

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2013-14 Performance Report

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

Current:

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission encourages agriculture, the breeding of horses, the growth, sustenance and development of live racing, and generates public revenue through the forceful control, Regulation, implementation and enforcement of Commission-licensed racing and gaming.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

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GOVERNANCE:

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. At least one member shall be appointed from each of the six congressional districts and at least three of the remaining members shall be experienced in the horse industry and shall be appointed from the state at large. Each Commissioner is appointed for six (6) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. With the exception of the five (5) initial terms which were shorter to create a two year stagger for appointments. During the 2005 Oklahoma Legislative Session structure and membership to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission was changed with the passage of Senate Bill 738.

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)

Please see CD provided by agency. Also note all minutes are available at the Commission website, www.ohrc.org

Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

No.

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.

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission is a small, unique agency. Our services are not like any other in state government. Since the beginning of the budget reductions in FY-2009 the OHRC's budget has been reduced by one-fifth or approximately \$598,000.00. Nonetheless, this agency has made every effort to streamline and modernize the agency's functions with the funding and personnel available. One such effort is that of digitalizing documents to be available for all staff members. Forms, applications, rulings, and historical documents are just a few of the documents the agency has begun to scan and

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archive internally. The agency has requested additional funding for this project, but the item was not addressed due to the current economical situation.

Another project the agency has attempted to utilize is the purchase of and ability to use digital fingerprinting. The agency has funding (non-appropriated) and legislative permission to proceed. The receiving agency, OSBI, has notified this agency to proceed with a third-party contact for processing such prints. This project is in the early stages of implementation.

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?

Since the FY-2009 budget reductions began the agency has made the following cost savings:

- 1. Returned leased vehicles to DCS.*
- 2. Reduced travel to only essential operations.*
- 3. Reduced Commissioner travel to Commission Meetings.*
- 4. Changed telephone service.*
- 5. Changed copiers*
- 6. Eliminated or reduced subscriptions to online services (i.e. Accurint, CLEAR, WestLaw, etc.)*
- 7. Any vacancies created by retirement or resignation have remained vacant until funding becomes available, unless it is essential (i.e., Stewards.)*

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission?

All services provided by this agency are included in our core mission.

Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency?

No services provided by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission are 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?

Not at this time.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

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

No.

In other states?

No.

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?

None are available.