

Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 2 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed the attendees and began introductions. Other members in attendance were: Terri White, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Donnie Nero, Connors State College; Lee Bird, Oklahoma State University; Doug Major, Meridian Technology Center; Melissa Houston for Kerry Pettingill, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; and Tom Friedemann, Francis Tuttle Technology Center. Others in attendance were: Dalton Jackson, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Norman Nieves, University of Central Oklahoma; Ike Sloas, Oklahoma City Community College; Autumn Wiles, Seminole State College; Patricia Ragle, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City; and Pam Boatright, Ben Hardcastle, Sharon Bourbeau, Kermit McMurry, Hollye Hunt, Michelle Britt, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DEC. 10 MEETING: Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the Dec. 10, 2009, meeting. Bird moved to approve the minutes, and Nero seconded. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

OPENING REMARKS: Johnson said that because White had to leave early, she would give the Counseling Subcommittee report early. White reported that there was progress with the Mental Health Collaborative Week, and that excitement was building. She turned the report over to Hardcastle, who told the task force that there was a change in dates due to bad weather but that it looked like the meetings would be taking place in the near future. He said that the locations needed to be finalized and then a date would be set. He said technology would be playing a key role in the meetings. Some face-to-face interaction would take place, but the meetings would also utilize teleconferencing.

Bird asked if a list of providers, types of insurance they take, etc., was available to the public, and White said that information was located on the ODMHSAS website.

UPDATE ON 2010-11 CLASS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: Johnson asked Hollye Hunt to provide an update on the legislative agenda. Hunt reported that there was good news with regard to "guns on campus" legislation. She said that so far there was no talk of the gun bill or talk from Rep. Murphey about pursuing it. She added that OSRHE staff were watching shell bills for references to the issue. As for the budget situation, Hunt said the governor had completed the first round of the budget, with no mention of specified funds for campus safety as of yet, although \$100,000 had been requested.

UPDATE ON CAMPUS SAFETY: GOAL 2010: Johnson asked Hardcastle to report on the NIMS project. Hardcastle said the project was moving forward thanks in part to the Office of Homeland Security. He said an e-mail would be sent that week to NIMS points-of-contact on campuses asking them to complete a survey intended as a checklist to gauge the progress toward compliance. He said that the information would be shared with the task force as well as the presidents of the institutions and that the survey would also provide an opportunity to ask institutions about needs they may have. In addition, they would be reminded that training was available over the next three months. Bird asked if the training could be configured into online courses, and Hardcastle responded that it could and was. Major asked if anyone has stood up in favor of NIMS, and Hardcastle replied that the task force has.

REPORT ON REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS: Johnson noted this item was covered by White's earlier report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no additional reports.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Bird distributed a fact sheet titled “Guns on Campus: A Current Debate.”

Nero asked about discussions with the governor about the task force’s annual report. Johnson said he did discuss the contents of the report with the governor but that they did not discuss budget considerations. He said that the task force may want to have a discussion with the governor and legislative leaders before the session adjourns and that material from the report could be used to show examples of what is being done with no funding.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: Johnson referred attendees to a list of future task force meetings on the agenda and noted that the next meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2010 and that the date for the October meeting had changed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., and attendees were encouraged to stay and watch the video *Shots Fired* presented by Nieves. The video provided information about how to handle an active gunman situation on campus.

After the video, the task force continued discussion. Bird said that OSU uses the video also and that she was initially told that students would “freak out” at the video, but she said that they have not. She strongly recommended showing it to legislators. She also recommended two books – a new one titled *The Unthinkable* by Amanda Ripley and *The Gift of Fear*. She said that both were excellent reads.

Nieves said that UCO shows the video to all faculty and staff on campus and some students. He said copies could be obtained from the Center for Personal Protection and Safety. Campuses must buy a license, and then additional copies may be obtained. He said he thought a license was \$1,500 and copies around \$200, including training materials. Nero mentioned that might be cost-prohibitive, so Nieves told Hardcastle he would e-mail him the contact information, and Hardcastle said he would investigate working something out with the company.

Houston mentioned that the new Red Dirt Ready campaign provides a similar message as the video regarding people empowering themselves and protecting themselves in dangerous situations.