

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2013-14 Performance Report

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

Here a simple statement of the adopted mission of the agency should be provided, along with the entity or person(s) who adopted the mission statement and when it was adopted.

Mission Statement: To ensure fair and timely procedures for the informal and formal resolution of disputes and identification of issues involving work related injuries.

The former Court administrator adopted the mission statement in 2001.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Here the name, title and contact information for the lead administrative person should be listed.

Court Administrator Michael Clingman; 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73105; 405-522-8600; mclingman@owcc.state.ok.us

GOVERNANCE:

Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure should be provided. Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board? Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board.

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| L. Brad Taylor | Presiding Judge |
| Michael J. Harkey | Vice Presiding Judge |
| Eric W Quandt | Judge |
| Bob Lake Grove | Judge |
| William R. Foster, Jr. | Judge |
| David Reid | Judge |
| Owen T. Evans | Judge |
| Margaret A Bomhoff | Judge |
| Carla Snipes | Judge |
| Michael W. McGivern | Judge |

Does the Board have any committees or subgroups? If so, please provide a detailed listing of the subgroups and their areas of focus.

Not applicable.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Please provide copies of the minutes for any Commission/Board meetings the agency has had since July 1, 2010 in electronic format (Only in PDF format) Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

Not applicable.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency since July 1, 2010. Additionally, please provide any authorizing statutory changes that prompted the modernization efforts and whether those efforts have led to cost savings or additional cost burden.

Senate Bill 878, enacted in August, 2011, mandates use of electronic data interchange (EDI), which will ultimately result in electronic filing and data collection processes. A committee appointed pursuant to the law met during 2012 and made recommendations regarding: data collection and review; electronic submission of forms and medical reports; utilization of National Council on Compensation Insurance statistical and advisory services; and increased funding for the Court to achieve the recommendations. The Court requested additional funding in its FY-2014 budget request for hardware, software and additional staffing.

What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?

The Court reduced FTE positions through attrition. Reallocation of personnel allowed the Court to enhance Counselor program services.

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated 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?

None.

No.

No.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? In other states? 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?

No.

All states provide a system for resolving workers' compensation issues.

No.