

**Commission  
for  
Rehabilitation Services  
February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting  
Department of Rehabilitation Services  
3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 200  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112**

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Commission  
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**Monday, February 9, 2015, 10:00 am  
Regular Meeting**

Jack Tucker– Commission Chair  
Lynda Collins – Commission Vice Chair  
Steve Shelton – Commission Member  
Linda Santin – Commission Assistant

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| 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call                              | Commission Chair     |
| 2. | Statement of Compliance with Open Meeting Act            | Commission Assistant |
| 3. | Introduction of Guests                                   | Commission Chair     |
| 4. | Questions, Concerns, and Comments from the Commissioners | Commission Chair     |
| 5. | Public Comments  | Public Audience      |

**Reports**

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| 6. | Director's Report: The presentation will include a summary of the Director's activities, agency program updates including staff recognition for the previous month with possible Commission discussion. | Joe Cordova,<br>DRS Executive Director    |
| 7. | Financial Status Report with possible Commission discussion. The presentation includes FY14 and FY15 Summaries.   | Kevin Statham,<br>Chief Financial Officer |

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| 8.  | Personnel Activity Report with possible Commission discussion: The presentation will include the status of vacancy announcements by division, including names and effective dates of selected employees; all separations by division for the previous month; and current FTE status. | Goli Dunkle,<br>MSD Administrator           |
| 9.  | Legislative Report with possible Commission Discussion: The Commission will receive a report from the Legislative Liaison and discuss the Senate budget hearing, the initial legislative bill review, and bills on the Agency's watch list.  | Kevin Nelson, DRS<br>Legislative Liaison    |
| 10. | Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council Report with possible Commission discussion: This report includes ORC activities, meetings attended and announcement of the next quarterly meeting.   | Theresa Hamrick, ORC<br>Programs Manager    |
| 11. | Oklahoma Statewide Independent Living Council Report with possible Commission discussion: This report summarizes events that SILC has recently attended and other activities they have participated in.  | Sidna Madden, Executive<br>Director         |
| 12. | Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator's Report with possible Commission discussion: this report contains a summary of divisional updates including staff recognition.  | Mark Kinnison, VR<br>Division Administrator |
| 13. | Disability Determination Division Administrator Report with possible Commission discussion: this report is an update on divisional accomplishments for FY2014 and projections for FY2015.  | Noel Tyler, DDD<br>Administrator            |
| 14. | Ticket to Work Report with possible Commission discussion: this report will define the "Ticket to Work Program."   | Jason Price, Programs<br>Manager            |
| 15. | OSD Superintendent's Report with possible Commission discussion: this report contains updates and student activities.  | KaAnn Varner,<br>OSD Superintendent         |

## Action Items

16. Review and Discussion with Possible Vote to Approve the January 12, 2015, Commission for Rehabilitation Services Meeting Minutes  
Commission Assistant
17. Review and Discussion with Possible Vote for Approval of Donations to the Oklahoma School for the Deaf: Resolution 2015- 13  
KaAnn Varner,  
OSD Superintendent
18. Review and Discussion with Possible Vote for Approval of Donations to the Oklahoma School for the Blind: Resolution 2015-14  
Jim Adams,  
OSB Superintendent
19. Review and Discussion with Possible vote to approve DRS administration moving forward with requesting passage of the following legislation: Senate Bills 60, 146, 149, 153 and 156.  
Kevin Nelson,  
DRS Legislative Liaison
20. New Business (“Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting.” 25 O.S. § 311)  
Commission Chair
21. Announcements  
Date and location of next regular meeting of the Commission for Rehabilitation Services:  
Monday, March 9, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
Department of Rehabilitation Services  
3535 NW 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
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Commission Chair
22. Adjournment  
Commission Chair

**Director's**

**Report**

## Director's Report to Commissioners

February 9, 2015

1. WIOA Update: Texas VR is spearheading a Region VI WIOA implementation group for Region VI states.
2. Legislative Performance Review Hearings: Senate hearings January 28, House hearings February 4.
3. Social Security reimbursement, latest status
4. Disability Determination Division, performance status, regional and national center of excellence.
5. Social Security Administration, initiative to promote hiring of people with disabilities by Section 503 federal contractors.
6. Project Search, status of placement and closure rates for transition program.
7. Disability Awareness Day at the capitol, April 20.
8. Media coverage on Sapulpa Lions Club and OSB students helping with their annual bean and chili dinner

**From:** Jason Price

**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 12:41 PM

**To:** Andrea Hall; Bill Hayes; Catherine Hastings; Cheri Warren; Cheryl Gray; Christopher D. Kennedy; Doug C. Boone; Fatos M. Floyd; Greg Demartra; Jo Helm; Jody Harlan; Joe D. Cordova; Kevin Statham; Laurita Kirksey; Linda Santin; Mark Kinnison; Paul Adams; Penny R. Sprague; Terri Williams

**Subject:** 410 revenue report for December 2014

Hello,

December 2014 was a good month of the SSA reimbursement program. For more individuals reached the goal of SGA level employment for at least 9 months. This generated \$56,081.93 for the agency! As of December 31, 2014, we stand at \$427,732.02 from 30 individuals hitting this mark! Specifics attached including deposit notice.

Jason Price, CRC

Program Manager

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**From:** Jason Price

**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 3:39 PM

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**Subject:** 410 revenue November 2014

Hello,

In the month of November 2014, the 410 fund collected \$47,184.28 from one individual reaching the SGA employment level. So far this year we have collected \$371,650.09 from 26 individuals attaining this milestone. Please see attached detailed information including deposit notice

Thank you,

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**From:** Tyler, Noel DDS Oklahoma City [<mailto:Noel.Tyler@ssa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, December 05, 2014 1:32 PM

**To:** #DA OK S39 OKC and Tulsa; Joe D. Cordova; Everett, Sheila; Cheryl Gray; Goli Dunkle; Irwin, Roberta; #DA OK S39 CDI; Jody Harlan; Linda Santin; Nancy E. Hurst; Randy Weaver; Sandra Huffman

**Subject:** Announcement -Top Three Disability Examiners in Combined Overall Accuracy

This morning we recognized we have had a MAJOR misstep yesterday. We failed to present the Top Three Disability Examiners in Combined Overall Accuracy.

The Disability Determination Division reviews claims for the Social Security Disability Programs. This process includes obtaining information from both medical and non-medical sources, ordering exams if necessary, and drafting rating forms for medical review.

Oklahoma is currently number two in the nation for the accuracy of our casework. We are rated on a sample of our cases for a variety of categories including technical issues such as the forms being correct to the rating being correct. Not only are our cases reviewed internally, but also externally from Office of Quality Performance (OQP) centers from across the nation.

Overall Disability Examiner Accuracy is 96.34% across the various return classifications, which definitely helps us to achieve our number two ranking. Excellence in accuracy returns is vital to the customer service aspect of our division as it means that our claimants are receiving accurate decisions on their disability application.

The top three examiners with the highest combined overall accuracy are:

- 1) Cherlene Brant: 99.21%
- 2) Sandra Miodov: 99.10%
- 3) Terry Holmes: 99.10%

Their high accuracy levels indicate their dedication to paying attention to the details and their ability to look at the big picture of the cases that they are assigned, as well as their dedication to ensuring the accuracy of their work.

Because of their hard work and determination, the citizens of not only Oklahoma, but Louisiana, Arizona, Kansas, and California are receiving accurate decisions and we, as an organization, are ranked Number TWO in the NATION.

Congratulation and accolades to Cherlene, Sandra, and Terry.

Noel A. Tyler, Division Administrator

Oklahoma DRS Disability Determination Division (DDD)

**From:** Social Security Administration [<mailto:subscription.service@subscriptions.ssa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2014 9:25 AM  
**To:** Joe D. Cordova  
**Subject:** Announcement: Ticket to Work and Section 503 Regulations

Beginning in January 2015, as part of its mission to promote beneficiary participation in the Ticket to Work program, Booz Allen Hamilton, under the Beneficiary Access and Support Services (BASS) contract, will begin a nationwide campaign to increase beneficiary awareness of the employment opportunities that may exist for them as a result of revisions to Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These regulations call for federal contractors and subcontractors to make a concerted effort to hire qualified individuals with disabilities and to make it easier for current employees and job candidates to disclose a disability without fear of discrimination.

The revised regulations are a potential gateway to employment for many Social Security disability beneficiaries, and we want to ensure that the Section 503 message reaches as many of them as possible. As a result, the BASS will be hiring more Ticket to Work Helpline customer service representatives and all of them will receive training on the topic and be equipped to handle Section 503-related inquiries from beneficiaries and their advocates. In addition, Section 503 will be promoted on the soon-to-be redesigned Choosework website, on the Choosework blog, and on social media. BASS will also introduce a dedicated integrated Voice Response (IVR) campaign, announcing the revised regulations, explaining what they may mean to eligible beneficiaries, and promoting Ticket to Work as a possible avenue to securing employment with a federal contractor.

Finally, through the BASS contract, the Office of Research, Demonstration and Employment Support (ORDES) will host virtual job fairs. Job fairs will take place periodically, with the first one tentatively planned for February. These events will be an opportunity for beneficiaries who have assigned their Ticket to an Employment Network or State Vocational Rehabilitation agency to connect with federal contractors who are seeking qualified candidates. As service providers, you will be encouraged to attend these virtual events to provide support to your clients as they network with potential employers, prepare for interviews, or seek information and/ or assistance from Work Incentives Planning Assistance (WIPA) projects and Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) organizations, which will also be invited to attend. You will receive more information from ORDES as plans and dates are finalized.

2015 will be an exciting year for ORDES, for our beneficiaries and for the service provider community. We look forward to your partnership and participation!

