



**OKLAHOMA**  
**Rehabilitation Services**

# Commission for Rehabilitation Services



Commissioners Theresa Flannery and  
Wes Hilliard

Special Meeting  
and Video Conferencing

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

May 8, 2023

Empowering Oklahomans with Disabilities

**State of Oklahoma - Commission for Rehabilitation Services  
Regular Commission Meeting**

**May 8, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.**

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services  
3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 200  
Oklahoma City, OK

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Wes Hilliard, Commission Acting Chair  
Theresa Flannery, Commission Member

**AGENDA**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair
- 2. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act.** Carol Brown, Commission Assistant
- 3. Review and discussion with possible vote for approval of the April 10, 2023, Commission for Rehabilitation Services regular meeting minutes.** Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair (PAGE 2)
- 4. Presentation of Certificates and Executive Director's Report.** Melinda Freundt
  - A. Presentation of Executive Director's Certificates.
  - B. Executive Director's report with possible Commission discussion. The report includes remembrance of Ms. Rosita Pamplin, retired Visual Service's secretary; the Executive Director's meetings with staff, and state meetings; and update on self-referral online portal, and Process Improvement. **(PAGE 10)**
- 5. Priority Group Updates and SBVI Director's Report.** Tracy Brigham
  - A. Priority Group Updates with possible Commission discussion. Report includes status of all Priority Groups II and III.
  - B. Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired report with possible Commission discussion. Her report includes updates on Field Services, OLBPH, AIM Center, BEP, Business Services, Transition and Director's activities. **(PAGE 13)**

**6. Chief Financial Officer's Report.** Kevin Statham

A. Financial report with possible Commission discussion of FY 2023 as of March 31, 2023. **(PAGE 24)**

B. Presentation of 2025 2032 DRS Capital outlay Request with possible Commission discussion. **(PAGE 32)**

**7. Human Resource Director's Report.** Tom Patt

Personnel Activity report with possible Commission discussion, as of April 30, 2023. The activity report has the current FTE status. **(PAGE 41)**

**8. Legislative Liaison's report.** Jennifer Hardin

Legislative report with possible Commission discussion. This report includes DRS Request Bills, Direct Impact bills, and a Bill status report. **(PAGE 48)**

**9. Success Story.** Cheryl Snow, Program Manager and Liz Scheffe, Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Success Story with possible Commission discussion. **(PAGE 66)**

**10. Oklahoma Independent Living Council.** Sidna Madden Trimmell, Executive Director

Review and discussion with possible Commission discussion. Mrs. Madden Trimmell's report contains her SILC activities. **(PAGE 69)**

**11. Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council.** Carolina Colclasure, Program Manager

Review and discussion with possible Commission discussion. The report includes updates on ORC committees. **(PAGE 71)**

**12. Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Donation Report.** Kevin Treese

Review and discussion with possible vote for approval of the April 2023 donations to the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. **(PAGE 74)**

**13. Oklahoma School for the Blind Donation Report.** Rita Echelle

Review and discussion with possible vote for approval of the April 2023 donations to the Oklahoma School for the Blind. **(PAGE 76)**

**14. Oklahoma School for the Deaf Donation Report.** Dr. Heather Laine

Review and discussion with possible vote for approval of the April 2023 donations to the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. **(PAGE 78)**

**15. New Business (“Any matter not known about, org which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting” 25 O.S. § 311).** Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair

**16. Announcements.** Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 12, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

3535 NW 58th Street 2nd Floor

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

**17. Public Comments.** Public

Under Oklahoma Open Meeting Laws, the Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services cannot respond to or discuss any matter not on today’s agenda.

**18. Adjourn.** Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair

# COMMISSION MINUTES

**Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services**  
**Department of Rehabilitation Services**  
**In-Person and Videoconferencing**  
**Commission Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**

Wes Hilliard, Commission Acting Chair  
Theresa Flannery, Commission Member

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Commission Acting Chair Hilliard. Two Commissioners were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Wes Hilliard, Commission Acting Chair  
Theresa Flannery, Commission Member

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Carol Brown, Commission Assistant confirmed the Commission for Rehabilitation Services follows the Open Meetings Act.

