

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2014-15 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: Joseph Steil, Chairman; Karen Rieger, Vice Chairman; Chuck Thompson, Secretary; Rob McCalla, 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:

The J.D. McCarty Center strives to embody the values of efficient resource use while enhancing effective service delivery to children with special needs. Throughout the years, J.D. McCarty Center has always been an agency that has thought innovatively (implemented teletherapy in 1996, obtained an USDA grant in 2002 for home computer use for therapy),

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we've been fiscally responsible and made decisions with integrity placing Oklahoma's children first. Great examples of this include the fact that J.D. McCarty Center has not requested an increase in our appropriated funding in the past 10 fiscal years while expanding services. The deputy director position has been left vacant for the past 4 years and the director requested no salary increase until the hospital's budget stabilized and direct staff salaries could be adjusted. Our budget has been analyzed in depth and cost containment strategies were developed and implemented resulting in a 50% decrease in J.D. McCarty Center's travel, maintenance and repair expenditures in FY'14. In conjunction with our cost containment strategies, we looked at processes that could increase/enhance service. As a result, in FY'14, our hospital experienced the highest inpatient census, average billable days, total patient days and inpatient revenue in our history. Teletherapy encounters increased by 188 and new modalities units in the form of our vital Stim and therapeutic listening programs increased by 191 units. Our inpatient cost per day decreased by \$33.00/day and our outpatient cost decreased by \$14.00/day.

#### CORE MISSION:

J.D. McCarty Center is the only specialized pediatric hospital in the state of Oklahoma that provides services tailored to the unique needs of children with developmental disabilities and their families. All services are developed to maximize every child's potential, promote family unity, community participation, independence and quality of life.

#### PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

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 but 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.