***David Weaver***  
***Associate Commissioner, Social Security's Office of Research, Demonstration and Employment Support***

**From:** Kimberly Osmani  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** Mark Kinnison; Doug C. Boone; Joe D. Cordova  
**Subject:** Project SEARCH

I just finished updating some of our data, and I wanted to share with you that we are at 80% placement and 70% closure statewide. This is comprehensive of all of our sites since the 2008-2009 school year up to today. This is superb!!!

Kim

*Kimberly Osmani, Transition Coordinator*  
*Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services*  
*5813 South Robinson Avenue*  
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## **April 20, 2015 – Circle it, mark it and add a reminder**

People with Disabilities Awareness Day 2015 is Monday, April 20, at the state Capitol from noon till 4:30 p.m. Have you marked your calendar? Have you told your friends, family and co-workers to come with you?

If you have a community calendar or an organization calendar, please add awareness day as one of the can't-miss-events of the year. Help us spread the news.

Many may have an early date already on your calendar. Last year, we did announce a different date at the program and by email. We were informed after those announcements of a conflict at the Capitol with that date, and we had to make the change.

Join us April 20, from noon to 4:30 pm for People with Disability Awareness Day.

**Register NOW!**

## Dana Tallon

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# Bean day diner preps

**A TRIO OF OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND** students prepare dining trays, napkins and utensils for the annual Sapulpa Lions Bean fundraiser, held last Thursday within the First Baptist Church dining hall. The event is worked by OSB students and faculty and proceeds are donated to the Muskogee school. Visually impaired students from left Emma Saunders, Morgan Hudson, teacher's aid Rachel Dunn (standing) and Mathieo Noah worked on the hundreds of plates and to-go boxes needed to feed visitors hungry for the Lions cooked Lima, Pinto and Navy beans plus Blackeyed Peas, served alongside chili and the famed Kelly Lane recipe cornbread and still deliciously unchanged in 2015. Another long standing Lions tradition is that the leftover foodstuffs are donated to Caring Community Friends.

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# Students help with Lions Club dinner

**BY SHANNON MUCHMORE**  
World Staff Writer

SAPULPA — More than 20 students from the Oklahoma School for the Blind made the trip from Muskogee on Thursday to help the Sapulpa Lions Club with its annual bean and chili dinner.

Faye Miller, a teacher at the school, said faculty and students first agreed to help with the annual dinner five or six years ago and have come back

every year since.

They see it as a way to help a loyal donor to the school, she said.

“To pay them back because they help our students and the school.”

Students from grades seven through 12 helped serve food, clear dishes and refill drinks Thursday afternoon during the dinner at First Baptist Church.

Wayne Neal, treasurer of the Sapulpa Lions Club, said some of the students are shy at first

but quickly get into the role.

“We just couldn’t get it done without them,” he said.

The Lions have been putting on the dinner for about 50 years, and everybody enjoys working with the students, Neal said.

“They do a fabulous job.”

Richelle Zampella, 14, was in her second year helping serve at the dinner.

“I like to help raise money for good causes,” she said.

Zampella tells students

helping for the first time to have fun and understand that it’s easier than they worry it might be.

“It feels really good to give back,” she said.

Isaiah Hayes, 17, said he has served for a few years and always looks forward to coming back.

“It’s always good to help people,” he said.

**Shannon Muchmore 918-581-8378**  
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# Financial Status Report

# Department of Rehabilitation Services Financial Status Report FY 14

As of December 31, 2014

## All Programs Agency Summary

	Budget	2014		2014		Encumbrances	% Used
		% of Total Budget	Expenditures in FY 2014	Expenditures in FY 2015	% Expended		
Personnel	68,835,664.00	49.3%	62,888,435.19	503,826.72	92.1%	267,782.89	92.5%
Travel	1,569,026.00	1.1%	1,421,515.15	166,322.58	101.2%	41,311.37	103.8%
General Operating	21,850,802.90	15.6%	14,680,252.50	1,795,456.41	75.4%	3,232,296.55	90.2%
Office Furniture & Equipment	2,905,150.00	2.1%	1,130,353.60	335,846.96	50.5%	2,027.16	50.5%
Client / General Assistance	38,020,760.00	27.2%	25,982,185.85	3,015,433.42	76.3%	2,036,972.29	81.6%
Indirect Cost	6,469,925.10	4.6%	6,469,925.10	0.00	100.0%	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,651,328.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>112,572,667.39</b>	<b>5,816,886.09</b>	<b>84.8%</b>	<b>5,580,390.26</b>	<b>88.8%</b>

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All Programs						
Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services						
	2014		2014		%	
	Budget	Expenditures in FY 2014	Expenditures in FY 2015	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Personnel	26,588,727.00	37.4%	23,690,638.94	46,103.91	168,777.69	89.3%
Travel	1,191,280.00	1.7%	1,120,077.85	140,416.95	2,863.72	105.8%
General Operating	9,796,566.39	13.8%	6,005,204.22	818,009.33	1,652,125.44	69.6%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,138,673.00	1.6%	653,567.77	146,780.35	1,023.55	70.3%
Client / General Assistance	28,956,760.00	40.8%	18,162,620.49	2,305,324.60	1,496,935.05	70.7%
Indirect Cost	3,334,775.61	4.7%	3,334,775.60	0.00	0.01	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,006,782.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>52,966,884.87</b>	<b>3,456,635.14</b>	<b>3,321,725.46</b>	<b>79.5%</b>
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation Grant</b>						
	2014		2014		%	
	Budget	Expenditures in FY 2014	Expenditures in FY 2015	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Personnel	23,951,427.00	36.1%	21,281,169.81	30,496.90	56,973.27	89.0%
Travel	1,097,600.00	1.7%	1,033,462.75	132,717.43	1,804.00	106.2%
General Operating	8,862,501.11	13.4%	5,454,550.15	782,129.13	1,597,854.90	70.4%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,014,723.00	1.5%	550,724.55	130,386.93	964.90	67.1%
Client / General Assistance	28,264,347.00	42.6%	17,586,800.33	2,266,588.64	1,186,804.28	70.2%
Indirect Cost	3,125,419.89	4.7%	3,125,419.89	0.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,316,018.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>49,032,127.48</b>	<b>3,342,319.03</b>	<b>2,844,401.35</b>	<b>79.0%</b>

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		All Programs					
		2014		2014			
		% of Total	Expenditures	Expenditures	%		
Budget	Budget	in FY 2014	in FY 2014	in FY 2015	Expended		
Encumbrances	Encumbrances	%	%	%	%		
Personnel	5,239,989.00	63.8%	5,101,919.15	12,427.84	97.6%	14,110.35	97.9%
Travel	56,161.00	0.7%	45,250.38	2,147.50	84.4%	0.00	84.4%
General Operating	1,790,245.98	21.8%	1,297,898.90	123,363.86	79.4%	80,408.41	83.9%
Office Furniture & Equipment	632,837.00	7.7%	131,728.65	120,711.22	39.9%	903.61	40.0%
Client / General Assistance	95,000.00	1.2%	63,286.97	4,129.97	71.0%	3,909.27	75.1%
Indirect Cost	393,922.02	4.8%	393,922.02	0.00	100.0%	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,208,155.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,034,006.07</b>	<b>262,780.39</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>99,331.64</b>	<b>90.1%</b>

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All Programs		2014		2014				
Oklahoma School for the Deaf		Expenditures		Expenditures				
	Budget	in FY 2014	in FY 2014	in FY 2015	in FY 2015	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Personnel	6,908,873.00	61.3%	6,628,314.56	16,193.22	19,784.82	96.2%	19,784.82	96.5%
Travel	66,270.00	0.6%	52,589.71	2,487.85	4,190.81	83.1%	4,190.81	89.4%
General Operating	2,629,056.73	23.3%	1,556,059.43	484,980.27	382,014.17	77.6%	382,014.17	92.2%
Office Furniture & Equipment	561,040.00	5.0%	215,535.91	40,954.67	100.00	45.7%	100.00	45.7%
Client / General Assistance	599,000.00	5.3%	523,652.48	46,662.73	58,070.00	95.2%	58,070.00	104.9%
Indirect Cost	502,542.27	4.5%	502,542.27	0.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,266,782.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,478,694.36</b>	<b>591,278.74</b>	<b>464,159.80</b>	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>464,159.80</b>	<b>93.5%</b>

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All Programs							
Disability Determination Division							
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	
	Budget	Expenditures in FY 2014	Expenditures in FY 2015	Expenditures in FY 2015	Expended	Encumbrances	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Personnel	24,978,580.00	60.9%	22,760,800.96	384,467.67	92.7%	45,282.28	92.8%
Travel	130,000.00	0.3%	83,587.93	4,890.25	68.1%	33,421.84	93.8%
General Operating	5,227,976.13	12.8%	3,723,070.62	175,254.24	74.6%	971,975.57	93.2%
Office Furniture & Equipment	60,000.00	0.1%	18,352.88	0.00	30.6%	0.00	30.6%
Client / General Assistance	8,370,000.00	20.4%	7,232,625.91	659,316.12	94.3%	478,057.97	100.0%
Indirect Cost	2,233,443.87	5.4%	2,233,443.88	0.00	100.0%	-0.01	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,000,000.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>36,051,882.18</b>	<b>1,223,928.28</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>1,528,737.65</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

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		All Programs					
		DRS Support Services					
		2014		2014			
	% of Total Budget	Expenditures in FY 2014	Expenditures in FY 2015	Expenditures in FY 2015	Encumbrances	% Expended	% Used
Personnel		5,119,495.00	4,706,761.58	44,634.08	19,827.75	92.8%	93.2%
Travel		125,315.00	120,009.28	16,380.03	835.00	108.8%	109.5%
General Operating		2,406,957.67	2,098,019.33	193,848.71	145,772.96	95.2%	101.3%
Office Furniture & Equipment		512,600.00	111,168.39	27,400.72	0.00	27.0%	27.0%
Indirect Cost		5,241.33	5,241.33	0.00	0.00	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,169,609.00</b>	<b>7,041,199.91</b>	<b>282,263.54</b>	<b>166,435.71</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>91.7%</b>