**REPORTS**

**PRESENTATION OF LONGEVITY CERTIFICATES**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard presented three Longevity Certificates.

**Candrace “Candy” Murrell** received her certificate for fifty **(50) years** of service to the state. She is married to Arthur and has one son Valdez. She attends Great Mt. Olive Church and loves helping people; always staying busy. She worked twenty-six (26) years at Children’s Hospital, then worked two (2) years at the Historical Society and then arrived at DRS. She has worked for Lynda Collins, David Couch, Goli Dunkle and currently Randy Weaver.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Scheffe** received her certificate for twenty-five **(25) years** of service to DRS. She is married to Darwin and has two sons, Luke, and Daniel. She is an avid reader, active in her church and was a Boy Scout mom for fifteen (15) years. Liz is currently an O & M (Orientation and Mobility) Specialist for SBVI (Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired). She grew up in Texas and moved to Oklahoma to accept the O & M position. She currently serves clients in the Oklahoma City metro area and throughout fifteen (15) counties in southwest Oklahoma. Liz is committed to ensuring her low vision and blind clients can travel independently and access public transportation.

**Tammie Jones** received her certificate for twenty-five **(25) years** of service to the state. Tammie is very active in her church and loves to play the piano. She is currently a Programs Manager for SBVI and has worked as a VR Specialist (counselor) for both VR and Visual Services. Tammie also served for four (4) years as an assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She holds an LPC and is wholeheartedly committed to providing excellent services to our clients, vendors, and the community.

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard remarked with just three people there was one hundred (100) years of services. Both commissioners congratulated all three recipients on their service to the state of Oklahoma.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Executive Director Melinda Freundt. Mrs. Freundt said she had twenty-seven (27) certificates to present.

Her first certificate was presented to **Jonathon Cook** for obtaining CVRT (Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist) credits for instructional staff with ACVREP (Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals). Jonathon is now able to issue the CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) to staff who have their certifications.

**Penny Sprague** of Finance for completing 100% of the payroll required certificates.

**Wendy Bohannon and Casandra Moore**, VR Counselor and Tech for assisting a client to get PT (Physical Therapy) out of his home location. This client had to stay with a relative away from his hometown and they secured PT for him where his relative resides.

**Lea Ann Dozier**, VR Tech for covering several caseloads and multitasking when the VR area lost three (3) Techs. Leann showed compassion for the clients and no client services were late or not taken care of.

**Daniel Lee**, Management Services, for the extra steps beyond his position to ensure testing documents were sent to Tulsa for immediate use.

**PWDAD LEADERS: Jody Harlan, Brett Jones, Melinda Bunch, Chris Kennedy, Debbie Trout, Liz Scheffe, Christina Presgrove, Lynn Cragg, Rita Echelle, Chuck Schimmels, Josh DeBord, Brian Freshour, John Keene, Kristyl O'Neal-Nelms, McKinsey Hayes, Kara Scheffe, and Chrisa Schimmels.** Each and everyone of these individuals worked tirelessly to assist vendors, clients, and staff for 2023 PWDAD. They each secured individuals to assist them in this endeavor.

**Dana Tallon**, Communications was nominated by Jody Harlan for her continued devotion to each PWDAD. She is constantly streamlining the methods of operations and works tirelessly for PWDAD along with her other duties in Communication.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Melinda Fruendt, Executive Director. Mrs. Fruendt's gave a remembrance of a retired Visual Services counselor, James Cooper. He passed away on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ada. He worked in the field of rehabilitation from 1972 until his retirement in 2002. James was an insightful person who inspired countless clients and mentored many agency staff throughout his years in the field, including Field Coordinators Alisa Proctor and Teresa McDermott. James is remembered by all as a person who "told it like it was" but had a genuine helping heart. His passions included hunting and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was always committed to providing quality services to Oklahomans with disabilities. James was very active with Boy Scouts and served as Scoutmaster of Troop 12 in Ada for over 20 years. He passed away before he could be presented the Gold Eagle Award by the BSA (Boy Scouts of America) and this was presented to his family in his honor. He is survived by his wife Kay and two (2) sons Steven and Jeremy; twelve (12) grandchildren and was preceded in death by his son Jimmy.

