

**Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 23, 2022**

**Meeting Venue:** OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center, Administration Building  
4502 E. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 2C33  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135

**MEMBERS**

Bardin, Tania (NAAV) [P]	Green, Beth (OSBI) [P]	Sweger, Don, (OACP) [A]
Blanton, Melissa (OAG) [P]	Harrison, Shelly (NAAV) [P]	Wilson, Janet (ONA) [A]
Cobb, Celia (OCME) [P]	Hawkins, Scott (OSA) [A]	Warren, Mike (OSC) [A]
Coffey, Sara (OOA) [P]	Jelley, Martina (OSMA) [P]	Woods-Littlejohn, Brandi (OSDH-IPS) [P]
Combs, Brandie (OSDH) [A]	Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) [P]	
Belase, Marissa (DHS) [P]	Mueller, Karen (OBA) [A]	
Garder, Lauren (ODMHSAS) [P]	Pasley, Brandon (OCADVSA) [A]	
Glandon, Donna (OJA) [A]	Smith, Jeff (DAC) [P]	

**I. Call to Order and Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Act: Chair**

Chair Beth Green presided over the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, held at the OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 23, 2022. Notice of the meeting was posted annually with the Secretary of State and at the Office of the Attorney General more than twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Chair Beth Green called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

Roll Call was conducted at 9:02 a.m. Quorum was achieved at Roll Call with twelve (12) members present. Others present included Anthony Hernandez-Rivera, OAG Research Analyst, and Katy Fortune-Reagan, OSDHSAS Manager of Gender-Specific Treatment Services. Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

**III. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2021, regular meeting\***

Lauren Garder moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021, regular meeting. Angela Beatty seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by roll call vote (9 Aye, 3 Abstain, 0 Nay).

**IV. Program Updates and Discussion Regarding DVFRB Community Review in June**

Melissa Blanton reminded the members that nominations for the new two-year terms will be requested very soon. She stated that the terms run from July to June. Ms. Blanton also reminded everyone to consider designating alternates to attend meetings so that there is better likelihood of meeting quorum during meetings.

Ms. Blanton stated that the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Program Manager Position posting has been listed on the OAG web page and that we are in the process of reviewing applicants and scheduling interviews to fill the position.

Ms. Blanton announced that the Community Case Review will be held in Kay County in June. Katy Fortune began the process of reaching out to local community members, such as the judge that presided over the case. Ms. Blanton said she would work with Anthony Hernandez-Rivera to make contact with the district attorney to explain the purpose for the review and the two-day meeting. She reminded members that travel reimbursement is available through grant funding, but lodging will be the responsibility of each member or member's agency for those that need to stay overnight in Ponca City. Beth Green stated that she has concerns about meeting quorum for the Community Review. General discussion was held regarding the importance of members making a commitment to attending the review in June.

**V. Presentation and Discussion on SAFER Project for Pregnant and Parenting Women Experiencing Substance Abuse Disorder, Katy Fortune-Reagan, Program Manager for Gender-Specific Treatment Services, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

Katy Fortune-Reagan, former DVFRB Program Manager, has moved to the ODMHSAS as Program Manager for Gender-Specific Treatment Services, and came to the meeting to present on her new project. She stated that the goal of the project is to prevent children from going into custody by providing resources and prevention efforts. She shared that in 2018 the DHS had plans of improving state care through legislative efforts, but full implementation of the plan did not occur. Ms. Fortune-Reagan shared that the ODMHSAS applied for funding and was awarded grants to assist with family treatment courts, including the SAFER project, which focuses on early pregnancy for those that have substance use disorder to provide treatment and other services. The project assists by surrounding mothers with options and support. The project includes a statewide implementation in Oklahoma with in-depth technical assistance from the national level. The project involves contracts with treatment providers ensuring that they include family care plans for substance abuse connected mothers. She stated that they are currently developing the details for the plan to provide to treatment providers across the state. Ms. Fortune-Reagan further said that one of her goals is to gain more partners at the state level, which could include many of the DVFRB members and their agencies. She said there will be a lot of training opportunities in communities across Oklahoma. General discussion was held.

**VI. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session\***

*Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307B for the purpose of case review*

- a. **Adjourn to Executive Session\***
- b. **Review and discussion of case #190001**
- c. **Consideration of return from executive session**
- d. **Announcement by Chair as to the necessity of any Board action as a result of Executive Session**
- e. **Vote as a result of Executive Session\***

Jeff Smith made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Brandi Woods-Littlejohn seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote (12 Aye, 0 Nay). The Chair led the Board into Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. The Board concluded and came out of Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

**VII. Announcements**

Jeff Smith announced to the group that he is retiring as District Attorney this year and informed the group that someone new would need to be appointed to represent the District Attorneys Council. He said he has served on the Board as a member for fifteen (15) years. Everyone congratulated him and thanked him for his years of service and shared that he would be missed.

**VIII. Adjournment\***

Jeff Smith made a motion to adjourn. Angela Beatty seconded the motion. Chair Beth Green declared the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.