Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations
2016 Performance Report

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS AUTHORITY – 825

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University Hospitals Authority is to be a catalyst for medical excellence, to support medical education, clinical research and to assure the best care available to all Oklahoma citizens regardless of means while growing essential alliances and maximizing utilization of state and federal resources.

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GOVERNANCE

Title 63 § 3207 of the "University Hospitals Authority Act" establishes the members of the University Hospitals Authority governance as follows:

B. The Authority shall consist of six (6) members as follows:

1. One member shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate;
2. One member shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
3. One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
4. One member shall be the Director for Human Services or the director of the successor organization responsible for Medicaid or his or her designee;
5. One member shall be the Provost of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; and
6. The Chief Executive Officer of the University Hospitals who shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member.

The Chief Executive Officer of the agency is appointed by the University Hospitals Authority Board.

Current Members of the University Hospitals Authority Board are:

Name	Title	Appointing Authority
Mike Samis	Chairman	Governor with consent of the Senate
Jim Everest	Vice Chairman	Speaker of the House of Representatives
Pete Regan	Secretary	President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Dewayne Andrews, M.D.		Provost of OU Health Sciences Center
Nico Gomez		CEO of the Oklahoma HealthCare Authority
Dean H. Gandy	Ex Officio	CEO of the University Hospitals Authority

Committees of the University Hospitals Authority meet as needed to provide oversight and guidance related to the specific focus of each committee.

Finance Committee:

Provides oversight and review of the independent audit process for the University Hospitals Authority. Reviews financial statements and financial performance of the Authority and the OU Medical Center hospitals.

Building and Construction Committee:

Provides oversight and review of building and construction projects. The committee provides guidance on design, scope, change orders and constructability throughout all phases of design and construction.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

As identified in the "University Hospitals Authority Act" 63 O.S. § 3207, the Board members of the University Hospitals Authority shall be removable only for cause by the appointing authority and that any vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

The University Hospitals Authority completed projects that modernize and upgrade medical care to Oklahoma's children. The construction of the 300,000 square foot OU Children's Physician's Medical Office building, 1,000 car Children's parking garage, entry atrium and education center centralizes all inpatient and outpatient pediatric care and graduate medical education at a single entry point on campus. The project also upgraded clinical care and research efforts for our pediatric patients that included the acquisition of new equipment for these newly constructed facilities. Additionally, a major project continues that centralizes graduate medical education faculty into a single new facility to optimize physician access to patients and improve efficiency in resident and intern education. This project also frees up badly needed clinical research space.

Our patients and families no longer are required to park blocks from their clinical care destinations that were located in ageing facilities.

The Authority has been aggressively initiating a plan that replaces and upgrades old and inefficient energy systems in its older facilities. Additionally, the Authority has been closing vacated and underutilized space to reduce maintenance, cleaning and energy costs. Our dedicated energy management team has effectively reduced utility expenditures $400,000 annually. This 20% reduction in utility costs to $1,600,000 annually is equal to our 2009 expenditures.

A campus-wide integrated signage and wayfinding effort is creating a standardized internal and external model that will provide great benefit to our patients and visitors to the Health Center campus.

The University Hospitals Authority constructed Oklahoma's designated Bio-Containment Unit. This 4,000 square foot facility is expected to be certified by the CDC early this year.

CORE MISSION

The services provided by the University Hospitals Authority are within the core mission of patient care, medical education and clinical research.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES

The University Hospitals Authority privatized the operations of the hospitals by entering into a Joint Operating Agreement and various lease and indigent care agreements with HCA Health Services of Oklahoma, Inc. on February 4, 1998. The Joint Operating Agreement transferred almost 3,000 state employees and all hospital operating costs to HCA and requires that all assets leased to them are maintained and replaced and upgraded as needed. Additionally, the agreement requires that the Authority's historic commitment to the medical care of indigent care be continued.