll focused on SB 12. She said the poll indicated 62 percent of respondents were against changing the law.

OSU COUNSELING SERVICES INITIATIVES: Caddell asked Leon McClinton, interim vice president for student affairs at OSU, to talk about campus counseling and mental health initiatives. McClinton reported that OSU's chief wellness officer secured a grant that enabled the campus to provide mental health first aid training to more than 100 people. McClinton also provided an overview of two new programs, TAO and SAM. TAO (Therapy Assistance Online), a downloadable app that offers access to mental health services, was added in response to increased demand for counselors when counselor positions at the university remained unfilled. He said that students could utilize TAO on its own or in tandem with sessions with a campus counselor. McClinton said that the SAM (Student Assistance by Mercy) hotline provided free access to licensed counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Through SAM, students in an emergency situation could be engaged directly with the police department or counseling center, as needed.

McClinton also noted several other campus initiatives, including a walk-in clinic; the Reboot Center, a space offering relaxation techniques and exercises; and "Pete's Pet Posse," a highly successful pet therapy program started by First Cowgirl Ann Hargis. Caddell shared that mental health first aid has been a priority for other campuses, as well, and that many of our state's 25 public college and university campuses field certified mental health first aid instructor teams.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Caddell asked Sarah Kimball to provide an update on the Campus Emergency Manager Consortium in Lisa Teel's absence. Kimball reported that a survey had been sent out to all higher education institutions in the state to help determine the consortium's operational model moving forward. She said that there were 32 respondents to the survey, and that a group

would be meeting later in February to synthesize the survey results and consider the future direction of the consortium. Caddell said that she felt it was vitally important for campus emergency managers to have an active network through which to share information, explore best practices and discuss challenges, and committed to help Kimball and Teel advance the consortium's efforts.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Caddell asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (TBD, Chair): Caddell told members that the group was currently without a chair since Lee Bird had retired, but that an individual had been asked to assume the role of committee chair, and that she was awaiting a response. She told members the committee continued to be focused on operational resources and tools for campuses.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Rice reported that the workgroup would continue to stand ready to mobilize advocacy when support was needed to address legislation pertaining to campus safety and security, particularly with regards to weapons on campus. He said that our position had always been to keep the current law as it was written and that several bills that could affect our campuses were being monitored this session.

Training and Plan Development (Michelann Ooten, Chair): Ooten reported that she continued to receive positive feedback from the Task Force's statewide summit. She told members that the Tornado Summit was scheduled for March 5-6, 2019 at the Cox Center in downtown Oklahoma City, and encouraged members to register. Ooten also noted that plans were underway for the Emergency Managers Conference in August. Additionally, she told members that OEM was planning a special training for campus PIOs through the State Regents' Communicators Council. Caddell confirmed that Keli Cain from OEM had agreed to provide crisis communications training at a future Communicators Council meeting. Ooten said that her training office continued coordinating with Caddell and Kimball to identify additional training needs of higher education institutions.

2018 STATEWIDE SUMMIT OUTCOMES: Caddell highlighted outcomes of the survey that followed the third Campus Safety and Security Summit on Nov. 1, 2018. Caddell said that the survey had a 34 percent completion rate, and that overall, the results were very positive.

Caddell reported that 91 percent of respondents indicated the summit had met their needs or expectations, and that both featured speakers, Dr. Kimberly Dickman from the U.S. Air Force Academy and Jeffrey Gravier from the University of Utah, received very high marks. She said she received overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding information shared by Dr. Dickman, and that given the level of interest, she would work with the Council on Student Affairs, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and OEM to bring Dr. Dickman back during 2019 for a day-long workshop focused on sexual assault awareness, prevention, education and response.

Caddell said the concurrent sessions also received high marks from attendees. The most popular topics included behavioral threat assessment, developing emergency operations plans, assessing and addressing student behavior, and conducting Title IX investigations. She said that the overall rating for the summit was 4.3 out of 5, which she felt was very positive, particularly given the breadth of audiences served.

Caddell said that respondents also shared topic ideas for future events, including strengthening tabletop exercises/drill exercises, reducing the stigma surrounding mental health services, safety and security technologies, and tactical response in a rural campus environment. She added that some attendees asked for more sessions to be repeated during future summits.

NIMS 2018-19 COMPLIANCE CONFIRMATION: Chancellor Johnson asked Caddell to provide an update on state system NIMS compliance. Caddell told members that the goal and expectation was for state system institutions to maintain 100 percent NIMS certification compliance, and that goal was achieved for 2018-19.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Johnson asked if members had any suggestions for future agenda items. Steve Turner shared information and expressed concern about higher education institutions that had been held hostage through ransomware. He indicated that while most state agencies have access to state business interruption insurance, higher education institutions do not. Kim Carter added that while insurance to protect against the effects of ransomware was important, the fact that an attack could cause institutions to be offline for weeks should also be taken into account. John DeBoard mentioned that the Oklahoma Information Fusion Center provides cybersecurity information and assistance. Johnson indicated that Von Royal would be invited to present OneNet's cybersecurity initiatives at a future meeting.

Johnson asked Roger Webb to make comments. Webb reminded members about the one-year anniversary of the high school shooting in Parkland, Fla., which he said had changed the gun debate across the country with an increased focus on response procedures for active shooters in schools. He noted that, as with the Virginia Tech tragedy, there had been questions about the mental health of the shooter, and praised higher education's efforts to continue strengthening mental health services for students, faculty and staff.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Johnson thanked members for their attendance and announced the next Task Force meeting would be held Wed., April 3.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.