

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2014-2015 Performance Report

J.D. McCarty Center

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities is to provide a comprehensive program of habilitative care to Oklahoma's children with developmental disabilities.

The mission was established by the J.D. McCarty Center in 1995. A leadership retreat was held to identify our mission and vision. All departments throughout the hospital participated in the development of our mission with initial input from all employees.

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GOVERNANCE:

J.D. McCarty's Center's governing body is the Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission, which is made up of five (5) members who serve without compensation. All members are appointed by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma chosen from a list of 10 persons submitted to the Governor by the Grande Voiture of Oklahoma of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.

The current members of the Cerebral Palsy Commission are: Rob McCalla, Chairman; Joseph Steil, Vice Chairman; Chuck Thompson, Secretary; Karen Rieger, Commissioner; and Joseph Sher, Commissioner.

The governing body does not have any committees or subgroups.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

The attendance of all Commissioners is evaluated on an annual basis as part of the annual evaluation of the Governing Board of the hospital. If attendance issues exist, they are identified through this process and addressed proactively throughout the year. (Policy 6020.29) There have not been attendance issues in the past five years.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

J.D. McCarty Center entered into a MOU with the OMES on June 28, 2012, in relation to the transfer of IT positions to the OMES. Additionally, we have submitted agency forms to forms.ok.gov for public access.

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The J.D. McCarty Center strives to embody the values of efficient resource use while enhancing effective service delivery to children with special needs. J.D. McCarty Center has not requested any increase in state appropriations for the past 4 years but did receive an additional \$400,000 for FY'14 which has enabled us to serve 5 children to date on an in-patient basis who would have not received services. Outpatient services have increased 33% during the past three years, and overall the hospital saw a 7% increase revenue in FY'13. If future consolidation measures are to be considered, please recognize those measures have the potential to stagnate and impede this hospital's ability to enhance and/or provide services. Please consult with J.D. McCarty Center prior to its inclusion in any consolidation actions. Additionally, we are requesting consideration to unclassify our Registered Nurse and department manager positions. The unclassified system would enable J.D. McCarty Center to hire experienced and adequately trained personnel for critical positions required for a hospital that cares for Oklahoma's disabled children.

#### CORE MISSION:

The J.D. McCarty Center is not required to provide services that are outside of our core mission. We tailor our services to the distinctive needs of children with special needs and their families. Our services are not duplicated or replicated by another agency.

#### PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

The J.D. McCarty Center serves children with special needs, strengthens their support and keeps Oklahoma families united. We provide many different types of services directly to the child and we also work with families in their homes, teachers in the classroom and many health care professionals throughout the state. Our therapeutic and support staff are highly trained and have extensive experience in providing care for children and young adults with complex and challenging conditions associated with physical disabilities, developmental delays, autism, birth defects, rare genetic disorders, communication disorders and behavioral challenges. We are truly unique and have not been approached to privatize any aspects of our function.