**Department of Rehabilitation Services**  
**Financial Status Report FY 14**  
As of December 31, 2014

**Personnel**

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Salary Expense  
Insurance Premium -Health-Life, etc  
FICA-Retirement Contributions  
Inter/Intre Agency Payment for Personal Services

**Travel**

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Travel - Agency Direct  
Travel - Reimbursements

**General Operating**

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AFP Encumberances  
Bond Indebtness and Expenses  
Buildings-Purchase, Construction and Renovation  
General Operating  
Maintenance & Repair  
Miscellaneous Administration Fee  
Professional Services  
Production, Safety, Security  
Refunds, Indemnities, Restitution  
Rent Expense  
Scholarships, Tuition and Other Incentive-Type Payments  
Shop Expense  
Specialized Supplies & Materials

**Office Furniture & Equipment**

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Library Equipment & Resources  
Office Furniture & Equipment

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**Client / General Assistance**

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Social Service and Assistance Payments

**Indirect Cost**

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# Department of Rehabilitation Services Financial Status Report FY 15

As of December 31, 2014

## All Programs Agency Summary

	% of Total		%		%	
	Budget	Budget	Expenditures	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	77,385,588.00	50.8%	35,066,246.51	45.3%	41,833,973.26	99.4%
Travel	1,726,351.00	1.1%	842,716.67	48.8%	84,596.75	53.7%
General Operating	19,929,093.00	13.1%	6,471,772.51	32.5%	11,801,615.93	91.7%
Office Furniture & Equipment	3,130,519.00	2.1%	314,225.53	10.0%	1,182,813.70	47.8%
Client / General Assistance	40,593,992.00	26.6%	12,891,276.13	31.8%	26,267,253.73	96.5%
Indirect Cost	9,607,769.00	6.3%	4,255,573.56	44.3%	5,352,195.44	100.0%
Total	152,373,312.00	100.0%	59,841,810.91	39.3%	86,522,448.81	96.1%

# Department of Rehabilitation Services Financial Status Report FY 15

As of December 31, 2014

## All Programs Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services

	% of Total		% of Total		% of Total	
	Budget	Budget	Expenditures	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	27,743,828.00	35.8%	12,634,016.69	45.5%	14,768,652.98	98.8%
Travel	1,347,750.00	1.7%	709,479.96	52.6%	2,810.40	52.9%
General Operating	9,357,879.00	12.1%	2,696,841.05	28.8%	5,854,075.30	91.4%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,912,262.00	2.5%	81,692.34	4.3%	859,358.15	49.2%
Client / General Assistance	31,860,818.00	41.1%	9,499,998.44	29.8%	21,097,141.79	96.0%
Indirect Cost	5,208,336.00	6.7%	2,182,308.41	41.9%	3,026,027.59	100.0%
Total	77,430,873.00	100.0%	27,804,336.89	35.9%	45,608,066.21	94.8%

## Vocational Rehabilitation Grant

	% of Total		% of Total		% of Total	
	Budget	Budget	Expenditures	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	25,082,021.00	34.5%	11,393,867.82	45.4%	13,280,654.86	98.4%
Travel	1,275,400.00	1.8%	687,793.56	53.9%	2,735.40	54.1%
General Operating	8,389,690.00	11.5%	2,328,105.72	27.7%	5,352,457.01	91.5%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,798,912.00	2.5%	73,805.03	4.1%	859,019.42	51.9%
Client / General Assistance	31,238,164.00	42.9%	9,207,460.52	29.5%	20,866,312.58	96.3%
Indirect Cost	4,949,493.00	6.8%	2,059,696.69	41.6%	2,889,796.31	100.0%
Total	72,733,680.00	100.0%	25,750,729.34	35.4%	43,250,975.58	94.9%

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	% of Total		% of Total		Encumbrances	% Used
	Budget	Budget	Expenditures	Expended		
Personnel	5,461,797.00	68.0%	2,552,652.31	46.7%	2,900,647.83	99.8%
Travel	46,000.00	0.6%	26,995.24	58.7%	8,003.96	76.1%
General Operating	1,626,049.00	20.3%	632,135.76	38.9%	834,755.84	90.2%
Office Furniture & Equipment	313,079.00	3.9%	61,288.30	19.6%	150,420.04	67.6%
Client / General Assistance	100,174.00	1.2%	32,896.83	32.8%	17,000.00	49.8%
Indirect Cost	481,791.00	6.0%	232,844.37	48.3%	248,946.63	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,028,890.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,538,812.81</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>4,159,774.30</b>	<b>95.9%</b>

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	% of Total		%		Encumbrances	% Used
	Budget	Budget	Expenditures	Expended		
Personnel	6,962,245.00	65.6%	3,302,069.12	47.4%	3,600,350.57	99.1%
Travel	38,900.00	0.4%	14,988.82	38.5%	3,900.05	48.6%
General Operating	2,071,312.00	19.5%	727,838.63	35.1%	1,146,979.91	90.5%
Office Furniture & Equipment	346,178.00	3.3%	148,142.87	42.8%	11,105.01	46.0%
Client / General Assistance	583,000.00	5.5%	276,772.55	47.5%	184,720.25	79.2%
Indirect Cost	604,006.00	5.7%	326,952.49	54.1%	277,053.51	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,605,641.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,796,764.48</b>	<b>45.2%</b>	<b>5,224,109.30</b>	<b>94.5%</b>

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	All Programs					
	Disability Determination Division					
	% of Total		%			
	Budget	Budget	Expenditures	Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	31,097,668.00	66.4%	13,990,217.29	45.0%	17,036,680.80	99.8%
Travel	152,000.00	0.3%	27,081.05	17.8%	63,554.34	59.6%
General Operating	3,985,086.00	8.5%	1,565,646.79	39.3%	2,330,348.57	97.8%
Office Furniture & Equipment	269,000.00	0.6%	5,057.94	1.9%	155,934.50	59.8%
Client / General Assistance	8,050,000.00	17.2%	3,081,608.31	38.3%	4,968,391.69	100.0%
Indirect Cost	3,307,046.00	7.1%	1,511,813.42	45.7%	1,795,232.58	100.0%
Total	46,860,800.00	100.0%	20,181,424.80	43.1%	26,350,142.48	99.3%

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	All Programs		DRS Support Services		%	
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	6,120,050.00	64.8%	2,587,291.10	42.3%	3,527,641.08	99.9%
Travel	141,701.00	1.5%	64,171.60	45.3%	6,328.00	49.8%
General Operating	2,888,767.00	30.6%	849,310.28	29.4%	1,635,456.31	86.0%
Office Furniture & Equipment	290,000.00	3.1%	18,044.08	6.2%	5,996.00	8.3%
Indirect Cost	6,590.00	0.1%	1,654.87	25.1%	4,935.13	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,447,108.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,520,471.93</b>	<b>37.3%</b>	<b>5,180,356.52</b>	<b>92.1%</b>

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### **Personnel**

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Salary Expense

Insurance Premium -Health-Life, etc

FICA-Retirement Contributions

Inter/Intre Agency Payment for Personal Services

### **Travel**

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Travel - Agency Direct

Travel - Reimbursements

### **General Operating**

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AFP Encumbrances

Bond Indebttness and Expenses

Buildings-Purchase, Construction and Renovation

General Operating

Maintenance & Repair

Miscellaneous Administration Fee

Professional Services

Production, Safety, Security

Refunds, Indemnities, Restitution

Rent Expense

Scholarships, Tuition and Other Incentive-Type Payments

Shop Expense

Specialized Supplies & Materials

### **Office Furniture & Equipment**

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Library Equipment & Resources

Office Furniture & Equipment

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### **Client / General Assistance**

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Social Service and Assistance Payments

### **Indirect Cost**

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# Personnel Activity Report

# PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF JANUARY 23, 2015

FILLED AND VACANT POSITIONS										
Personnel Activity = 9 vacant positions filled / 31 positions in Announcement or Selection Process										
Division	Title/PIN	Date Vacated	Location	Begin date	End date	Ann. #	Action/Incumbent	Date Filled		
EXECUTIVE	Programs Field Representative I / 0649	10/1/2014	EXECUTIVE	9/29/2014	10/13/2014	15-033	Patricia Robinson	12/22/2015		
EXECUTIVE	Programs Field Representative I / 0624	9/30/2011	EXECUTIVE	12/17/2014	12/30/2014	15-059	App list sent			
MSD	Contract/Acquisition Agent III / 0856	9/19/2014	MSD – CDS	1/22/2015	2/4/2015	15-068	Currently open			
DDD	DD Specialist II / 0179	9/29/2014	DDD	5/21/2014	Continuous	14-123	Jeffrey Bloom	1/12/2015		
DDD	Programs Manager II / 1437	New PIN	DDD	1/5/2015	1/9/2015	15-064	App list sent			
		4/22/2014								
		10/1/2013					App list sent			
OSB	Direct Care Specialist II / 0248,0298	11/19/2014	OSB	10/30/2014	11/10/2014	15-042	11/18/2014			
OSB	Food Service Specialist I / 0586	10/19/2014	OSB	11/6/2014	11/19/2014	15-048	Trisha Hart	1/14/2015		
OSB	Recreational Activities Specialist II / 0419	8/28/2014	OSB	12/17/2014	12/30/2014	15-058	App list sent			
OSB	Direct Care Specialist II / 0638	10/1/2013	OSB	1/22/2015	2/4/2015	15-069	Currently open			
OSD	Teacher / 0635	1/17/2014	OSD	7/10/2014	Until Filled	15-004	Currently open			
OSD	Teacher / 0413	7/31/2014	OSD	7/23/2017	Until Filled	15-009	App list sent			
OSD	Direct Care Specialist II / 0778	5/20/2014	OSD	11/13/2014	11/26/2014	15-051	App list sent			
OSD	Direct Care Specialist II / 0299	8/22/2014	OSD	12/12/2014	12/26/2014	15-055	App list sent			
OSD	Construction/Maintenance Technician II / 0154	9/01/2014	OSD	12/12/2014	12/26/2014	15-056	App list sent			
OSD	Principal / 0414	7/15/2011	OSD	12/31/14	Until Filled	15-062	Currently open			
OSD	Secretary V / 0998	8/08/2014	OSD	1/22/2015	2/4/2015	15-067	Currently open			

