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RESOLUTION NO. 1045 BY: STEIDLEY

AS INTRODUCED

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM; DEFINING TERMS; REQUIRING CERTAIN PROGRAM PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING PROCEDURES, PROCESSES AND ACTIVITIES; REQUIRING OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO COORDINATE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND ESTABLISH PLANNING PROCESS; REQUIRING REVIEW OF CERTAIN PLANS AND BUDGETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health, the Departments of Human Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Education, and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth Services are responsible for the planning, development, implementation, administration and management of numerous state and federal programs and services to children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have identified that inadequacies in the management information systems, planning processes and program monitoring and interagency program planning and coordination as significant barriers to effective service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a comprehensive management information system and agency and interagency program planning and monitoring systems and procedures are essential tools for the orderly development of programs and effective and cost effective delivery of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 43RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this resolution:

1. "Children and youth service system" means health, mental health, social, rehabilitative assistance and educational services provided to children and youth by and through the courts and public and private agencies; and

2. "State agencies within the children and youth service system" means the State Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Education, and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

SECTION 2. On or before July 1, 1994, each state agency within the children and youth service system shall implement an agency-wide management information system for all programs and services of the children and youth service system. Development and implementation of said system shall be coordinated by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and shall be initiated immediately upon the effective date of this resolution. The management information system shall:

1. To the maximum extent possible, be based upon the integration, utilization and modification, as necessary, of existing information systems within the Department;

2. Provide for the security of and access to the information limited to only those who require such information in the performance of their duties;

3. Include case specific information, including outcomes, and have the ability to monitor the status of children and youth receiving services through the children and youth service system;

4. Be capable of providing management reports and information regarding the various children and youth programs of the children and youth service system, and of providing aggregate information necessary for planning, monitoring, evaluation and management of said programs and services; and

5. Be designed so that management and system analysis reports can be readily generated for those who require them.

SECTION 3. Each state agency within the children and youth service system shall establish a planning process within the agency that provides for a collaborative ongoing planning process for the development of divisional and agency goals and priorities and collaborative inter-agency planning. The planning process of each said agency shall provide for identification and assessment of needs, establishment of goals and priorities for children and youth programs and services, and implementation and monitoring, in a manner that actively involves all divisions and units within divisions and private agencies that provide services to children and youth pursuant to a contract with the agency.

1. Each state agency within the children and youth service system shall develop a three- to five-year plan for children and youth services provided by the agency. The plan should be regularly reviewed and modified as necessary. Said plan, and any subsequent modification of the plan, shall be submitted to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

2. The Director of each state agency shall hold each division director accountable for the performance of the division in engaging collaboratively in the agency and in interagency planning for programs and services for children and youth.

B. The unit, division and agency budget recommendations of each state agency within the children and youth service system shall be based upon documented needs, and the development of budget recommendations and priorities shall be closely integrated with agency and interagency program planning and management. Each state agency budget shall be submitted to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

C. As a part of its program planning and monitoring processes, each state agency within the children and youth service system shall

examine its programs and services to children and youth to ensure that the practices within them do not operate to the detriment of minority children and youth.

SECTION 4. Each state agency within the children and youth service system shall carefully define the children and youth programs of the agency as to their purpose, the population served and performance expectations. Planning for new programs and services and major modifications to existing ones shall include evaluation of their effect on other programs and services within the children and youth service system and the communication and coordination with other public and private service providers necessary for successful implementation of the program. An evaluation component that includes monitoring and evaluation of client outcomes shall be built into all programs and services, whether provided directly by an agency or through a contract with a private provider service.

1. Programs and services shall be targeted to the areas of the state having the greatest need for them. The programs and services shall be designed to meet the needs of the area in which they are located. Programs and services intended for statewide implementation shall be implemented first in those areas that have the greatest need for them.

2. Requests for proposals developed by the agency shall be based upon documented client and service needs and identified priorities. The requests for proposals shall clearly identify the program or service requirements, the population to be served, and performance expectations. Each agency shall adopt clear, written guidelines to ensure uniformity in the management, monitoring and enforcement of contracts for services. If in-state private providers are unable or unwilling to respond to the proposal, then out-of-state providers should be encouraged to respond.

SECTION 5. A. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall:

1. Coordinate the development of the management information system required by Section 2 of this resolution;

2. Establish an interagency planning process that:

a. includes the actual participation of each state agency within the children and youth service system and private children and youth service providers,

b. identifies state goals and priorities for services to children and youth, and

c. maximizes federal, state and local funding and other resources in the delivery of services to children and youth.

B. The Commission shall review the plans and budgets submitted to it for conformity with the State Plan for Children and Youth Services and, as necessary or appropriate require further interagency planning with regard to specific programs and services to ensure maximum efficient use of funding and other resources and effective service delivery.

C. Each state agency within the children and youth service system shall comply with the requirements of the Commission to modify plans or budgets to conform with the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth or to engage in further interagency planning to maximize resources and for effective service delivery.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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