### *Meetings*

Mrs. Fruendt gave a brief report on all the meetings she attended in February, March and April.

### *RSA Monitoring and Technical Assistance*

Mrs. Fruendt reminded everyone of the on-site visit the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> by the RSA (Rehabilitation Services Administration).

### *Accessibility Professionals Association*

Mrs. Fruendt wanted to acknowledge **Charles Watt** for his participation in APA (Accessibility Professionals Association). He is currently serving as President-Elect of APA. Mr. Watt is excited to be an integral part of the push to extend its notoriety, relevance, and reach. He also took and passed the National certification test.

### *OSB Parent Engagement Program*

OSB staff spent two (2) weekends in Oklahoma City receiving specialized training for parents and grandparents in techniques for working with their blind/visually impaired children.

### *Process Improvement*

#### *Aware*

This group is involved in developing responses and reports in preparation for the RSA Monitoring visits.

#### *Case Review*

Caseload audit on closed cases was conducted. Also, an audit on a targeted caseload, with results given to the Program manager.

### *Program Standards, Statistical Research*

This group continues to work with satisfaction surveys.



## **PRIORITY GROUP UPDATE**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Mark Kinnison, Vocational Rehabilitation Director. Mr. Kinnison reported two hundred and two (202) were released from Priority Group II. Currently there is one thousand forty-three (1043) in Priority Group II and one hundred fifty-two (152) in Priority Group III, with a total wait list of one thousand one hundred ninety-five (1,195).

## **FINANCIAL STATUS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Statham reported on FY 2023 as of February 28, 2023.

## **PERSONNEL ACTIVITY**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Tom Patt, Human Services Director. Mr. Patt reported on the Personnel activity as of March 31, 2023. Mr. Patt introduced Tammie Jones of SBVI who introduced a **new employee Laura Rees**, a VR Tech in Lawton SBVI office. Mrs. Jones introduced Stacey Birchfield of SBVI who introduced two **new employees Quaid Johnson**, Counselor in Ada, and **Karen Waller-Hill** Rehabilitation Teacher in McAlester.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Jennifer Hardin, Legislative Liaison. Ms. Hardin reported as of January 19, 2023, there were three thousand seven hundred seventy-two (3,772) bills filed, and as of March 23, 2023, there were one thousand (1,000) bills left after March Committee and Floor deadlines.

Her report also gave up to date information on the status of DRS Request Bills and Direct DRS Impact Bills.

## **SUCCESS STORY**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Mark Kinnison, VR Director. Mr. Kinnison introduced Amy Jenkins. She qualified for career counseling, tuition assistance and other employment services from Vocational Rehabilitation. VR assisted Miss Jenkins with her education at Eastern Oklahoma State College and Oklahoma State University. She is employed at ONE Gas, and they funded her master's degree from Oklahoma Christian University. She began her career at ONE Gas as a temporary customer service representative in 2005 and was promoted to a series of jobs with increasing responsibility over seventeen (17) years, including contract analyst and helping commercial and industrial customers purchase natural gas. Miss Jenkins said VR was great in helping her evaluate her skills and figure out what kinds of employment she wanted to do. Due to a form of Muscular Dystrophy called Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease she had peripheral nerve damage and loss of sensation in arms and legs. When she was transitioning from walking with crutches to being in a wheelchair, VR opened a new case to assist with modifications to her van and home to accommodate her new wheelchair. Amy said these modifications assist her in becoming independent in all areas of her life. She thanks VR for all they have done and was honored to come to our Commission meeting and talk about her successful life's story.

## **OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Dr. Heather Laine, OSD Superintendent. Dr. Laine reported on activities by students, updates on operations, and Family and Early Childhood services. Dr. Laine also reported on renovations on the campus. She included informational updates on Special Education Department, Instructional Program, Outreach Department, ASL Services and Student Life in dorms, clubs, and athletics.

## **COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Jody Harlan, Communications Director. Mrs. Harlan gave an update on the stats for the 2023 PWDAD, showing six hundred fifty-three (653) attended. She also wanted to reiterate those who were 2022 PWDAD Award winners. Jody gave an update on all the different areas within her department, and a list of all the media stories from January through March 2023.