Division	Title/PIN	Date Vacated	Location	Begin date	End date	Ann #	Action/Incumbent	Date Filled
VR	Assistive Technology specialist I / 1197	9/30/2012	VR36 – OKC	6/09/2014	6/30/2014	14-130	App list sent 7/10/2014	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician III / 0359	8/25/2014	VR26 – Claremore	9/12/2014	10/2/2014	15-021	Dianna Ward	12/29/2014
VR	VR Specialist IV / 0929	8/31/2014	VR26 – Claremore	9/19/2014	10/9/2014	15-028	App list sent 10/17-2014	
VR	VR Specialist IV / 0323	9/12/2014	VR47 – OKC	10/16/2014	10/29/2014	15-040	App list sent 11/12/2014	
VR	VR Specialist II / 0049	8/07/2014	VR80 – Tulsa	11/3/2014	11/17/2014	15-044	Krshika Carter	1/5/2015
VR	VR Specialist IV / 0366	9/15/2014	VR31 – OKC	11/4/2014	11/24/2014	15-047	App list sent 12/03/2014	
VR	Psychological Clinician III / 0467	10/14/2014	VR23 – OKC	11/13/2014	12/3/2014	15-049	App list sent 12/11/2014	
VR	Programs Field Representative I / 1195	9/29/2014	VR95 – OKC	12/03/2014	12/09/2014	15-052	App list sent 12/15/2014	
VR	VR Specialist III / 1030	10/22/2014	VR78 – Tahlequah	12/04/2014	12/17/2014	15-053	App list sent 12/31/2014	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician III / 0372	12/01/2014	VR47 – OKC	12/10/2014	12/23/2014	15-054	App list sent 1/5/2015	
VR	VR Specialist II / 0776	6/12/2014	VR86 – Ada	12/31/2014	1/13/2015	15-063	App list sent 1/20/2015	
VR	VR Specialist III / 0166	8/31/2014	VR45 – Tulsa	1/15/2015	2/4/2015	15-066	Currently open	

Division	Title/PIN	Date Vacated	Location	Begin Date	End Date	Ann. #	Action/Incumbent	Date Filled
VS	VR Specialist II / 0462	8/09/2013	VS73 – OKC	9/16/2014	10/6/2014	15-024	Zeynep Yilmaz	1/2/2015
VS	Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist II / 0052	5/31/2014	VS58 – Ada	9/23/2014	10/13/2014	15-029	App list sent 10/24/2014	
VS	Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist II / 0930	8/10/2012	VS73 – OKC	9/23/2014	10/12/2014	15-030	Michael Harvey	1/12/2015
VS	VR Specialist III / 0755	9/22/2014	VS62 – Muskogee	10/2/2014	10/22/2014	15-036	Dona Overbay	15/2015
VS	Vending Facility Business Consultant II / 0170	4/01/2014	VS33 – OKC	10/22/2014	11/4/2014	15-041	App list sent 11/12/2014	
VS	Programs Manager II / 0193	6/23/2014	VS62 – Muskogee	11/13/2014	12/3/2014	15-050	App list sent 12/11/2014	
VS	Vending Machine Technician I / 1027	10/27/2014	VS33 – OKC	12/17/2014	12/30/2014	15-057	App list sent 1/12/2015	
VS	VR Specialist III / 1033	7/14/2014	VS73 – OKC	12/23/2014	1/5/2015	15-060	App list sent 1/13/2015	
VS	VR Specialist IV / 1038	12/31/2014	VS73 – OKC	12/31/2014	1/13/2015	15-061	App list sent 1/20/2015	
VS	Library Technician II / 0027	11/01/2014	VS72 – OLBPH	1/9/2015	1/22/2015	15-065	Waiting for E-List	
VS	Rehabilitation Technician SWIP / 1167	12/6/2014	VS58 – Ada				Marissa Hook	1/5/2015

**NOTE:** Waiting for HCM-9 = Waiting for HCM to return HCM-9's to inform if applicant meets minimum qualifications for position.  
Waiting for E-List = Waiting to receive electronic applicant log from HCM.

Pending Approval= Waiting for unclassified appointments to be approved by director and cabinet secretary to establish an effective date

**RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS = 8**

**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (Executive/MSD/FSD)**

NONE

**DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

Canan, David – VR Specialist III – VR19-OKC, Deceased 1/5/2015 (17 years 4 months)

**VISUAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Rice-Bean, Roby – VR Specialist II – VS73-OKC, Resigned 12/31/2014 (1 year 4 months)

Sanders, Marilyn – Programs Manager II – VS91-Tulsa 1/1/2015 (41 years)

Shelton, Kathleen – Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist II – VS91-Tulsa 1/1/2015 (13 years 6 months)

**DVR/DVS-HRD**

NONE

**OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

Davison, Randy – Fire Prevention/Security Officer II, Deceased 12/14/2014 (7 years 3 months)

**OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

NONE

**DISABILITY DETERMINATION DIVISION**

Ramganes, Anne – DD Specialist I, Resigned 1/6/2015 (5 months)

Smith, Daryl – DD Specialist I, Resigned 1/2/2015 (8 months)

Kendra, Edward – DD Specialist IV, Retired 1/1/2015 (24 years 5 months)

Sanders, Terry – DD Technician IV, Retired 1/1/2015 (12 years 3 months)

# CURRENT FTE STATUS FY 2015

*FTE as of January 23, 2015*

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BUDGETED FTE</u>	<u>FILLED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	<u>EXEMPT FTE</u>	<u>TOTAL FILLED PLUS PENDING MINUS EXEMPT FTE</u>
Support Services (Executive/MSD/FSD)	74.50	62.70	2.00	(0.00)	64.70
Vocational Rehabilitation	277.00	244.00	10.00	(8.00)	246.00
Visual Services	144.00	125.00	7.00	(4.00)	128.00
DVR/DVS-HRD	8.00	10.00	0.00	(0.00)	10.00
Oklahoma School for the Blind	94.50	86.50	4.00	0.00	90.50
Oklahoma School for the Deaf	126.50	118.00	7.00	0.00	125.00
<b>Total (NON-EXEMPT)</b>	<b>724.50</b>	<b>646.20</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>(12.00)</b>	<b>664.20</b>
Disability Determination Division (EXEMPT)	358.00	321.00	1.00	0.00	322.00
<b>TOTAL NON-EXEMPT &amp; EXEMPT</b>	<b>1082.50</b>	<b>967.20</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>(12.00)</b>	<b>986.20</b>

**Authorized Agency FTE Limit = 1255**

**\* Authorized agency FTE limit does not include Executive Fellow and SWIP appointments**

ROUTING TO: Joe Cordova, Director  
 Cheryl Gray, Chief of Staff  
 Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer  
 Goli Dunkle, Division Administrator  
 Tom Patt, Human Resources Program Director  
 Dana Tallon, Public Information Manager II  
 Linda Santin, Executive Assistant  
 Rosemarie Chitwood, Secretary V  
 Paul Adams, Project Coordinator

# Legislative

# Report

## February legislative comments

### **Budget:**

This week started the agency performance hearings, starting with Senate Health and Human Services Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, DHS, Disability Concerns, and Veterans Affairs presented. Every budget presenter asked for more money. For example DHS asked for an additional \$41 million. The general reaction from the committee was polite patience, with a reminder of the \$300 million dollar budget hole and that this will be a long process.

We had our Senate performance hearing Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Joe presented the program side, while Kevin Statham addressed any questions on budget. Both did a good job. Most of the questions on the program side were about the schools. (Do you have two year olds at the schools? What percentage of deaf or blind children attend the schools? Is there a metric to measure our schools vs other states?) The only real question on the budget side was what was our maintenance of effort requirement this year? (+400,000).

### **Legislation:**

Jean and I are done with the initial review of the bills (2,091). The big topics this year are budget, limit or repealer of tax credits, limiting education testing and giving raises to teachers, oil and gas and earthquakes, and guns.

As far as our watch list bills, the good news is there are no specific bills in our DRS title that are major threats. The most important bill in the list is our appropriation bill, HB 1209. There are a few we are concerned about, including SB 449 and 450 by Brown, that call for a five year hiring freeze. There are also some bills in areas where we are active. Three Workforce bills, HB 1561, HB 1859, and SB 612,

affecting who are members of the Workforce Board. Two BEP bills, SB 521 (requiring health vending options on state property); and SB 660, (allowing agencies to allow food vendors in their parking lots). And on RS/VS bill HB 1969, which requires agencies to favor competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.

Of the remaining bills, there are some major themes in the watch list. The first theme is similar to last year, that federal funds are bad and need to be watched. These bills include HB 1286 (requires a 25% fed funds reduction contingency plan); HB 1738 (requiring agencies to refuse helping federal agencies to collect information unless they have a warrant.) HB 1744 (Creating the Oklahoma federal funds commission, to prepare us for reductions in federal funds.) HB 1748 by Newell (requiring report of federal fund information on an agency's website.) HB 2101 by Moore (Creating a state based whistle-blower act for reporting misuse of federal funds and allowing recovery.)

