

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 2 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members and guests Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Keli Cain and Mark Gower, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Mark Pierce, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Liz Woollen, University of Oklahoma; Richard Andrews, Rose State College; Shelby Rowe, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; and Angela Caddell, Sarah Kimball, Debbie Terlip and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 19 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the June 19, 2019, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

SUICIDE PREVENTION ONLINE COURSE MODULES PARTNERSHIP: Johnson asked Shelby Rowe, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, to talk about the suicide prevention online course modules partnership.

Rowe informed members the State Regents were partnering with ODMHSAS to offer online suicide prevention training modules through the Kognito platform, a computer-based online simulation tool. She told members that ODMHSAS had already implemented some Kognito training programs with K-12 schools, and they had seen tremendous success. She noted that in the past two years, ODMHSAS had trained over 5,500 Oklahoma K-12 educators at more than 200 different sites.

Rowe said ODMHSAS was looking to replicate this success in the higher education system. She told members that approximately 13% of college-age students had considered suicide within the last 12 months, and that nearly 80% of these students would not seek the help they needed. She reported that a Kognito survey of college students found that 50% of faculty did not feel they were adequately prepared to address students at risk.

Two online training courses will be offered to higher education campuses and technology centers through the partnership: at-risk training for faculty and staff and at-risk training for students. Rowe said ODMHSAS had purchased 65,000 licenses for either training module for the first year, and that promotional materials for campus use would be provided by Kognito. She informed members that campuses would access the training through a custom webpage, and that implementation was slated for November.

Janet Cunningham asked how long each training session took to complete. Rowe said that the student training would take 30 minutes, and the faculty training would take up to an hour and could be started and stopped for up to a year.

Angela Caddell said that public and private institution presidents and technology center superintendents would be asked to identify the person on campus who would act as the gatekeeper for access to the training materials. She said that designated campus liaisons would be invited to a launch meeting and training in November.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Johnson asked Sarah Kimball to provide an update on the Campus Emergency Manager Consortium. Kimball reported that the consortium had met at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and the agenda included a panel of local emergency managers as well as a review of tabletop exercises and a presentation by Matt Rollins

from State Hazard Mitigation on mitigation funding for campuses. She said the planning process had begun for the next meeting, which would take place at the end of October.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Johnson asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Steve Turner, Chair): Turner said that there would be a workgroup meeting following the task force meeting to discuss current priorities and next steps.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell gave the report in Rice's absence. She 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.

Johnson said that it was fair to assume there would be some version of a weapons on campus bill in the 2020 session. He reminded members that the permitless carry bill passed in the 2019 session included the provision maintaining current law pertaining to guns on campus. He noted that all of the states bordering Oklahoma had passed some kind of weapons on campus legislation, and encouraged members to thank supporters of the higher education position, particularly Rep. Jon Echols and Sen. Kim David, the authors of the permitless carry legislation.

Training and Plan Development (Jeff Harp, Chair): Harp announced that a sexual assault prevention training was taking place at OCCC on Tuesday. He reminded members that Dr. Kimberly Dickman would be leading the day-long training for campus personnel, which would focus on sexual assault education, prevention and awareness. He said that 80 people were currently registered for the training. Johnson encouraged members to attend the sexual assault training, noting that Dickman was an exceptional speaker and presenter.

Harp added that there was some confusion on his campus regarding how provisions of the permitless carry bill, effective Nov. 1, would apply to community members and students who may want to bring weapons on campus. He said that UCO was developing an internal training effort and updating door stickers to reflect their 'no guns on campus' policy. Caddell added that communication with the general public and students regarding permitless carry was also a topic of discussion for the Communicators' Council.

2020 STATEWIDE SUMMIT: Caddell credited the task force for the success of the past three summits. She asked members to start the process of identifying relevant topics for the upcoming 2020 summit. She said that she had a running list of topics that were suggested from the surveys taken following previous summits, as well as a list of topics recommended by task force members during meetings. Potential topics include reducing the stigma surrounding mental health issues, developing tabletop exercises, the intersection of Title IX and campus law enforcement, assessing dangerous behavior and the corresponding safety concerns, and tactical response in a rural campus environment, among many others.

She also mentioned that Scott Lewis, one of the speakers considered for the 2018 summit, may be available for 2020. She said that he works with NCHERM, ATIXA and NaBITA, and his area of expertise is maximizing the utility of behavioral intervention teams. She asked members if that topic would still be relevant; members agreed that it would.

Cunningham asked if there would be value in addressing cybersecurity at the Summit. Turner suggested that someone from a disaster-stricken area, such as Puerto Rico, share their experiences. Harp suggested the topic of social media during a crisis. Caddell said that Gary Shutt from Oklahoma

State University had given a presentation on that topic during a previous summit, and it was impactful. She added that some campuses utilize products and services that assist with threat monitoring, and suggested that a panel of campuses discussing challenges and victories using these products and services could be an interesting topic. Liz Woollen suggested a session focused on coordination and communication between city and campus law enforcement.

Caddell told members that the Summit structure also needed to be reconsidered for 2020. She said that in 2018, four sessions were repeated, and that survey outcomes indicated participants would like even more sessions to be repeated. Members agreed. She added that the Reed Center was available in late October 2020 and that as soon as the facility and date were confirmed, she would let members know.

NIMS 2019-20 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION: Caddell told members that the 2019-20 reporting period for NIMS was now open, and that the deadline for campuses to confirm continued NIMS compliance was Dec. 31. She said that as a state system, 100% compliance had been maintained for many years, and affirmed that was the goal again this year. She noted that a handout was provided on the back table with information to make renewal as convenient as possible.

FY20 UPDATED TASK FORCE MEETING DATES: Johnson told members that the list of upcoming meeting dates had been updated, and that a revised list was available on the back table.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Johnson asked if members had any agenda items to be considered. There were no additional items for discussion.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Johnson thanked members for their attendance and reminded members that the Campus Best Practices workgroup would meet directly after the conclusion of the task force meeting.

Johnson said the next task force meeting would be held Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. Caddell added that the November meeting would include information about SB 361, which eliminated free speech zones on campuses, as well as a presentation from OMES representatives regarding business interruption insurance options.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.