## **OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Rita Echelle, OSB Superintendent. Mrs. Echelle showed a video of all the activities and programs. The video was very informative and allowed everyone to see different areas of the school.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard asked for a motion and vote to approve the March 31, 2023, Commission for Rehabilitation Services Special Meeting Minutes.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Acting Chair Hilliard to approve the March 31, 2023, minutes. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.***

### **REQUEST TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON NEW RATES FOR PRIVATE, TRADE, BARBER, AND COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Kathy Lowry, Manager/Compliance Officer. Mrs. Lowry asked the Commission to review and discuss with a possible vote "New Rates for private trade, barber, and cosmetology Schools". The previous rates were abolished at the Commission Meeting March 31, 2023.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery "to accept the new proposed rates as follows: for Private Trade Schools \$7.15 per clock hour or \$114.40 per credit hour; Barber Schools \$4056.80 for 1500 hours/\$2.70 per hour; and Cosmetology Schools \$3646.50 for 1500 hours/\$2.43 per hour" and seconded by Commission Acting Chair Hilliard. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.***

### **REQUEST TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR PRIVATE CONTRACTED VOCATIONAL EVALUATORS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Kathy Lowry, Manager/Compliance Officer and Terri Williams Murphy, Field Services Coordinator. Mrs. Lowry asked Mrs. Murphy to discuss the increase with the Commission. Mrs. Murphy asked the

Commission to review, with discussion and a possible vote on an increase in rates for private contracted vocational evaluators. She further stated the rates had not been reviewed in the past twelve years and to be in alignment with federal rates need to be increased.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery to accept the increase rates for private contracted Vocational Evaluators to \$750 per evaluation. This increase excludes the cost of testing materials, which are the responsibility of the evaluators, with DRS input as to tests used during evaluations." Motion was seconded by Commission Acting Chair Hilliard. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.***

Commissioner Flannery asked if the rates could be reviewed more frequently to prevent a twelve (12) year gap from happening again. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Lowry both agreed these rates could be reviewed every other year. Commissioner Flannery agreed with them.

### **OKLAHOMA LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (OLBPH) DONATIONS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Kevin Treese, OLBPH Programs Manager. Mr. Treese reported on the March 2023 OLBPH donations.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Acting Chair Hilliard to approve the March 2023, OLBPH donations. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.***

### **OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF DONATIONS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Dr. Heather Laine, OSD Superintendent. Dr. Laine reported on two items in December 2022, which were inadvertently left off, and February and March 2023 OSD Donations. January 2023 donations were reported in the February 13, 2023, meeting.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Acting Chair Hilliard to approve two items in December 2022, and February and March 2023 OSD donations. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.***

### **OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND DONATIONS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard recognized Rita Echelle, OSB Superintendent. Mrs. Echelle reported the February and March 2023 OSB donations.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Acting Chair Hilliard to approve the February and March 2023 OSB donations. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard asked if there was any New Business. There was none.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard announced the date and location of next regular meeting of the Commission for Rehabilitation Services is **May 8, 2023**, at 10:30 a.m., DRS State office 3535 NW 58<sup>th</sup> Street, 2nd Floor Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commission Acting Chair Hilliard asked if there were any public comments. Jonathon Cook said there were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion was made by Commission Acting Chair Hilliard and seconded by Commissioner Flannery to adjourn. Both Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion passed***

**Respectfully submitted by Carol Brown, Commission Assistant  
April 10, 2023**

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**  
**May 8, 2023**

**Remembrance**

**Ms. Rosita Pamplin**, passed away on April 24. She was retired from DHS where she served the state as a VR Secretary. She lived and worked in Lawton. She is the Mother of retired DVR employee, Wayne Pamplin. She will be missed.

**Executive**

April

13 – OK/TX IPSE Summit Legislative Meeting.

14 – Presented a Welcome to the OK/TX IPSE Summit.

15-19 – CSAVR Spring Conference, Bethesda, Maryland.

