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Board of Chiropractic Examiners

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to regulate the qualification for licensure and examination as Chiropractors; protect the public and chiropractic in reference to complaints through public meeting and hearing pursuant to the Chiropractic Practice Act; approve educational programs required for annual license renewal and to foster higher professional standards relative to the practice of Chiropractic in the state of Oklahoma as is consistent with the best interest of the health, welfare and safety of the public. The mission statement was adopted by the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The Board was created in 1921

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Beth Carter, Executive Director

GOVERNANCE:

The Board members are appointed by the Governor and serve 4 year terms, and the terms cannot be more than 2 consecutive terms. The Executive Director is hired by the Board.

The Advisory Committee which is a committee appointed by the Board to investigate along with the board's investigator all formal complaints filed by the public against licensed chiropractors for potential violations of the Chiropractic Practice Act.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Title 59 O.S. 161.4(H) A member may be removed from the Board by the Governor for cause which shall include but not be limited to:

(6) Failing to attend three meetings of the Board without just cause, as determined by the Board.

Title 59 O.S. 161.5(A) The Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall organize annually at the first meeting of the Board after the beginning of the fiscal year, by electing from among its members a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. The Board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once each quarter at a time and place determined by the Board, and may hold such special meetings, emergency meetings, or continued or reconvened meetings as found by the Board to be expedient and necessary. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners continues to provide online license renewal to all licenses and has since 2007 through OK.gov. We are currently contracting with the Attorney General's office for legal counsel rather than outsourcing for private legal counsel. Our agency continues to utilize services provided by the Office of Management Enterprise Services such as IT services (server connection, email etc.). The agency is currently working with OK.gov to enhance online license renewal, future application submission for original licensure or licensure through relocation of practice. It is the goal of this agency to have all applications processed online to eliminate the current licensure application process.

Online license renewal has exceeded the expectations of this agency over the past 5 ½ years with an increase in license renewals processed online. This has eliminated additional time and money for staff to process and mail out license renewals.

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? **There** are no services that are performed that our outside of our core mission.

Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? **There are no services that we provide that are replicated or duplicated by another agency.**

Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere? There are no services that we are currently unable to perform due to requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? There are no services that this agency performs that can be performed in the private sector.

In other states? Our services provided to the public as well as to the profession cannot be performed outside of the state of Oklahoma.

Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency? Our agency has not been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with any effort(s) to privatize some of the functions of the agency.