

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2013-14 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 Sher, Chairman; Rob McCalla, Vice Chairman; Chuck Thompson, Secretary; Karen Rieger, Commissioner; and Joseph Steil, 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 and we are currently updating our website to include financial information.

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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 and is functioning at a level consistent with 2002 funding. Yet, services have increased an overall 7.5% during the past two years and outpatient encounters have increased 63% over the past three years. We saw a 6% increase in revenue in FY'12 resulting in a net gain of \$200,000.00. The Center continues to employ cost containment strategies that include expansion of employee duties and roles with little to no increase in salary coupled with the use of technology to develop and establish innovative methods to provide therapeutic services eliminating the barrier and cost of travel and accessibility. At a time when numerous state agencies have requested additional appropriated funds totaling over \$1 billion dollars we are simply asking for your support if future consolidation measures are to be considered, to recognize those measures definitely have the potential to not only stagnate but impede our ability to enhance and/or provide services and to please consult with J.D. McCarty Center prior to its inclusion in consolidation actions.

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 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.