The second theme is transparency, HB 1287 (open Records one stop shop); HB 1337 (Agencies must post number of disabled employees on their website); HB 1452 (Agencies must post gross salaries of employees); and SB346 (the memorandum of understanding transparency act).

Finally, there are a number of bills we are tracking regarding individuals and children with disabilities, including HB 1760 and SB 754 (dealing with the treatment by the OHCA of persons with complex disabilities); HB 2081 (asking higher ed to develop a comprehensive plan for education of children with intellectual disabilities); and SB 162 (asking Dept. Of Education to develop better methods to educate and test children with cognitive disabilities).

eCap) Gov. Mary Fallin said Wednesday she will call on lawmakers in her State of the State address to look at ways to reform the state's budget process.

"My number one message to the Legislature on Monday will be: This must be the year we address our structural deficiencies within our state budget system and have more transparency and accountability," Fallin said Wednesday during the Associated Press' annual legislative forum.

"We need to make some drastic, fundamental changes in how we budget our state finances, especially since we continue to have budget shortfalls," Fallin added

Fallin noted she and the Legislature were faced in three of her first four years in office with less money to spend for the next fiscal year than had been appropriated for the then current fiscal year. The situation is similar this year. The Board of Equalization, which Fallin chairs, approved an estimate in December that would make nearly \$300 million less available for appropriation for fiscal year 2016 than was appropriated for FY2015, the current fiscal year. Fallin and others have suggested the February's recertification could see that difference increase.

At the same time, however, total revenue receipts and General Revenue Fund collections are forecast to increase.

"The fact is that our current budgeting process is malfunctioning. It is insufficient," Fallin said. "If we are going to continue to grow, as we have, our tax receipts but continue to have budget shortfalls ...just makes no sense,"

Fallin called the decline in revenue available for appropriation "artificial" and said state agencies are being negatively impacted.

The governor said lawmakers and the governor could appropriate 57 percent of total state revenues in 2007. That share is now 47 percent, she said. If something is not done this year or next, she added, that percentage will decline to 44 percent. "That's a trend that unsustainable," Fallin said.

Fallin offered several alternatives for addressing the problem.

"I want the Legislature to do as I have done and take a look at the state's revolving funds. This has been an ongoing discussion here at the Capitol," Fallin said.

House Interim Study H14-007, requested by Rep. Bobbie Cleveland, R-Slaughterville, examined the issue of revolving funds in October. House Fiscal Director Mark Tygret told the House Appropriations and Budget Committee there are approximately 550 revolving funds on state ledgers.

Fallin said Wednesday an analysis by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shows the state has \$1.7 billion "sitting in revolving funds throughout the various state agencies."

"Not all that money is available to be spent," Fallin said. "Some of it has been encumbered, has been dedicated to certain spending priorities of those agencies. So, we can't touch that money. But the fact is there is about \$900 million that is not encumbered in those revolving funds and I ask the Legislature to take a close look at the amount of revenue we have in those revolving funds."

In separate opinions released in November, Attorney General Scott Pruitt took issue with the Legislature's transfer and appropriation of money from two revolving funds -- \$11.0 million from the Workers' Compensation Fund and \$5 million from the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund. Both opinions said the move violated Article 10, Section 19 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Fallin said the state also needs "...to take a hard look at our tax credits and tax incentives. It has

always been my policy that tax credits and incentives should create jobs, good jobs, or investments that will help grow the state of Oklahoma."

Fallin said her office engaged the Pew Foundation to conduct a one year study to evaluate the state's tax credits and incentives, as well as state revenue streams and the general budgeting process. That report is not yet available, she said, but the governor said she expects it will contain some good recommendations for officials to consider.

Fallin again proposed the Legislature limit its work on substantive legislation to every other year and focus annually on the state budget. The governor called the budget process "very complicated" and said a session focused solely on budget work would allow lawmakers to focus on "knowing the budget."

Fallin will deliver her fifth State of the State address Monday after the Legislature reconvenes at noon. Fallin is expected to speak shortly after 12:30 p.m.

### Tracking List Bill Index

#### 34 Bills On Report

#### Bill # Information

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**HB1209**  **Paraphrase:** HB1209, by Rep. Dennis Ray Casey, R-Morrison, Rep. Earl Sears, R-Bartlesville, Sen. Clark Jolley, R-Oklahoma City, and Sen. Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, appropriates funds from the FY2016 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Rehabilitative Services, sets budget limits and establishes FTE limitations. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1286**  **Paraphrase:** HB1286, by Rep. Josh Cockroft, R-Tecumseh, requires each agency subject to the Oklahoma State Finance Act to develop a contingency plan and corresponding budget for up to a 25 percent reduction in any federal monies. The bill requires the contingency plan and budget be submitted to the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate within 30 days of the effective date of the bill. It also requires every entity subject to the bill's provisions to make an annual disclosure in a separate written report and information available through a website maintained by or on behalf of the entity of all federal funds under the control of the entity and the programs for which the federal funds are used by distinct expenditure categories and to identify the priority or rank of the federal funds in descending order with the funding source the agency relies on to the greatest extent listed first and the funding source the agency relies on to the least extent listed last. It also requires every subject entity to make an annual disclosure either in a separate written report, information available through a website maintained by or on behalf of the entity or both, of the federal funds for which the agency must incur costs to implement and shall provide such information in descending order with the most costly federal funds listed first and the least costly federal funds listed last. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1287**  **Paraphrase:** HB1287, by Rep. Josh Cockroft, R-Tecumseh, HB1287 creates the Oklahoma State Government Open Records One-Stop Initiative. The bill requires the Chief Information Officer to develop and maintain an online web presence at the web address [OpenRecords.ok.gov](http://OpenRecords.ok.gov) to allow the public to file a request for documents under the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The bill requires the Chief Information to shall retrieve and deliver the documents to the requester in accordance with the procedures of the Oklahoma Open Records Act upon finding that the requested documents are open records under the act. It requires documents requested through the open records web portal be delivered to the requester in electronic format. It also requires the electronic material be made available to the public through the [data.ok.gov](http://data.ok.gov) web portal immediately following delivery of the documents. It provides that the bill cannot be construed to change any obligation of public officials to comply with already

existing provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1336**  **Paraphrase:** HB1336, by Rep. James Lockhart, D-Heavener, requires all health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after Nov. 1, 2015, to include coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of any autistic disorder, provided such treatments are medically necessary and identified and ordered by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker for an insured who is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The bill lists included, but not limited to, treatments. The bill also removes language providing that health benefit plans are not required to include coverage for any autistic disorder. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1337**  **Paraphrase:** HB1337, by Rep. James Lockhart, D-Heavener, requires public bodies to make available on their website information concerning the number of persons with disabilities employed by the public body. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1376**  **Paraphrase:** HB1376, by Rep. Randy McDaniel, R-Edmond, specifies the employees eligible for a defined contribution system established by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as those in a full-time position or a position that is more than half-time and qualifies for employee benefits. The bill specifies the percentages of an employee's income that may be contributed to the defined contributions system. It specifies how much an employee's contribution rate will be based on what method of contribution they select. This bill requires consideration be given by the OPERS Board of Trustees to the offering of investment options to participants of the plan to at least five low-fee index funds and five target date funds. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1452**  **Paraphrase:** HB1452, by Rep. David Ralph Brumbaugh, R-Broken Arrow, requires the gross salary of each employee to be made available on state agency websites. It requires the data to be made available in an open-structured format that may be downloaded by the public and which allows the viewer to systematically sort, search, and access all data. It also requires the budget and audited financial statements of the public entity as provided to the State Auditor and Inspector; and raw data sets which include all expenditure data as requested by and provided to the State Auditor and Inspector. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1533**  **Paraphrase:** HB1533, by Rep. Todd Thomsen, R-Ada, creates the Oklahoma Higher Education Scholarship Act to provide scholarships to middle-income students attending institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The bill provides that income for the program will consist of funds accruing in the Oklahoma

Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund created by the bill. The bill requires the State Regents for Higher Education to award scholarships from the Oklahoma Higher Education Scholarship Program, to eligible students. The bill sets student eligibility for the scholarships. The bill provides that the scholarships will be in an amount equivalent to the nonguaranteed resident tuition for which an eligible student is obligated at an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB15610**  **Paraphrase:** HB1561, by Rep. Elise Hall, R-Oklahoma City, creates the Quality Workforce Act. It permits an eligible establishment which receives approval by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce under the provisions of the this bill to receive a rebate from the Oklahoma Tax Commission equal to amounts paid for workforce investment for eligible employees plus any rebate supplement on or after July 1, 2016. It requires that such payments be made until fully reimbursed but annual payments will be required to be limited to an amount equal to 5 percent of the average wage of all employees of the establishment multiplied by the number of eligible employees. The bill creates a special fund designated the Quality Workforce Rebate Payment Fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission with the State Treasury. It requires that Oklahoma Department and the Oklahoma Tax Commission to promulgate rules necessary to implement their respective duties and responsibilities under the provisions of this bill. It lists the prescribed fines for any applicant convicted of violating the conditions of this bill. The bill requires the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to prepare triennially a report which shall include a fiscal analysis of the costs and benefits of the Quality Workforce Act, and will be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor no later than March 1, 2019 and every 3 years after. The bill requires that the provisions listed therein to cease having force and effect of law effective July 1, 2020, and prohibits any claim to paid thereafter. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB16640**  **Paraphrase:** HB1664, by Rep. David Dank, R-Oklahoma City, creates the Ethics and Transparency Act of 2015. The bill states that the Oklahoma Ethics Commission require all entities spending money in a state and local political race to abide by the same donor and expenditure reporting rules as political action committees and individual candidates. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB17380**  **Paraphrase:** HB1738, by Rep. Lewis Moore, R-Arcadia, establishes the Oklahoma Privacy Protection Act. The bill establishes the state policy to refuse material support or participation in any federal agency with the power to authorize the collection of electronic data or metadata of any person pursuant to any action not based on a warrant. It states an agency, board or commission in violation of this act will not receive state grant funds and any individual in violation is subject to removal from office or employment and a \$1,000 fine. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1744**  **Paraphrase:** HB1744, by Rep. Josh Cockroft, R-Tecumseh, establishes the Oklahoma Federal Funds Commission Act and the Oklahoma Federal Funds Commission. The bill states what the commission will study. This bill states the commission will make recommendations to the governor prior to Nov. 1, 2020, to avoid or minimize the risk of a reduction in the amount of federal funds by the state and by local governments in the state; reduce the dependency of the state and of local governments in the state on federal funds; and prepare for a reduction in the amount of federal funds by the state and by local governments in the state. The bill states after Nov. 1, 2020, the commission will be assigned to another federal issue as assigned by the Legislature or Governor. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1748**  **Paraphrase:** HB1748, by Rep. Tom Newell, R-Seminole, requires certain entities to report, through written disclosure and information available on their website, all federal funds under control of the entity and the programs the funds are used for. The bill requires the programs be sorted or ranked by priority. This bill specifies what kinds of information to be included in the disclosure. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1760**  **Paraphrase:** HB1760, by Rep. John Enns, R-Enid, creates the Commitment to Care for People with Complex Physical Disabilities Act and defines related terms. The bill requires the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to take into consideration the unique medical and functional needs of members with complex physical disabilities when preparing or adjusting its budget. It requires OHCA to provide coverage for specialty provider services, specialized equipment, and supplies for people with complex physical disabilities. It specifies how the agency is to proceed with such considerations. The bill also directs OHCA to establish focused regulations and policies for CRT products and services. It directs the regulations and policies to consider customized services and specifies those considerations. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1859**  **Paraphrase:** HB1859, by Rep. Harold Wright, R-Weatherford, modifies the membership of the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB1969**  **Paraphrase:** HB1969, by Rep. Terry O'Donnell, R-Catoosa, creates the Oklahoma Employment First Act. The bill requires all state agencies to coordinate effects and collaborate within and among such agencies to ensure that state programs, policies, procedures and funding support competitive integrated employment of individuals with disabilities. It requires that all state agencies, whenever feasible, to share data and

information across systems in order to track progress toward full implementation of this bill. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB20810**  **Paraphrase:** HB2081, by Rep. Jason Nelson, R-Oklahoma City, states intent of the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education to establish a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities which shall be offered by institutions. The bill specifies the parameters of the degree program. This bill requires the state regents establish procedures and criteria to establish a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities to be offered by institutions including eligibility for Pell Grants, Work Study and enrollment without meeting certain admission standards. It requires the state regents seeks funding for institutional grants to meet this criteria. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**HB21010**  **Paraphrase:** HB2101, by Rep. Lewis Moore, R-Arcadia, creates the Whistleblower Liberty Fund Act. The bill exempts persons from being disciplined, demoted, transferred, terminated or otherwise penalized as a result of providing information to any person government entity or organization about the alleged misuse of federal funds if the information was provided in the good-faith belief that reasonable grounds existed at the time the information was provided to suspect misuse of the federal funds or that the use of federal funds was in violation of any provisions of the United States Constitution. It awards such person 10 percent of the total amount of funds determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been misused. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB00600**  **Paraphrase:** SB0060, by Sen. Earl Garrison, D-Muskogee, exempts the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf from the A-F school grading system. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Education (S)

**SB00670**  **Paraphrase:** SB0067, by Sen. Ron Sharp, R-Shawnee, prohibits the operator of a vehicle from communicating with a handheld electronic device, either verbally or by typing an email or text during the physical operation of a motor vehicle. The bill establishes a penalty that cannot exceed the fine for a misdemeanor. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Public Safety (S)

**SB01460**  **Paraphrase:** SB0146, by Sen. Frank Simpson, R-Ardmore, exempts the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf from the State Board of Education's annual reports of the results of the Oklahoma School Testing Program

which describe student achievement in the state and each school site. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Education (S)

**SB014900** **Paraphrase:** SB0149, by Sen. Earl Garrison, D-Muskogee, provides that expenditures of funds appropriated to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for educational programs or educational materials for the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf be in accordance with procedures adopted by the Commission for Rehabilitation Services in consultation with the State Purchasing Director. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Appropriations (S)

**SB015300** **Paraphrase:** SB0153, by Sen. Kimberly David, R-Porter, increases the number of unclassified employees in the Disability Determination Division of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services from a total number of 14 to 21. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Appropriations (S)

**SB015600** **Paraphrase:** SB0156, by Sen. Earl Garrison, D-Muskogee, exempts the Oklahoma school for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf from certain requirements concerning the disposition of state-owned property. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Appropriations (S)

**SB016200** **Paraphrase:** SB0162, by Sen. Jim Halligan, R-Stillwater, requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with experts in the education and assessment of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, to promulgate rules providing for exemptions from the mandated tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act for students on an individualized education program (IEP), in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), that directs that the student is to be assessed with alternate achievement standards through the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) who otherwise demonstrate satisfactory knowledge in that subject. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S Education (S)

**SB030800** **Paraphrase:** SB0308, by Sen. Nathan Dahm, R-Broken Arrow, requires agencies exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act to publish its exempt rules on its website. The bill requires an agency to respond within 30 days to a request from the Governor, House or Senate to review its rules and respond to a small business within 90 days. The bill requires that all requests to waive requirements be submitted in

writing to the Governor. The bill gives the Legislature the authority to amend proposed and effective agency rules. The bill eliminates the process from the legislative cutoff dates. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S General Government (S)

**SB0346**  **Paraphrase:** SB0346, by Sen. Nathan Dahm, R-Broken Arrow, creates the Governor's Transparency Act of 2015. The bill requires a state agency entering into a Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement with any agency, department or any organization receiving appropriated money, grants, contracts from the State of Oklahoma or any other state or funds from the government of the United States to publish a report on its website and the [documents.ok.gov](http://documents.ok.gov) website of all Memorandums of Understanding or Memorandums of Agreement within 15 business days of the memorandum's effective date. The bill establishes the requirements for the report. The bill requires when any state agency enters into a Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement, and when the state Legislature is in session, the state agency to provide the chair of the appropriate legislative committee, based on the subject matter or agency executing the document, with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement. The bill provides the state agency may not publish any such report on a Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement that is privileged under law pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, but it also requires a report to be published to indicate what entities are subject to the privileged Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement and its duration. The bill also requires that Memorandums of Understanding or Memorandums of Agreement solely between state departments or agencies cite the state constitutional or statutory authority granted for the subject addressed in the Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement. The bill also requires Memorandums of Understanding or Memorandums of Agreement between any agencies, departments and any organizations receiving appropriated money, grants, contracts from the State of Oklahoma, or any other state or funds from the government of the United States cite the authority granted by federal or state statute and/or in the Constitution of the United States as well as the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma for the subject addressed in the Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Committee(1):** S General Government (S)

**SB0449**  **Paraphrase:** SB0449, by Sen. Corey Brooks, R-Washington, declares a hiring freeze for a five year period following the effective date of the bill as a further control on human resource costs. The bill exempts the State Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Education, the State Senate, and the House of Representatives from the provisions of the bill. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB0450**  **Paraphrase:** SB0450, by Sen. Bill Brown, R-Broken Arrow, declares a hiring freeze for a five year period following the effective date of the bill as a further control on human resource costs. The bill exempts the State Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Education, the State Senate, and the House of Representatives from the provisions of the bill. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB0521**  **Paraphrase:** SB0521, by Sen. Kyle Loveless, R-Oklahoma City, creates the Access to Healthy Choices in Oklahoma Act. It requires all food and beverages purchased by, or sold, served or otherwise provided by state agencies, through vending machines located on property owned or leased by the state to meet minimum nutrition and procurement standards put forth in the bill. It also requires the State Department of Health to designate an appropriate position with the department to disseminate information and train state agency staff and vendors on the standard to support compliance and assist the implementation of the nutrition and procurement standards required by the bill. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB0522**  **Paraphrase:** SB0522, by Sen. Ralph Shortey, R-Oklahoma City, creates the Oklahoma Official English Language Implementation Act. The bill declares that the English language is the official language of the state. It requires that the state to preserve and enhance the role of English as the official language of Oklahoma. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB0612**  **Paraphrase:** SB0612, by Sen. Dan Newberry, R-Tulsa, modifies the membership of the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development and requires compliance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The bill also directs the council to form a subcommittee on health workforce for the purpose of informing, coordinating, and facilitating statewide efforts to ensure that a well-trained, adequately distributed, and flexible health workforce is available to meet the needs of an efficient and effective health care system in Oklahoma. The bill also specifies the duties of the Health Workforce Subcommittee. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB0660**  **Paraphrase:** SB0660, by Sen. Eddie Fields, R-Wynona, authorizes agency administrators to allow food vendors to sell food and Made In Oklahoma products in the parking lots of state agencies or state buildings. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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**SB0754**  **Paraphrase:** SB0754, by Sen. Kimberly David, R-Porter, creates the Commitment to Care for People with Complex Physical Disabilities Act. The bill requires the Oklahoma

Health Care Authority to take into consideration the needs of members with complex physical disabilities. The bill requires the Authority to provide coverage for specialty provider services, specialized equipment and supplies for people with complex physical disabilities. The bill requires the Authority to established rules and policies for certain products and services. The bill establishes specific supplier standards that provide the equipment. The bill establishes rules and regulations for billing. - © 2015 eCapitol, LLC. All rights reserved.