26 – 27 – VR/SBVI Employee Engagement and Retention and Organizational/Culture Change Training for Program Managers, Field Coordinator's, Division Administrator's, and DRS Director. This will be a four-day training. Next training set for end of May.

28 – Governor's Council on Workforce and Economic Development Meeting.

May

1 – Welcome at VR/SBVI New Employee Academy.

2 – VR/SBVI Performance Team Meeting.

3 – Workforce Core Partners Leadership Meeting.

4 – Human Services Cabinet Meeting.

**VR/SBVI Self-Referral Online Portal Update**

As of January 19, 2023 through April 27, 2023 there have been 184 referrals.

**Process Improvement (PI)**

**AWARE**

The AWARE team:

Continues to work on the project with Alliance Enterprises and the University of Missouri to develop a portal for importing Pre-ETS provided by the University of Oklahoma directly into AWARE.

Nearing completion of manually entering Pre-ETS data submitted by the University of Oklahoma for the third quarter into AWARE.

Brenda Brasher, AWARE team member, assisted in training at the Rehab Tech 101 training event for VR/SBVI rehabilitation technicians.

Currently testing a new version of AWARE that should be installed in Production once testing is completed if no critical issues are found.

## **Case Review**

The QA team completed a quarterly, open case review to evaluate compliance with Federal regulations.

A Spreadsheet is monitored by both Reviewers and updated monthly showing the number of cases assigned to each Program Manager for audit. Purpose is to ensure each office is reviewed on a quarterly bases, documenting the number of cases reviewed by each Reviewer.

## **Program Standards, Statistical Research**

The research staff:

Finalized the 2023 Open Case Client Satisfaction report.

Working with the ICRC staff on a survey.

Met with the OLBPH staff to initiate planning for the 2023 OLBPH adult patron survey.

Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> RSA pre-onsite monitoring call and gave a brief recap of the 2020-2022 Statewide Needs Assessment report.

Continue to work on Power BI training and accessibility.

Attended the AbleTech TechAccess Oklahoma free virtual conference.

***Respectfully submitted by  
Melinda Freundt, Executive Director***

**SERVICES  
FOR THE BLIND  
AND VISUALLY  
IMPAIRED REPORT**



## **ASBVI Commission Report**

**May 8, 2023**

### **Field Services**

#### January

SBVI held a field-wide Immersion Training. This event brought together all field staff including counselors, techs, PMs and instructional staff. The purpose was for staff to practice skills such as using specific assistive technology devices, writing their names, counting money, practicing kitchen activities such as cutting, chopping, pouring liquids, sweeping, practicing O&M exercises such as using a cane and human guide exercises. All activities were done under blindfold so staff could truly experience, for a little while, what it is like to have to perform daily activities as a blind person. The day included eating lunch while blindfolded as well.

Cheryl Snow and Julie Bailey met with the State election board to discuss absentee voting for persons with disabilities. They were able to give valuable input that will potentially help blind and visually impaired voters in Oklahoma to be able to access their ballots.

#### February

OSB hosted #WhatsNext Career Day program. This program consisted of breakout sessions pertaining to employment, skills development and preparation for employment, which were presented by OSB Staff and PreEts Specialists as well as DRS and other agency staff. There was also a vendor area set up in the new gym to disseminate information pertaining to SBVI services, PreETS, college training programs, assistive technology products and programs and other pertinent topics and resources. High school students from OSB and surrounding schools participated, and it was a huge success!

SBVI staff participated in Senior Day at the Capitol, hosted by Oklahoma Alliance on Aging. Pam Holloway and Liz Scheffe set up a table to disseminate information about DRS, specifically the Older Blind program and SBVI services for older people with blindness or low vision with skills training.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the Weatherford Office with the Chamber of Commerce, SBVI, VR and Business Services. This ribbon cutting was to celebrate new connections that have been made in the Weatherford community. The event created opportunities for networking with our VR and SBVI staff. Chris Wishon, Business Services, helped put together the event and Tammie Jones, SBVI PM, served as the PM Host and spoke about the services DRS can provide.

Regional Family Meetings with DDSD were provided by DDSD and DRS staff in February and March. The goal of these meetings is to educate and connect families and individuals as they prepare to come off the waitlist for DDSD services and connect them with providers who serve in the counties where they live. These meetings were held in person in Ardmore, Norman, Broken Arrow, Stillwater, and Oklahoma City.

