

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members Jim Aulgur (by phone), Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Curtis Brabham, Redlands Community College; Bert Miller, East Central University; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Joshua Busby, Langston University; Lee Bird, Oklahoma State University; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Mike Davis, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Randy Graves, Carl Albert State College; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Lisa Teel, University of Oklahoma; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Richard Andrews and Anita Poole-Endsley, Rose State College; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Kim Edd Carter, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Kelly Cain, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Angela Dickson and Jessica Hawkins, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Roger Webb, task force consultant; Robert Nordmark, OneNet; and Debbie Blanke, Kermit McMurry, Sarah Kimball, Angela Caddell and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 7 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the June 7, 2017, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT (SBIRT): Johnson introduced Angela Dickson, SBIRT program director for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Dickson shared information about the SBIRT program, which is designed to help service providers screen constituents for dependence on drugs or substances and imminent mental health issues. She said that SBIRT techniques were typically used in medical settings, but the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the Office of Juvenile Affairs were included in order to scale the model to reach more high-risk populations.

Dickson explained that research indicates the SBIRT model can be effective in a college setting. Most of the campus-based programs have been located in student health centers, but other settings are also viable, such as counseling clinics or admissions offices. She reported that the opioid epidemic is prevalent in Oklahoma, and her agency utilized the SBIRT model to screen patients for opioid use in doctors' offices - an approach that could also be integrated on a college campus. She reminded members that Oklahoma ranked eighth in drug overdose deaths nationally, and that ODMHSAS could provide Naloxone kits to prevent drug overdose deaths.

Dickson noted that to date, no Oklahoma colleges or universities were participating in the SBIRT program, and indicated ODMHSAS would be interested in partnering to make SBIRT training available to higher education staff. Angela Caddell asked Dickson how higher education campuses could engage to receive SBIRT training. Dickson invited task force members to contact her directly to set a meeting to determine the needs of the campus community and the best way to reach the most students. Following the initial consultation, a six-hour training event on the SBIRT model, motivational interviewing techniques, and addressing suicidality could be scheduled. With Dickson's permission, Caddell committed to share the PowerPoint presentation with task force members.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Johnson gave the legislative update in the absence of Todd Pauley. Johnson stated that Oklahoma was surrounded by states that have passed some form of weapons-on-campus legislation, including Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas and Kansas. He said that Georgia passed legislation in 2017, and that more than 50 bills related to weapons on campus were introduced in our state last year. He added that, although the 2017 bills were stopped, Pauley believed there would be an attempt to push legislation in the upcoming 2018 session.

Lee Bird encouraged campuses to consider liability as a talking point against guns on campus when working with legislators – questioning who would be liable if an incident involving guns on campus occurred. Johnson added that such laws are tantamount to unfunded mandates, as states that were allowing guns on campus were finding it necessary to increase spending on related resources, like additional equipment and personnel, which were not funded.

ONENET CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVES: Johnson asked Robert Nordmark to share information on cybersecurity initiatives. Nordmark provided an overview of the many external threats to networks, such as denial of service attacks, ransomware, malware, and phishing. He explained OneNet’s efforts to protect students’ personal information, including information sharing with the Council on Information Technology (CoIT), outreach, designing new cybersecurity product technology to share with higher education partners, physical security, and evaluating vendor-provided solutions to increase cybersecurity.

Nordmark told members that OneNet offers a variety of services to support campus cybersecurity, including firewall solutions; physical security for physical access control, such as alarm monitoring, back-up generators and fiber optic security; and managed contracts support. He encouraged task force members to visit with him about proof-of-concept trials for any product offerings under consideration.

Nordmark also informed members that OneNet and the CoIT were working together on cybersecurity awareness and education, including a planned summit, the OneNet Security Forum, to be held Oct. 24 at Rose State College to discuss cybersecurity practices and threats to higher education campuses. Task force members were invited to participate.

Kim Carter asked if OneNet worked with the state chief information security officer, and if OneNet was part of the FBI’s local cyber command, where incoming traffic is monitored. Nordmark affirmed OneNet’s engagement and noted that much of the data collected came from OneNet.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Johnson asked Lisa Teel to provide an update on the Emergency Managers Consortium. Teel, in turn, asked Sarah Kimball to share an update on her work with the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association (OEMA) to strengthen relationships between higher education institutions and local law enforcement. Kimball said that campuses recently were given the opportunity to apply to host multi-hazard emergency training, and that one campus had applied to host and several others expressed an interest in attending. Caddell asked if regional meetings for campus emergency managers would continue. Teel and Kimball stated their intention to consider connecting consortium meetings with the OEMA meeting schedule in an effort to boost participation.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Johnson asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Lee Bird, Chair): Bird told members that the group was working on developing a directory of subject matter experts who could provide low-cost training programs in key topic areas, such as diversity, Title IX, Clery Act provisions, and First Amendment considerations. The speakers board would be designed to provide affordable, on-site training options for campuses. Caddell said that a memo and application form would be distributed to presidents, task force members, and other advisory groups.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell gave the update in Rice’s absence. She reported that the workgroup continued to stand ready to mobilize advocacy when support was needed to address legislation pertaining to campus safety and security.

Training and Plan Development (Albert Ashwood, Chair): Caddell and Keli Cain gave the report in Ashwood's absence. Cain reported that the Emergency Management Conference was postponed due to national hurricane response. The summit was rescheduled for June 11-13, 2018. Cain also mentioned that OEM would host the State Earthquake Program Managers' National Conference during the last week of April in Oklahoma City. Caddell committed to share information about the events with task force members.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Johnson asked Webb to share his thoughts as task force consultant. Webb thanked task force members for their participation and noted that Oklahoma became a national leader in campus safety upon implementation of the first task force 10 years ago. He reminded members that crisis preparedness was a continual process and forecasted that it would be a challenging year for campuses across the country. He told members that there were seven major acts of violence on campuses across the United States last year, and that the most serious incidents stemmed from demonstrations, protest groups and counterprotest groups – most of which were in protest of controversial speakers. He said he felt that students on campuses were as politically active as they were in the late 1970s. Webb also reminded members of the recent 16th anniversary of 9/11 and how major acts of violence could define our campuses and our state.

Caddell told members that it was time to start preparing for the 2018 statewide summit. She asked members to share content ideas and noted that, because of turnover at the institutions, many basic operational topics would need to be addressed again. She added that the task force would continue to work with partners in mental health, homeland security and emergency management to develop and deliver the 2018 summit.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Johnson announced the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.