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# Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council's Report



## Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council

Theresa Hamrick, Program Manager

December - February, 2014-2015 Quarterly Report

### Activities

1. Presentation to ECU Rehabilitation Class Dec. 4, 2014.
2. Continue to be a part of the OK Transition Council and attend meetings.
3. Be a member of the WIOA teams as we research how the changes will affect the SRC, Agency and Policy.
4. ORC continues to be an active member of the National Coalition for State Rehabilitation Councils. OK presented at the national leadership training for the NCSRC event in November in Miami, FL.
5. Continue to be a partner on the DRS Policy team and several subcommittees (Forms, Career Tech Relationship & Trade Schools).
6. ORC is working to make the WIOA Redline accessible by reading with others.
7. Met with the Governor's Director of Appointments regarding pending appointments to the ORC. It will be slow since it was an election year and initial appointments will be to the cabinet positions and others before advisory boards and councils.
8. ORC attended the quarterly PM-FC meeting.
9. ORC will attend the 3 public hearing on the FY 2015 Proposed Policy changes in February, in Lawton, Tulsa and OKC.
10. ORC committees are continuing to work on their projects outlined in the strategic plan.

#### Regular Meetings Attended:

- DRS Commission Meetings
- SILC Meetings
- ORC Committee Meetings
- Governor's Council on Workforce and Economic Development
- ORA Board Meeting and/or conference planning meetings
- OK Transition Council
- ABLE Tech Advisory Council
- NCSRC National & Executive Committee

Next ORC meeting will be held February 19, 2015.  
DRS State Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Please visit the ORC web site: [www.okrehabcouncil.org](http://www.okrehabcouncil.org)

Oklahoma Statewide

Independent Living Council

Report

SILC Report to DRS:

In October the OKC Mayor's Awards Luncheon and ADA Special Session were held, and the SILC Director is the Chair of both of these committees. The ADA Special Session had 35 attendees that were architects, facility managers, engineers, etc. present and the speaker was Bill Botten with the US Access Board in D.C. speaking on the changes in the ADA regarding recreation facilities.

Also in October, SILC became the fiduciary agent for SILC Congress, a National organization of SILC Directors that hosts a training event annually.

SILC will now have representation on the ADRC, and the first meeting is in February.

With the help of Kevin Statham, Cheri Warren and other accounting staff, the SILC 704 report was completed and submitted by Sandra Wright on December 27, 2014.

SILC is currently seeking a different solution for our webpage and webpage hosting. There are a couple of options that will be decided on during the SILC meeting.

SILC will once again participate in Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol, Senior Day at the Capitol and the Governor's Conference on Disabilities.

A lot of time has been spent working with Tim Beatty at RSA (now moved over to HHS), Kevin Statham and his staff regarding the issue with Part B dollars.

Thanks to Randy Weaver and Carolyn Pendarvis for working on the office lease and renegotiating it.

**Vocational  
Rehabilitation  
Administrator's  
Report**

## Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator's February Commission Report

Hello good Director and Commissioners, it's hard to believe but we already have the first quarter in the books for the 2015 reporting year. Our wages are up 6.5% coming in at 11.73 per hour. As of today our total applications for VR/VS combined for 2015 is 2,028 which are 57 more than this time last year. We have completed 1,442 plans which are 531 more than this time last year. Our closures at this time are 514 which are 35 less than this time last year.

1. We have several groups looking at the implementation of WIOA. The challenge is that we are still lacking the federal guidelines which are now scheduled to come out in the spring.
2. The NRA Government Summit and CSAVR/NCSAB is coming up. It's great that we continue to be able to send good representation to these national meetings. We are working on our congressional profiles to share on the hill during our visits. Big thanks to Rod Van Stavern, Jean Jones, Theresa Hamrick, and Sandy Wright for their help with this. Also, big thanks to Kim Osmani, Rosemarie Chitwood, Lynn Thompson and Beverly Goeders for their National Leadership they provide

3. I'm extremely proud of the work we are doing in regards to customer quality outcomes. As mentioned above wages are up, and total outcomes remain pretty consistent. I want to also mention that our staff on the front line where our best work is done are helping our customers with an average eligibility determination time frame of 30 days, and IPE development timeframe of 55 days. This is a great example of dedicated work that is getting done. Keep in mind that many of our positions in VR and VS often require out of ordinary hours and being not only in the office but in the community to get the work done.
4. We have begun a statewide roll out for VR in regards to Diabetic Training. I feel that the Webinar that has been provided was very good.
5. We are hoping for a Business Framework Rollout scheduled for April. I really appreciate all the help that Melinda Fruendt is giving us. One of the WIOA requirements is accounting for services provided to business partners.
6. At our last VR PM/Coordinator meeting we recognized staff for longevity. We recognized the following individuals.

### **Length of Service Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015**

**Certificates of Commendation and Lapel Pins were presented to staff on December 11, 2014**

**Vivien E. Adeleye 5 year pin**

**Barbara J. White 5 year pin**

**James A. Gottman 5 year pin**

**Carol L. White 10 year pin**

**Glen M. Baisley 10 year pin**

**Troy A. Kruger 10 year pin**

**Marsha K. Vaughn-Reed 10 year pin**

**Michael S. Goza 15 year pin**

**Connie L. Cowles 25 year pin**

**Lesli K. Lennier 30 year pin**

**Jean Jones 35 year pin**

7. PM's participated in Coaching for Quality Outcomes Training.
8. Kim Osmani reported to me that we have an 80% Placement rate and a 70% Closure rate for our Project Search Sites.
9. We are very close to announcing a VR Specialist IV position

for the Norman area to work with youth that are in out-of-home placements. Kim Osmani has taken the lead in developing the partnerships to help fund this position. The MOU with all the partners was just signed off on.

10. I attended a meeting with the VA in which I was asked to serve on a collaboration board. I believe this will help both VR and the VA in working with customers. The collaborative effort will serve the catchment area that includes OKC. I will also seek to represent VR in the Muskogee area when the VA is ready to pursue that collaborative effort. Doug is also a part of this.

As always, it's an honor to work for this agency, and its staff, and customers.

Thanks,

Mark

**Disability  
Determination  
Administrator's  
Report**

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services  
Disability Determination Division  
Commission Meeting  
2014 EOY and 2015 Projection Report  
Monday, February 9, 2015

- **Workload**

- Federal FY- 2014

- Budgeted Workload (OK and EST) .....87,479

- Completed Workload (OK and EST).....87,479

- Processed Budgeted Workload (OK and EST)..... 100%

- EST Unit cleared 14,340 cases to help California, Louisiana and Arizona with their workloads.

- Federal FY- 2015

- Estimated Workload..... 98,043

- FFY15 workload is projected to increase approximately by 13 percent over FFY14.

- **Processing Time**

The MPT in 2014 ended at 88.5 days. Since FY 2013, DDD’s mean processing time has decreased 6.7 days.

- **Quality**

In FY 2014, the Oklahoma DDD made accurate decisions in 97.6 percent of the initial claims as measured by SSA’s Office of Quality Performance, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation.

- **Staffing and Funding**

In 2014, Oklahoma has received authorization to hire 50 full time staff for the DDD to handle Oklahoma cases, 9 full time staff for the EST Unit to assist other states, and 15 additional Medical Consultant staff. We were able to facilitate 66 of the 74 hires. These hires added an additional 4.5 million to FFY 14’s budget for personnel.

The current projection for hires is the remaining 2014 hires and an additional 7 hires. These hires are for Medical Consultant positions.

FFY14 total budget included \$382,954 to fund Oklahoma’s CDI (Investigative Unit), which currently employs 4 Oklahoma citizens. There are ongoing discussions to expand this unit by 2 additional investigators who will be out stationed in Tulsa at the AG office.

In 2015, DDD is projected to have a total federal budget of 45 million.

SSA currently has not received funding in FFY15 to hire additional staff.



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- **Oklahoma Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) (Fraud) Unit**

- FY 2014 SSA and Non-SSA Savings \$16.8 million.
  - Allegations received - 223
  - Cases Opened – 126
  - Cases Closed – 130
  - Claims Denied or Ceased – 122

- **Oklahoma Benefit Payments**

- In Oklahoma, disabled workers receive average monthly Social Security payments of \$928.
- In Oklahoma, disabled individuals receive average monthly Supplemental Security Income payments of \$492.
- The Social Security Administration currently pays \$173 million per month in disability benefits to 270,538 Title II and Title XVI beneficiaries and dependents in Oklahoma.

This is \$2.08 billion dollars to the State of Oklahoma annually.



# **Ticket to Work Report**

The Ticket to Work program, which has existed in some form since 1999 is an employment program administered by the Social Security Administration. It facilitates employment services to citizens between the ages of 18 and 64 who are currently receiving either SSI or SSDI.

As of 2009 the program was revamped to provide more options to beneficiaries as well as major stakeholders such as DRS. Jennifer LeFlore is the statewide Ticket to Work Coordinator. Ms. LeFlore receives contacts from all beneficiaries who are considering work. In FFY 14, 548 potential clients called the hotline and spoke with her directly about their employment options. Jennifer, being a trained SSA Benefits Planner and CRC uses her knowledge and skills to debunk myths and to alleviate fears these potential clients have while also explaining to them why DRS services could be exactly what they need.

Jennifer also securely submits or adjusts an average of 4000 SSN's per month to SSA to ensure that all DRS clients are marked as In Use in regard to the ticket. This ensures that DRS will be able to collect all available SSA reimbursement opportunities, and is a big reason (along with the in-house work incentives counselors and Laurita Kirksey who handles reimbursement collection) why we continue to maintain our status as one of the best revenue-generating VR agencies. (\$2.16 million in FFY 2014 from 187 clients leaving the disability rolls)

Some clients require additional "follow along" services after the VR closure. In these cases, Jennifer connects them to a contracted vendor of their choice and then monitors progress. This is all done in the background by design so as to not require any extra work on the primary counselor. If the client reaches 9 months of substantial gainful activity level employment, the vendor would be awarded a \$1000 incentive award. This \$1000 incentive is something that DRS will get reimbursed on my SSA just as with direct service costs.