#### March

Staff participated in the annual PWDAD which was held at the Oklahoma History Center. Tables were set up to showcase our services including SBVI employment services, Assistive

technology services, Older Blind and independent living services, Business Enterprise Services and OLBPH services. Hannah (Smith) Dangle was celebrated as SBVI's client of the year!

SBVI field staff Charity Eidson, Deitra Woody and Trey Lewis had an opportunity to speak to 6 resident physicians at Dean McGee Eye Institute during their grand rounds about our services. They discussed how SBVI staff can work with the physicians in helping their patients gain independence. The physicians were very interested and staff were able to converse freely to provide more details about services and exactly how SBVI can help these patients/clients to live as independently as possible.

Liz Scheffe has been collaborating with the City of Lawton to create 3-D maps for city buildings. This is a very exciting project because of the implications it can provide for our clients in that area and potentially open doors for collaborations in other areas.

April

Magan Rowan and Cheryl Snow met with librarians, marketing, and promotions staff from the Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City at the DRS career planning center to present ways to make libraries more accessible to patrons with low vision. There were approximately 27 in attendance. Areas covered were: SBVI programs, disability etiquette, accessible signage and printed materials, use of lighting and contrast, low- and high-tech magnification, screen readers, computer accessibility and a time for Q&A. Provision of short-term loaner items for library display cases were offered. This meeting originally derived from an inquiry from a lady at the Village Library about creating an accessible workstation in the library.

VIBE has really taken off this Spring. This year the team implemented "mini-VIBES" which consist of 3 days of training in rural areas. Mini-VIBES have been conducted in Woodward and Ponca City so far. The plan is to continue with 2 or 3 mini-VIBES in the spring and fall each year. The summer VIBE programs are scheduled for June and July for both Adult and Transition participants on the campus of OSB.

SBVI staff are to be commended for working so hard on this program and making a difference in people's lives. We continue to get videos from participants explaining the significant impact this program has on them.

The McAlester Lion's Club held a White Cane Day. Lion's Clubs provide glasses and some visual aids in the community so they asked for representatives from SBVI to speak about services. Brad Wiggin, O&M Specialist from Ada, and Sarah Wiggin, Rehabilitation Teacher from Ada were the keynote speakers for the lunch meeting.

The National Association of Workforce Boards Conference in Washington, D. C. was attended by SBVI staff Chris Brannaman, Stacey Birchfield, Yasmin Guillen and Tracy Brigham. The training conference provided an opportunity to learn about policy, initiatives, trends, WIOA and hear practical examples of its application.

The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation was held in Bethesda, MD and was attended by SBVI staff Tracy Brigham, Renee Briscoe and Yasmin Guillen. The training was provided in collaboration with Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center on Quality Management (VRTAC-QM), Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center on Quality Employment (VRTAC-QE), National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative (NTAC:C) and

the National Council on State Administrators for the Blind (NCSAB). The focus of the training conference was maximizing VR resources and increasing outcomes.

The National Council of State Agencies for the Blind was held in conjunction with CSAVR. SBVI staff Tracy Brigham, Teresa McDermott, Renee Briscoe and Yasmin Guillen attended the training conference which featured updates in areas such as Older Blind Services, Randolph Sheppard and Transition on the federal level. There were also vendor speakers and booths to visit featuring new products for blind and visually impaired individuals. Attendance of these types of conferences helps keep us at the forefront of trends and new data pertaining to our specialized service delivery to those populations.

Rehabilitation Teacher Debbie Eagle was interviewed on FOX 23 in Tulsa about the Older Blind program, Braille training and how SBVI programs can help Oklahomans with blindness or low vision to live and work independently. Participating in media events such as this helps us get the word out to the public about DRS.

