

Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board
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MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2022

Meeting Venue: Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General
313 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

MEMBERS

Cobb, Celia (OCME) [P]	Glandon, Donna (OJA) [P]	Beatty, Angela (OCADVSA alt) [P]
Gass, Sarah (OAG alt.) [P]	Hawkins, Scott (OSA) [P]	Pasley, Brandon (OCADVSA) [P]
Shawnee, Jackie (OSDH) [P]	Cluck, Donald (OACP) [A]	Stinson, Sheila (Supreme Court) [P]
Nicholls, Emily (OSDH IPS) [P]	Goree, Julie (OBA) [A]	Harrison, Shelly (NAAV) [P]
Shores, Chandra (OKDHS alt.) [P]	Thomas, Laura (DAC) [P]	Bardin, Tania (NAAV) [P]
Cropper, Heather (OSBI alt.) [P]	Jelley, Martina (OSMA) [A]	
Gardner, Lauren (ODMHSAS) [A]	Coffey, Sarah (OOA) [A]	
	Carr, Janice (ONA) [A]	

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

Chair Donna Glandon presided over the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, held at the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 26, 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 Donna Glandon (OJA) called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll call was conducted at 9:03 a.m. Quorum was achieved at roll call with fourteen (14) members present. Others present included Anthony Hernandez-Rivera, OAG DVFRB Program Manager (PM). Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2022, Special Meeting*

Vice-Chair Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA) moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022, DVFRB Special Meeting. Shelly Harrison (NAAV) seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by roll call vote (13 Aye, 1 Abstain, 0 Nay).

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2023 DVFRB Meeting Schedule*

DVFRB PM Anthony Hernandez explained he prepared a preliminary set of DVFRB meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year for members to review. He noted how this agenda item was discussed in November the previous year, but he thought it wise to have an earlier discussion this time around for the benefit of newer members. Mr. Hernandez explained the DVFRB is required to submit written notice by December 15, 2022 to the Oklahoma Secretary of State specifying the date, time and place of meetings in 2023. He reviewed the dates with members and reminded the Board of our two scheduled joint meetings with the Child Death Review Board (CDRB) in January and July. Finally, he also noted a second community review needed to be organized to meet grant goals and objectives. He argued the DVFRB should aim for a summer (June) community review considering the success we had last June. If so, Mr. Hernandez noted

there would not be a DVFRB meeting in May so program staff can focus all efforts towards organizing a successful review with local partners. Mr. Hernandez also stated the location of the community review would be determined in 2023 once a case has been identified. Members agreed to discuss this agenda item again during the November 30, 2022 meeting.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2022 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Annual Report, including Board Recommendations and Activities*

DVFRB Program Manager Anthony Hernandez-Rivera explained his reasoning for discussing this agenda item during the October meeting and not in November like in the previous year. He stated program staff would benefit from feedback in advance so language for the recommendations could be written leading up to the November meeting. He explained he plans to have members play a more active role in the development of the recommendations leading up to the publication of the DVFRB annual report. Mr. Hernandez proceeded to discuss an outline with four (4) proposed recommendations. He noted the idea would be to choose three (3) for further development.

The first recommendation was a proposal requesting a representative of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC) be added to the DVFRB. Mr. Hernandez explained that back in 2002, the DVFRB only had sixteen (16) members. He stated that at the time there was no representation from agencies such as the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA), Department of Human Services (DHS), the Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV), or a judge. Mr. Hernandez pointed out these members were subsequently added thanks to DVFRB recommendations asking for legislation to expand DVFRB membership. Mr. Hernandez explained the reasoning behind this recommendation. He stated it would help program staff obtain offender's probation and inmate records from prior criminal offenses; would enhance the Board's perspective on probation and parole services; and it would help in the formulation of possible recommendations on intervention strategies of domestic violence offenders while they are in DOC custody. Members provided comments and feedback following the DVFRB PM's presentation. Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) and Jackie Shawnee (OSDH) stated they liked the idea of having DOC representation on the Board. Heather Cropper (OSBI) stated she was surprised DOC was not already a member of the DVFRB. She said she was a former DOC probation officer and told the Board adding someone from DOC would be a great idea since her first impression upon joining the DVFRB in August was that we were missing the corrections perspective. Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) asked about the possibility of specifying who from DOC would serve on the DVFRB. DVFRB PM Anthony Hernandez clarified that it would be up to the DOC Director to designate someone to attend meetings on his behalf.

