

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

**April 26, 2023**

**Meeting Venue:** Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
(ODMHSAS)

2000 N Classen Blvd, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Hope Conference Room, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

**MEMBERS**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jarred Michalski (OCME) [P]     | Glandon, Donna (OJA) [P]    | Beatty, Angela (OCADVSA alt)    |
| Karen Cunningham (OAG) [A]      | Hawkins, Scott (OSA) [A]    | [P]                             |
| Jill Nobles-Botkin (ODHS) [A]   | Don Sweger (OACP) [P]       | Pasley, Brandon (OCADVSA)       |
| Nicholls, Emily (OSDH IPS alt.) | Goree, Julie (OBA) [P]      | [P]                             |
| [P]                             | Thomas, Laura (DAC) [A]     | Stinson, Sheila (Supreme Court) |
| Leslie Hargis (OKDHS alt.) [P]  | Jelley, Martina (OSMA) [A]  | [P]                             |
| Heather Cropper (OSBI) [P]      | Coffey, Sarah (OOA) [A]     | Harrison, Shelly (NAAV) [P]     |
| Melanie Ferguson (ODMHSAS)      | Carr, Janice (ONA) [A]      | Bardin, Tania (NAAV) [P]        |
| [P]                             | Laura Kuester (OCADVSA) [A] |                                 |

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

Chair Donna Glandon and Vice-Chair Brandon Pasley presided over the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, held at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 26, 2023. Notice of the meeting was posted annually with the Secretary of State before the December 15, 2022 deadline and at the Office of the Attorney General more than 24 hours in advance. Chair Donna Glandon (OJA) called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

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

Roll call was conducted at 9:08 am. Quorum was achieved at roll call with 12 members present. Martina Jelley (OSMA) and Sheila Stinson (Supreme Court) arrived after roll call was conducted. Dr. Jelley arrived at 9:12 am and Judge Stinson at 9:38 am. Total quorum was 14 members present. Others present included Anthony Hernandez-Rivera, OAG DVFRB Program Manager (PM) and Nicholas Massey, OAG Victim Services Unit Research Analyst (RA). Guest Carrie Little from Children’s Advocacy Centers Oklahoma (CACO) joined the meeting during the ACASI presentation. Ms. Little joined via the Zoom link ACASI staff provided to the DVFRB.

It must be noted that Chair Donna Glandon (OJA) left the meeting at 10:25 am. Vice Chair Brandon Pasley chaired the remainder of the meeting after Ms. Glandon’s departure. Jarred Michalski (OCME) left at 10:56 am. Quorum was still maintained throughout the meeting.

**III. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2023, Regular Meeting\***

Tania Bardin (NAAV) moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023 DVFRB Regular Meeting. Shelly Harrison (NAAV) seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by roll call vote (10 Aye, 2 Abstain, 0 Nay).

**IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2023, Regular Meeting\***

Vice Chair Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA) moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023, DVFRB Regular Meeting. Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by roll call vote (10 Aye, 2 Abstain, 0 Nay).

**V. DVFRB Domestic Violence Homicide Child Witness Subcommittee Work Update\***

The DVFRB Program Manager (PM) stated that a few weeks before the meeting he met virtually with staff from the Arizona Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative (ACASI). He reminded members that ACASI is currently housed within the Family Violence Center (FVC) at Arizona State University. The DVFRB PM also reminded the DVFRB that our technical assistance partners from the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative (NDVFR) are housed in the FVC and they diligently connected me with ACASI staff upon learning about the work the DVFRB Domestic Violence Homicide Child Witness Subcommittee is doing. He added that after he met with ACASI staff he thought it would be helpful for the DVFRB to learn about the program from ACASI staff themselves. He pointed out that was why the presentation was scheduled for this meeting.

Mr. Hernandez added he also met via telephone with Executive Director Carrie Little from Children's Advocacy Centers Oklahoma (CACO) leading up to this meeting. The DVFRB PM stated he gave Ms. Little an overview of the DVFRB subcommittee was trying to accomplish. He added Ms. Little gave him an overview of CACO's role in setting standards for Child Advocacy Centers in Oklahoma. He also stated that during their conversation, Ms. Little advised she would provide any assistance she could, including facilitating a virtual meeting with the executive directors of centers across Oklahoma. Mr. Hernandez added that Ms. Little would be watching the virtual presentation that ACASI would offer later in this meeting.