#### New Hires

3 Rehabilitation Technicians, Debbie Bothroyd, Chickasha, Kimberly Tomagos, OKC and Laura Rees, Lawton  
Counselor, Quaid Johnson, Ada  
Rehabilitation Teacher, Karen Waller-Hill, McAlester  
Part-time AT Trainer, Hannah Dangle, Oklahoma City

#### Vacancies

Counselors in Weatherford, OKC, Tulsa and McAlester  
AT Specialist, Norman

## **OLBPH**

The library received 42 prototypes of the next generation of talking book players. The OLBPH is one of four NLS regional libraries piloting these new players. The main upgrade is the capability to download audiobooks directly to the player via an internet connection which removes the need to download first from another personal computer.

For the first time in 5 years there will be a preK-12 Summer Reading Program June 1, through July 31, 2023!!! This program will be solely virtual. Most participants will be from out of the metro area, making it difficult to attend an in-person reward party. Feedback from participants will guide us in deciding whether or not to add the in-person element next year.

The Joan Blake Memorial Tree has been purchased and planted. OSLS and donations assisted with the cost of the tree and plaque. The ground was broken and a dedication ceremony held last year but, due to the time of year, the tree planting was held off until spring.

Single-title cartridges will be a thing of the past. Library staff have been working to move cartridges out of the building.

The library was very involved with PWDAD having both a library and AIM Center table and helping with legislative visits.

The AIM Center is refocusing efforts on early childhood, birth to 5 years old, to try and get parents involved with the AIM Center. If the parents know about the services when their children are very young, they will be involved more once the children enter public schools. There is a shortage of Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) and a high turnover rate of teachers and Special Education staff. We must keep the parents educated about our center so they will know to order products for their students when the schools don't.

Studio update – “Oklahoma Today”, the state Tourism’s bi-monthly magazine is now available again for library patrons after COVID and hiring new staff.

Library numbers:

Audiobook circulation SFY '23 as of 04/23 = 276,856

Duplication on Demand (DoD) SFY '23 as of 04/23 = 276,787

AIM Center Students Served SFY '23 as of 04/23 PreK- Grade 12 = 1,087

AIM Center Students Served SFY '23 as of 04/23 Birth-3 Years = 428

### **AIM Center**

The Early Childhood program for students Birth to 5 years old has exploded! The AIM Center now has 57 parents actively ordering products for their children, up from 13 last year. The first three months of 2023 compared to the first three months of 2022 has shown an increase in services for our Early Childhood group by 223.8%!

AIM Center Director, Pepper Watson, has been instrumental in the growth of the program. She talks directly to TVIs in the schools to find out skills students lack when they enter the public-school systems and then features products from the AIM Center collection that focuses on these skills. For example, products that have a tactile element and help children build finger and hand strength as well as hand-eye coordination so they can easily push the keys on a Perkins Brailler when this skill is taught.

Every two weeks an email is sent out with a “Featured Product” for various age groups (Infant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-year-olds). The age groups are rotate so staff aren't completely overwhelmed with orders for Featured Products and can still manage the many orders received from schools. It's also a challenge to make sure there are enough products to meet the demands, which varies from product to product.

A sample of a two-week period in April indicates the number of active students registered in that age group.

Weeks of April 17 and 24:

Infants=7      1 yr=45      2 yr=56      3 yr=60      4 yr=32      5 yr=29

## **BEP**

2 new Vending Facility Business Consultants have been hired to support the program and Licensed Vendors in the field. Beau Renfrow began in February and has been a great asset to the team. The second hire is in the process currently.

Vacancies: BEP Operations Coordinator; Vending Operations Manager; Vending Facility Business Consultant; Vending Facility Technician (3)

Site surveys continue regularly. One of the newest facilities is a snack bar located in the USPS Distribution Center in OKC.

The Licensed Vendor training program is a work in progress and now includes an online curriculum developed by the National Association of Blind Merchants. This curriculum, in combination with in-house training by our staff and hands-on training in vending and snack bars by experienced Licensed Vendors, will hopefully result in the best training we can provide for clients entering the program.

The statewide purchase contract has allowed for the purchase of equipment. Older machines have been replaced and credit card readers have been placed on machines that did not have them which will potentially increase the earning potential for Licensed Vendors. The purchase contract also allows for equipment to be purchased as new sites are developed.

## **Business Services**

Ditch Witch partnership and externship.

