

Oklahoma 2-1-1 Advisory Collaborative

Meeting Highlights

March 30, 2005

Stroud City Hall

Welcome:

Chair Jim Lyall called the meeting to order 10:00 am. Those in attendance:

Ray Haddock

Kay Seymour

Kelley Riha

Carrie Wiggs

Thad Satterfield

Pete Reed

Nita Holstine

Mark Reynolds

1. **Introductions and Announcements**
Those in attendance introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes from February Meeting**
A copy of the minutes from the February 24, 2005 meeting was attached to meeting packets. Kay Seymour moved to accept the minutes, Nita Holstine seconded. Motion passed. Jim added that if members have questions regarding the Cost Benefit Analysis done by United Way of America, to contact David Bernstein, 918-295-1285.
3. **Legislative Update**
See attached sheet. HB 1522 is dormant, however OK 2-1-1 still has a chance at an appropriation in 2005. Contact Carrie Wiggs, 918-295-1230, for information on how to support this important legislation.
4. **Call Center Progress and Assistance**
Tulsa Helpline has submitted an application to the Application/Review committee for designation as the 2-1-1 Call Center in their 6-county area. Kelly Riha reported that the application group will begin processing and reviewing their application on April 8.
Carrie Wiggs reported that she is available to travel to I&R call centers who need assistance in beginning 2-1-1 planning. She will spend 3 days in April, in Ada, to assist their call center in preparing for the 2-1-1 transition. If you would like her to come to your community, contact her at 918-295-1230.
5. **JOIN Update**
Mark Reynolds updated the committee. The JOIN P&C Committee will be discussing the JOIN/211 relationship and whether or not we as a state can recommend specific software for call centers to use and if JOIN may have the funds to support it. JOIN hopes to house all state I&R information gathered from call centers in one central repository. They meet again April 19 and Mark will champion the 211 issue within the JOIN committee.
6. **AIRSO Update**
Nita Holstine reported that AIRSO will be holding their Spring conference in Tulsa April 21-22 and CIRS testing. They are still looking for volunteers and door prizes. Anyone involved in Information & Referral is welcome at all AIRSO meetings. To be put on the distribution list or for a meeting schedule, contact Nita Holstine, 800-722-8180.
7. **Other Business**
The Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS) is holding their annual conference in Tucson, AZ, June 6-9. This is an excellent opportunity for all Collaborative partners to network with other I&R's and 2-1-1's from across the country. For more information, or to register, to go the AIRS website at www.airns.org

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

(Carrie Wiggs for)

Helene Schwartz

Secretary, Oklahoma 2-1-1 Advisory Collaborative

Oklahoma 2-1-1 Legislative Update, March 2005

- HB 1522 is officially “dormant”, as it was not heard prior to the session deadline.
- OK 2-1-1, however, is still in the running for a \$1.1 million appropriation. There is support in the House and Senate for an appropriation, and negotiations will be taking place between the House and Senate Appropriations & Budget Subcommittee on Human Services (Ron Peters, Chair – House, Bernest Cain, Chair – Senate)
- The Fiscal Analyst staff on both the House and Senate sides are looking for “new money” to appropriate, so that no funding is taken from any state agency.
- We are currently making our case to Senator Cain’s committee as to “Why 2-1-1 is good for Oklahoma”.
- What to do now: At this time, no action from the Collaborative is needed. Thank you for all of the phone calls, letters of support, and e-mails that have been sent to our legislators – your initiatives had great impact!
- Watch for updates from Carrie Wiggs as to the status of the appropriation and any action needed by Collaborative members and supporters.
- Please be in touch with Carrie Wiggs (918-295-1230, cwiggs@csctulsa.org) if you have any communications with state and/or federal legislators or state agency officials regarding 2-1-1.