**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. **Consideration and discussion of case #200019 as a candidate for June 2023 DVFRB community review**
- c. **Update on case #200086 follow-up**
- d. **Update on case #200043 follow-up**
- e. **Review and discussion of case #200104**
- f. **Consideration of return from executive session**
- g. **Announcement by Chair as to the necessity of any Board action as a result of Executive Session**
- h. **Vote as a result of Executive Session\***

Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:16 am. Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote (13 Aye, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay). The Board concluded and came out of executive session at 10:52 am. No action was taken as a result of executive session.

**VII. Live Zoom Presentation on the Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative (ACASI) by Dr. Bianca Harper, Danielle Langel and Anita Mealey from the Family Violence Center at Arizona State University.**

Dr. Bianca Harper started the ACASI presentation with introductions. She stated she was the ACASI Director and gave Danielle Langel and Anita Mealey the opportunity to introduced

themselves. Ms. Langel and Ms. Mealey stated they were case managers and advocates with ACASI. Dr. Harper proceeded to give an overview of ACASI by first stating where it is housed. She explained that ACASI is based out of Arizona State University within their Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions. Dr. Harper added that ACASI is situated within the Watts College in their School of Social Work, which in turn houses the Family Violence Center. She emphasized that the Family Violence Center in turn houses several programs, including ACASI, the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative (NDVFR) and the Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS). Dr. Harper provided a brief overview of each of these programs.

The presentation then pivoted towards giving an overview of ACASI. It started by stating the initiative's mission, which is to foster the healing of intimate partner violence survivors. This was followed by an explanation of how this is accomplished. Dr. Harper explained how ACASI provides free, statewide services to children and adolescents who have been impacted by intimate partner violence (IPV). She also emphasized that current caregivers of child survivors are also eligible for services. Dr. Harper then provided an overview of the ACASI case types that make clients eligible for services. The types of cases include intimate partner homicide, near fatality, familial homicide, sexual competitor homicide and suicide in the context of IPV.

The presenters then explained what made the ACASI program unique. They first stated that the program is the first of its kind in the country. It was established in 2016 as the first service provider to offer statewide wraparound services to those affected by IPV deaths. The services are also not time limited, meaning that families can receive services for as long as they need. It also services both child survivors and their caregivers. Finally, the services are offered regardless of when/where the IPV/IPH occurred. This means that services are available to families who have been impacted by an IPV death in another state, but they currently live in Arizona. The presenters then gave an overview of the impact that IPV deaths have on what they described as the family system. This overview encompassed an explanation of how factors such as traumatic stress, grief and bereavement, multisystem involvement, among others, impact a family after an IPV death. They explained that these challenges are addressed through ACASI's intensive case management repertoire. Their family unit provides support in the form of referrals, emotional support, victim's rights and compensation, justice system assistance and advocacy. They also outlined other services ACASI offers geared towards children, including family support activities, trauma therapy, mentoring and therapeutic outdoor activities.

Finally, ACASI staff gave an overview of who are their referral sources. They explained that over the years they have developed relationships across Arizona so that the systems who encounter child survivors and their families know about ACASI and can make referrals. Among the referral sources that were discussed were: crisis responders, victim services providers, department of child safety, family advocacy centers and law enforcement.

After the presentation, ACASI staff fielded questions from the DVFRB. Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) asked what kind of resources they have at their disposal to provide statewide services. Dr. Harper stated that in some cases they are able to facilitate services via telehealth and the provision of tablets. The advocates added that they contract with service providers who at times visit families in their homes. Research Analyst Nicholas Massey asked how ACASI came up with the outdoor activities therapy model. ACASI staff referenced an author who had written a book on the model. Angela Beatty and Brandon Pasley talked about an Oklahoma program called *Camp Hope*. Vice-Chair Brandon Pasley ended by thanking ACASI staff for their very informative presentation.

**VIII. 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.

**IX. Announcements**

No new announcements.

**X. Adjournment\***

Don Sweger (OACP) made a motion to adjourn. Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Brandon Pasley declared the meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.