

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2014-15 Performance Report

OFFICE OF DISABILITY CONCERNS

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The Office of Disability Concerns provides accurate and timely information, technical assistance, referral and advocacy for all things in the disability community. We act as an intermediary for persons with disabilities and provide solution and services for those with disabilities. The agency involves all staff in its development and its process is ongoing.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

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GOVERNANCE:

The director of the agency is appointed the Governor of the State of Oklahoma. This agency does not have a governing board but it has two advisory committees. They are the Advisory Committee to the Office of Disability Concerns and the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Both committees are compiled of Governor's appointments. They provide valuable insight to concerns from their local experience.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Office of Disability Concerns has no governing board or commission. We are accountable to the Governor's Office and abide by the rules and regulations set by the legislature.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Recurring costs are analyzed to determine cost benefit, such as the migration of the IT services with OSF and resulting Reduction in Force of the IT position. Print material is expensive; the agency prints on demand and utilizes a data CD to distribute information. Both outreach and trainings opportunities are carefully analyzed, and where possible share the message with other groups to promote to a larger audience. Other cost-cutting and productivity improvements include utilizing state employee training, arrangement of job duties, better use of electronic data, as well as installation and use of a phone system.

CORE MISSION:

This agency is unique in that we have no qualifiers for services. We provide service to all that ask regardless of their I.Q., age, disability type, financial status, or veteran's status. Our services have not been reduced even with budget cuts. We have maintained our essential, mission critical functions with existing staff.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

The services of this office could not provided by a private or a non-profit entity. To my knowledge, all other states in the nation have equivalent agencies. The State of Oklahoma was one of the first states in the nation to authorize such services and has been a national leader.