The second recommendation was a proposal to coordinate with law enforcement organizations in Oklahoma so that lethality assessment protocol (LAP) training be offered at the major law enforcement conferences. DVFRB PM Anthony Hernandez noted this was a recommendation made by OSA member Lt. Scott Hawkins. Mr. Hernandez mentioned the strength of this recommendation was that the DVFRB has members associated with four (4) law enforcement organizations that organize major conferences every year. Mr. Hernandez mentioned some of the organizations, including: the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association (OSA); Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP); OSBI Agents Association; and the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (DAC). Members provided comments and feedback following the DVFRB PM's presentation. Lt. Scott Hawkins provided an overview of the LAP upon questions from member Celia Cobb (OCME). He also talked about the work of the LAP Task Force. General discussion was held, and Chair Donna Glandon (OJA) stated this was a great recommendation.

The third recommendation was a proposal to recommend Oklahoma District Attorneys use similar domestic violence case policies and procedures as the ones used by member DA Laura

Thomas (District 9 – Logan and Payne Counties). DVFRB PM Anthony Hernandez noted when DA Laura Thomas applied for DVFRB membership, she described in her application some of the domestic violence procedures in her district. Mr. Hernandez mentioned some of the highlights, including: the district 9 Special Victims Unit; the prosecutor led LAP training at law enforcement agencies; and one-on-one meetings between victims and prosecutors to build rapport. DA Thomas then provided more details and explained her reasoning behind the initiatives she has spearheaded during her time as District 9 DA. Members provided feedback on this recommendation. Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) stated she liked the idea but thought it would be best to survey other DA districts and see what other DA's do in different parts of the state before making a recommendation. Ms. Nicholls added a statewide study would give us the opportunity to pull best practices from across the state and combine them into a more effective model in any future recommendation. Members agreed with this assessment.

The final recommendation discussed dealt with crafting a proposal on the state response or follow-up procedures that address the wellbeing of children who witness domestic violence fatalities. Mr. Hernandez explained the need to make sure children witnessing fatalities are getting the help they need in the immediate and long term. He further added how 2020 DVFRB data identified seventy-eight (78) children who visually witnessed or were in direct proximity to forty-two (42) separate domestic violence fatalities at the time they occurred. Mr. Hernandez asked members for feedback. Chandra Shores (DHS) stated the state has wider latitude to enroll children in more robust service packages if they are taken into custody. Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) advanced an idea of having a multi-disciplinary team or task force respond in the event of child witnesses at a fatality. Another member stated the need to have a response to severe non-fatal domestic violence altercations, which can be equally traumatic to children. Chandra Shores (DHS) agreed a recommendation should not only focus on fatalities. The possibility of having cases staffed by multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) was also discussed. Lt. Hawkins (OSA) cautioned members on any kind of MDT mandate due to lack of resources. Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) agreed with Lt. Hawkins and stated accessibility to services is also a concern. Chair Donna Glandon (OJA) suggested program staff research previous recommendations on the subject and see if the DVFRB can build from there. Ms. Glandon also suggested thinking to which systems we need to direct this recommendation.

The DVFRB agreed the first two recommendations should be seriously considered. Members concluded the same with the fourth one. They agreed more research was necessary on the third recommendation and should be shelved for another report upon further study. Mr. Hernandez stated he planned to meet with some members individually to further developed the fourth recommendation. He added his plan was to draft language and have preliminary drafts by the November 30 meeting. Members agreed this was a sensible plan and asked if a vote was necessary. Mr. Hernandez stated a formal vote on at least the first two recommendations would be ideal. Celia Cobb (OCME) made a motion to officially have the DVFRB PM draft language for the first and second recommendations and for them to be further considered in the November 30 meeting. Heather Cropper (OSBI) seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote (14 Aye, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay).

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. Update and discussion of case #210921**
- c. Review and discussion of case #200019**
- d. Consideration of return from executive session**
- e. Announcement by Chair as to the necessity of any Board action as a result of Executive Session**

f. Vote as a result of Executive Session*

Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) made a motion of adjourn to Executive Session. Judge Sheila Stinson seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote (14 Aye, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay). The Chair led the Board into Executive Session at 10:15 am. The Board concluded and came out of Executive Session at 11:42 am. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

VII. New Business Not Known or Which Could Not Have Been Reasonably Foreseen Before the Posting of the Agenda *in Accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(9).*

No new business.

VIII. Announcements

DVFRB PM Anthony Hernandez announced that Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) member Chief Donald Cluck resigned from the DVFRB leading up to the meeting. Mr. Hernandez stated he would initiate the nomination process with the OACP so the Attorney General can make an appointment in the near future as mandated by state statute.

IX. Adjournment*

Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 am. Judge Sheila Stinson seconded the motion. Chair Donna Glandon declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.