

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members and guests Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; David Shannon, Oklahoma Baptist University; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Elicia Berryhill, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Justin Lockwood, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Hiram Tabler, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Chris Tipton, Oklahoma City Community College; Joe Batt and Mark Rasor, Rogers State University; Devin DeBock, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology; Joedon Hughes, Rose State College; Kevin Leach, University of Oklahoma; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Bert Miller and Brandon Hill, East Central University; Roger Webb, Task Force Consultant; Chad Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College; and Angela Caddell, Sarah Kimball and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 8 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND THANK YOU: Caddell thanked Chancellor Johnson for his leadership of the task force and as Chancellor, and for his 40 years of public service to Oklahoma. She noted Johnson's unwavering commitment to maintaining the current law pertaining to weapons on campus and to providing campus resources and training opportunities, such as the Statewide Summit. Many task force members also shared their thoughts, reflections and well-wishes.

Johnson thanked members for their kind remarks and their service to the task force. He said that the states bordering Oklahoma were dealing with legislation regarding weapons on campus, and reminded members to remain vigilant in their efforts to keep the current law intact.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Johnson asked Sarah Kimball to provide an update. Kimball said the consortium would be meeting the next day, and that an epidemiologist from the State Health Department was slated to provide a presentation.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Johnson asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Steve Turner, Chair): Turner said that one of the workgroup's key areas of focus was to maintain a repository of helpful resources for campuses, and invited members to consider serving on the committee. Caddell added that the communications team was beginning a review of the current resource repository, and asked members to share any additional materials they felt would be helpful to other campuses.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell gave the report in the absence of Rice. She stated that the workgroup continued to stand ready to assist the Chancellor in developing advocacy strategies and responding to any potential legislation or interim studies pertaining to campus safety and security.

Training and Plan Development (Jeff Harp, Chair): Caddell provided the report in the absence of Harp. She said that the workgroup's current focus was the Virtual Summit. She thanked Col. Hiram Tabler and the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security for providing a grant to cover the keynote speaker fee, which would allow free registration for participants.

2021 STATEWIDE SUMMIT UPDATE: Johnson asked Caddell to provide an update. She told members that due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases and the unpredictability of the pandemic timeline, the Council of Presidents recommended pivoting the Summit to virtual delivery. She said that she was currently working with Summit partners and concurrent session speakers to develop a virtual Summit structure, including a kick-off and keynote address webinar on the original event date of Nov. 1 and a series of online workshops held one or two per day over a two-week period ending before Thanksgiving. She added that the intent was to continue the biannual Summit rotation from this fall, with plans to offer an in-person event again in 2023.

NIMS 2021-22 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION: Caddell told members that the 2021-22 reporting period for NIMS was now open, and that the deadline for campuses to confirm continued NIMS compliance was Dec. 31. She reminded the task force that as a state system, 100% NIMS compliance had been maintained for many years, and affirmed that was the goal again this year. Tabler encouraged members to reach out to April Keeler, state NIMS coordinator, with any questions about the renewal process.

INSIGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES: Caddell asked Dr. Roger Webb, Task Force Consultant, to provide insights and updates to members. Webb thanked Caddell for her leadership in Summit planning. He shared his thoughts about the lingering impacts of the pandemic, and noted the reduced number of campus shootings over the last year. He said that if we were to track trends on campus two years ago, the pandemic would have been low on the list in comparison to active shooter threats.

Webb reminded members about the importance of keeping campus emergency plans updated, and keeping faculty and staff engaged in the emergency planning process.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Caddell asked if members had other agenda items to be considered. No discussion items were brought forward.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Caddell thanked members for their attendance and said the next task force meeting would be held Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Regents' Conference Room or via Zoom. She told members that out of an abundance of caution, the private event honoring Chancellor Johnson and benefiting the State Regents' Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship had been rescheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.