

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 3:30 p.m. (by Zoom)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Allison D. Garrett welcomed members and guests Sgt. Christy Yokley, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Becki Foster, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Chad Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College; Col. Hiram Tabler and Keli Cain, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Aaron Collins, Metro Technology Centers; Alton Jones, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Mark Rasor, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; Devin DeBock, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Chris Tipton, Oklahoma City Community College; Clark Harris, Northern Oklahoma College; Jack Bryant, Redlands Community College; and Angela Caddell, Rachel Bates, Sarah Kimball, Joel Dean and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Garrett asked task force members to review the minutes of the Nov. 3 meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM: Angela Caddell introduced Sgt. Christy Yokley, traffic safety educator for the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office. Yokley presented OHSO's educational services for youth and adults, including traffic safety classes and interactive simulations addressing several key safety issues, such as drinking and driving, distracted driving, and driving under the influence of marijuana. She said OHSO participates in safety fairs and can provide custom training and demonstrations to meet campus education needs.

Caddell thanked Yokley for her presentation and noted she would share Yokley's contact information and informational brochures with the task force.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Joel Dean provided a legislative update in the absence of Jarrett Jobe. He updated the task force on the success of Higher Education Day at the State Capitol, which was held February 15. Dean noted that Legislative Tours were taking place around the state and outlined pertinent bills, including several related to carrying firearms and a bill that would expand weapons on campus. He thanked members for submitting campus resolutions in support of maintaining the current law.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Sarah Kimball indicated she would meet with a core group of campus emergency managers to develop the workplan for the consortium for the rest of the year. She said that efforts continue to schedule a free or low-cost FEMA Higher Education Preparedness course offering for campus personnel this year.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Chancellor Garrett asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Steve Turner, Chair): Caddell provided the report in the absence of Turner. She said a review of the campus resource repository was underway. She asked members to provide any additional resources or 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 would remain available for strategic planning, as needed, in concert with the Chancellor and Jobe throughout the legislative session.

Training and Plan Development (Jeff Harp, Chair): Harp reminded members that approximately 30 campus law enforcement officers attended a free, week-long Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training held in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

(ODMHSAS) last spring. He said that given the high demand for the training, he would work with Caddell to schedule another CIT training opportunity, as well as a potential de-escalation training workshop.

Chancellor Garrett asked Harp if all Oklahoma campuses were equipped with Narcan. Harp said that he could not speak for the smaller, more rural campuses, but believed that most did maintain a supply. Caddell noted that representatives from ODMHSAS had provided updates on the Narcan protocol for the task force and free access to toolkits for the campuses.

TASK FORCE RESOLUTION: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS: Caddell reminded members that the task force had issued joint resolutions signed by the Chancellor and the State Director of CareerTech in past years in support of maintaining the current law regarding weapons on campus. She asked the membership for feedback on the draft resolution; members expressed their approval. Caddell indicated the resolution would be submitted for signatures.

2021 VIRTUAL STATEWIDE SUMMIT DEBRIEF: Caddell said that Summit participants were sent a survey requesting feedback on the events. She said the survey outcomes were very positive, with all respondents indicating the training offered through the Summit was relevant and timely. She said that besides the keynote workshop, which focused on optimizing campus behavioral intervention teams, the most well-attended workshops were those addressing Clery Act and Title IX, crisis communications, extreme weather preparedness, and disruptive students. Caddell said the survey results showed that attendees did feel the virtual format was viable, as it allowed more campus personnel to participate and made participation simpler with no travel requirement. She shared topic suggestions for future training events, which included risk management, mental health services and active shooter response.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Garrett asked if there were any other topics for discussion. Jack Bryant asked if federal NIMS training workshops could be offered in shorter, segmented timeframes in lieu of sessions that last several days at a time, which can create staffing challenges at the campus level. Caddell said that she would reach out to the state NIMS training coordinator to explore any options. Hiram Tabler added that while his agency did not control the NIMS curriculum, his team would be glad to try to assist, if possible.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Garrett thanked members for their attendance. She announced the next task force meeting would be held Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room or via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.