Just as with other SSA VR programs, I have designed this program to maximize opportunities to change the lives of people on SSI/SSDI and allow them to reframe what they thought was possible in terms of employment. Everything is done with the express intent of minimizing impact on counselors in the field. Jennifer can be reached by calling the statewide TTW hotline (866) 882-4515 or by email at [JLeflore@okdrs.gov](mailto:JLeflore@okdrs.gov) . She can also be reached via text at (405) 777-3078.

-- Jason Price, Program Manager II

01/28/2015

**OSD**

**Superintendent's**

**Report**

Oklahoma School for the Deaf  
KaAnn Varner, Superintendent

OSD is a very busy place. We are so proud of the numerous programs and activities that our students and staff are involved in, both on and off campus.

\* We have learned that OSD will again have a 100% graduation rate for the 2014-15 school year.

\* OSD is now in the preliminary rounds composed of 8 schools for Battle of the Books to be held Feb. 4th. If we win this, we will advance to the national and final round at Gallaudet University.

\* OSD Basketball Homecoming was held on Jan. 27th. Commissioner Tucker plans to attend. We went green and utilize a QR code for our homecoming information for the first time ever. Our students were so proud of that.

\* Indians and Lady Indians Basketball teams as well as our Cheerleading squad will travel to Iowa to play in the Great Plains School for the Deaf tournament. Our teams plan to win.

\* The Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessments were conducted on OSD campus Jan. 23 & 24

\* Reading teacher Kristen McCurdy is participating in reading workshops sponsored by the SDE.

\* KaAnn went to Washington DC to participate as part of the PepNet 2 Team representing Oklahoma

\* Senior Days are coming up soon at OSD as well as upcoming state mandated tests for the 5th graders and 8th graders.

- OSD hosted training for Crucial Conversations January 22nd & 23rd; nine OSD supervisors completed the training. Four supervisors from other divisions attended the training as well.

- Stress Management workshop was provided to teachers on January 15th

- Two new security officers attending CLEET training to become certified.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

- HVAC \$330,000: We are expecting contractors to start mandatory on-site walk-thru inspections any day in order to bid on the Heating & Air systems in the Vocational Building
- ROOFING - 262,500: PO's are awarded - work will begin in February
- PARKING LOT EXPANSION - 136,000: Documents to begin encumbrances have been submitted to OMES
- VISUAL COMMUNICATION & ALERT SYSTEM - \$90,000: Documents to begin encumbrances have been submitted to OMES

# Commission

# Minutes

State of Oklahoma  
Commission for Rehabilitation Services  
Department of Rehabilitation Services  
3535 NW 58<sup>th</sup>, Suite 200  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112  
Monday, January 12, 2015

Commissioner Chair, Jack Tucker, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken  
Commissioner Tucker, Commissioner Collins and Commissioner Shelton were present.

Reports:

Director, Joe Cordova, reported on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Fort Sill Dining Contract and a Client Success Story. No discussion

Financial Status Report: A Summary of the Financial Status Report was presented by Kevin Statham. No discussion

Personnel Activity Report: The report was presented by Goli Dunkle. No discussion.

Information Services Report: A summary of administrative updates was presented by Jonathan Woodward. No discussion

Action Items:

Review and approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2014, regular commission meeting. Commissioners Tucker and Collins voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. Commissioner Shelton was not present at the December meeting so he abstained from voting.

Review and approval of Donations for the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Resolution 2015-12. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Review and approval of the Proposed Hearing Aid Rate Increase. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Review and Discussion of Proposed Changes for DRS Internal Policy and DRS Oklahoma Administrative Code Provisions. Proposed changes were presented by Sandra Wright for review only. No approval will be sought until after public hearings.

Announcements:

Date and location of the next regular meeting for the Commission for Rehabilitation Services:

Monday, February 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
Department of Rehabilitation Services

3535 NW 58<sup>th</sup>, Suite 200  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Adjournment: Meeting was declared adjourned by Jack Tucker, Commission Chair.

**OSD**

**Report**

# Executive Summary

## December 2014/January 2015

### OSD Action Item

#### **ISSUE:**

To advise Commission of donations received at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf for December 2014 and January 2015.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Gifts from off-campus individuals and groups and employees.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Superintendent recommends acceptance of gifts from sources listed above.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

(if any)

None.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S)/PACKET SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:**

(list)

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## OSD Donation Report December 2014/January 2015 Donations

<b>Donations Under \$500</b>						
Date	Name	Address, City, State, Zip	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
12/26	OK Assoc. of Disability Examiners	9801 N. Kelly Avenue. OK City, OK 73131	\$100.00			\$100.00
12/26	R. F. Hamilton III	P.O. Box 52189 Tulsa, OK. 74152	\$400.00			\$400.00
			Subtotal of Cash (under \$500) donated in December 2014/January 2015			<u>\$500.00</u>

<b>Donations \$500 and Over</b>						
Date	Name	Address, City, State, Zip	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
12/3	Pockets: Home of the Mattress Pocket	911 W 14th St., Sulphur, OK 73086			90 XL Single Twin Dorm for boys/girls	\$7,198.20
1/6	USAO SNEA/KDP	1727 W. Alabama, Chickasha, OK 73018			56 books	\$560.00
			Subtotal of Cash (\$500 and Over) donated in December 2014/January 2015			<u>\$7,758.20</u>
					<b>Total of Value</b>	<b><u>\$8,258.20</u></b>

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
COMMISSION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES  
RESOLUTION 2015-13  
February 9, 2015

RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMISSION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING IN CONFORMANCE WITH SB 356, O.S. Section 166.2 Title 74:

Donations to the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in December 2014 and January 2015 , from individuals, groups and employees.

Approved in regular session on February 9, 2015.

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Jack Tucker, Chair  
Commission for Rehabilitation Services

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**OSB**

**Report**

# Executive Summary

## January 2015

### OSB Action Item

#### ISSUE:

Advise Commission of donations received by Oklahoma School for the Blind in January, 2015

#### BACKGROUND:

Gifts from individuals, groups and employees.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Superintendent recommends acceptance of gifts from sources listed above.

#### BUDGET IMPACT: (if any)

#### ATTACHMENT(S)/PACKET SUPPORT DOCUMENTS: (list)

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## OSB Donation Report January 2015 Donations

**Donations under \$500**

Date	Name	Address, City, State, Zip	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
01.07.15	Box Tops for Education	350 Victor Highland Park, MI 48203	\$220.00	701 – Library		
01.07.15	R.F. Hamilton	P. O. Box 52189 Tulsa, OK 74152	\$400.00	701 – Recreation		
01.07.15	OKADE	P. O. Box 24400 Oklahoma City, OK 73134	\$100.00	701 – Rec/Needy		
01.08.15	ATTN: Bruce Smith Peggy Pate	3218 Jeannie Lane Muskogee, OK 74403	\$50.00	216 – Tech. Fund		
01.08.15	J Tommy and Gloria Jobe	807 Rockwood Drive Nolensville, TN 37135	\$50.00	216 – Tech. Fund		
01.08.15	John & Gwen Coburn	3420 River Bend Road Muskogee, OK 74403	\$50.00	216 – Tech. Fund		
01.08.15	Gail & Judy Hiebert	Route 1 Box 840 Webbers Falls, OK 74470	\$100.00	216 – Tech. Fund		
01.19.15	Sherry Holder	3789 Elm Grove Road Muskogee, OK 74403			2 computer mice	\$14.00
01.19.15	Frank T Dirksen	1469 Meridian Avenue San Jose, CA 95125	\$225.00	701 - Braille Challenge		

**Subtotal of Cash (under \$500) donated January 2015**      **\$1,195.00**      **Subtotal of Value**      **\$14.00**  
**Donations \$500 and over**

01.08.15	Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation	401 S. Boston Ave. Ste. 900 Tulsa, OK 74103-4012	\$5,000.00	701 - Close-Up/Space Camp		
01.19.15	Helping Hands for Kids	3535 NW 58 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 500, OKCY 73112	\$500.00	701 – Rec/Needy		
01.26.15	Lawton Patriots Lions Club	P. O. Box 3540 Lawton, OK 73502-3540	\$3,000.00			
<b>Subtotal of Cash (\$500 and over) donated In Jan. 2015</b>			<b>\$8,500.00</b>		<b>Subtotal of Value</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Total Donation Amts.- Cash and Property for Jan. 2015**      **\$9,709.00**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
COMMISSION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES  
RESOLUTION 2015-14  
February 9, 2015

RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMISSION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING IN CONFORMANCE WITH SB 356, O.S. Section 166.2 Title 74:

Donations to the Oklahoma School for the Blind in January 15, 2015, from individuals, groups and employees.

Approved in regular session on February 9, 2015.

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Jack Tucker, Chair  
Commission for Rehabilitation Services

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# **Legislative Bills for Possible Approval**

DRS Slate of Legislative Bill Requests:

SB 60 by Sen. Earl Garrison, D-Muskogee, and SB 146 by Sen. Frank Simpson, R-Ardmore, which exempts the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf from the A-F school grading system.

SB 149, by Sen. Earl Garrison, D-Muskogee, which provides that expenditures of funds appropriated to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for educational programs or educational materials for the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf be in accordance with procedures adopted by the Commission for Rehabilitation Services in consultation with the State Purchasing Director.

SB 153, by Sen. Kimberly David, R-Porter, increases the number of unclassified employees in the Disability Determination Division of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services from a total number of 14 to 21.

SB 156, by Sen. Earl Garrison, D-Muskogee, exempts the Oklahoma school for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf from certain requirements concerning the disposition of state-owned property.

Session starts February 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Governor's state of the state and release of the Governor's budget. Let the fun begin.