

Oklahoma 2-1-1 Resource & Development Committee

Meeting Highlights

June 2, 2004

Stroud City Hall

Welcome:

Conveners Pam Cross and Jim Lyall began the meeting at 9:30 am and general introductions were made. In attendance:

Pam Cross

Jim Lyall

Toni Frioux

Carrie Wiggs

Shelley Ricker

Steve Wilt

Helene Schwartz

Linda Jenkins

DJ Thompson

Announcements

- SB 1405 passed both the House and Senate and was signed by Governor Henry on June 3. A press release was developed and distributed to Collaborative one Board member and/or participant in each city to be customized and then sent on to their respective news media outlets. A copy of the release can be downloaded from the temporary OK 2-1-1 website at: www.contactcrisishelpline.org/211_test_pages/211_default.htm. A celebratory signing with the Governor is in the works. It will be in July, depending on his schedule. All Collaborative members will be invited to this photo opportunity.
- Pam Cross reported that the temporary OK 2-1-1 website is looking to move to a more permanent home. We are awaiting approval of the use of www.211oklahoma.org from AIRS, and she is researching a company who can provide webhosting for \$7.50 per month. The domain registration will be \$50 in addition to the monthly webhosting fees. Anyone interested in donating to the Collaborative website costs may contact Pam at pcross@coxinet.net.
- Carrie Wiggs spoke to state Representative Lucky Lammons regarding a special session to appropriate any "extra" state funds and the possibility of Oklahoma 2-1-1 receiving those funds. According to Rep. Lammons, any additional funds are only appropriated by gubernatorial order and generally go to criminal justice and public safety. He continues to be committed to 2-1-1 in Oklahoma and will try to help us again next session.
- Tulsa Helpline has had some recent success in fundraising locally and is willing to share their boilerplate language from their CDBG and Venture grants. Please contact Jim Lyall if interested, jlyall@csctulsa.org.

Definition and Roles of the Committee & Committee Chair Selection

- The group agreed to wait to elect a Chair of the Resource & Development Committee until the group purpose and roles are clearly defined.
- The group briefly brainstormed about the committee's purpose and came up with the following:

- Generate public support/funding for 2-1-1 and statewide support for the “Calling for 2-1-1 Act” (HR 3111, S 1630)
- Focus on funding and development of 2-1-1 in Oklahoma, both public and private.
- Support smaller communities seeking direction in beginning 2-1-1 efforts locally.
- Develop a statewide toolkit to be accessible by all potential 2-1-1 Call Centers in Oklahoma.

Vacant Board Positions – Recommendations to Nominating Committee

- It was decided that the R&D Committee will recommend to the Board that the one vacant Board seat remain open.

Funding Support for Statewide Initiatives

- Tulsa Helpline is seeking a special foundation grant for statewide staffing support. Additionally various state agencies are being contacted as well. The R&D Committee will continue to ask for Collaborative effort on this issue.

Letter to Oklahoma Telephone Companies

- At the March meeting, it was suggested that the Collaborative could send a letter endorsing 2-1-1 in Oklahoma (with direction and development from Mapping Committee) thereby creating an initial foray into the OK telephone companies and helping to establish rates.
- Kay Seymour with the Oklahoma Telephone Association (OTA) has agreed to display literature on 2-1-1 in Oklahoma a June statewide teleco meeting. Additionally, she will speak about the 2-1-1 initiative in her “state of the state” address.
- A letter will be drafted for the R&D Committee approval referencing SB 1405, 2-1-1 as the future of I&R in Oklahoma, OCC rules, benefits of 2-1-1 to telecos, and let them know that they will be contacted about rates. This draft will be a voting item at the July 20 R&D Committee meeting.

Roundtable Sessions/Statewide Meetings

- At the March Collaborative meeting, the group suggested that the R&D Committee develop a system to host small roundtable or information sessions in conjunction with statewide meetings already scheduled (i.e. AIRSO conference, Aging I&R meetings, state United Way meetings, etc). It would be ideal to plan 2-3 per year.
- The state association of United Ways will host a meeting on July 7 in which a 2-1-1 presentation will be given. Additionally, AIRSO has invited their group to “sit-in” on the June 30 Collaborative meeting and is discussing the possibility of including a 2-1-1 information session in their meeting which will take place following this Collaborative meeting.

Next Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, July 20th, 9:30 am at City Hall in Stroud. If you have agenda items that you wish to discuss, please contact Carrie Wiggs.