Participation with the Claremore Chamber of Commerce and lunch at the Governor's Mansion including interaction with the Governor himself talking about our services to businesses.

Green Country BAC on April 18th where we invited our Transition Colleagues to talk about their amazing Summer Programs

Participation of the BSP team at the OKHR State Conference

Participation as a speaker at the Non-Traditional Hiring panel at the OKHR conference.

New partnership with the OK Forestry Services and externships offered for DRS clients

Creation of a newsletter.

Presentation to Shanake Turbo Disability and Inclusion Consortium with more than 150 businesses in attendance.

New fliers were created about Windmills Disability Awareness Training.

Placements in Green country

Vast OKC and OKC Community Foundation were referred to us by Ditch Witch and UCO.

Speakers at the national panel of the Direct Employees Association about BIPOC and Disability.

103 participants at the Ability-focused job fair in collaboration with Dale Rogers Training Center.

Attendance at the Elevate training with the OKC Chamber of Commerce

Continuing to work with our vendors and connect them with resources. They are requesting our assistance and we are jumping in to assist. DRS Business Services and DRS as a whole is becoming a first-line resource for others.

## Transition

Transition continues to maintain relationships and provide resources around the state to and with Pre-ETS. The 23 Pre-Employment Transition Specialists are still currently working with students and schools on providing Pre-ETS services. OU has also hired 4 work skills trainers through the Pre-ETS contract to assist with engaging students aged 14 – 21 and enrolled in school to support independent living and work. They will be increasing inclusion in the communities and competitive integrated workplaces. They will be collaborating with workforce partners, counselors, Pre-ETS, etc. to coordinate and provide technical assistance to employers, high schools and others. They will also assist in organizing, and participating in transition fairs, job fairs, trade shows, and other appropriate community events that promote employment and career opportunities for young adults with disabilities.

COWIB has completed a contract to provide 2 work skills trainers as a pilot going forward this school year and they will be working with the IPSE programs as well as other Pre-ETS programs around the state. This will allow students to work during high school and gain work experience with some support. They will also be utilized tremendously for BEST STEP summer camps.

The Pre-ETS contract continues to work with Not Your Average Joe (NYAJ) and the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DASCO). NYAJ has some opportunities for transition-aged youth that we are working on. NYAJ opened a Work Based Learning site at the downtown library in OKC, and they have partnered with Pre-ETS to provide Pre-ETS services to 16-21 years old for OKC public and Project SEARCH.

DASCO has another opportunity with a Self-Advocacy center that has opened that we are participating in. STEM camp for DSACO was held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Randall is now a member of the transition team including Stacey Dutton and Chris Compton. Stacey will continue to serve the North side of the state with new growth, expansion opportunities, WAT, summer camps, and much more. Kevin will now serve the South side of the state with new growth, expansion opportunities, WAT, summer camps, and much more. Chris continues to do great work with SWS, newsletters, online applications, QR codes, and data tracking (regarding applications, work skills trainers, Project SEARCH, and counselors in each area) for all summer camps, etc. The team is strong, and we are looking forward to the expansion of all the programs.

Kevin hit the ground running and became the first elected treasurer for Supporting Minorities with Disabilities Coalition (SMWDC). The coalition aims to provide resources and supports for minorities with disabilities, including transition-aged youth.

The National Center for Disability Education and Training (NCDET) and the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) continue the peer mentoring program, adapted from Peer Mentoring Works, for mentees (high-school students) aged 16-21 and mentors aged 18-26. The program aims to foster self-advocacy, establish a network, and increase confidence within both mentor and mentee. The pair will be matched in line with their career, academic, and/or social interests. Through regular meetings, mentors and mentees will have the opportunity to explore self-determination skills, career interests, disability resource navigation, and so much more.

The #NXT Conference/Career Day at OSB sponsored by OSB, The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and The University of Oklahoma – National Center for Disability Education and Training (OU/NCDET) designed specifically for High School Juniors and Seniors in the Muskogee outlying high schools' special education departments. This conference was

intended to help students plan and progress through the next steps in their high school careers.

Spring of 2023, Central Tech will host 2 more conferences for students for Freshmen – Juniors

#### School Work Study (SWS) Contracts

319 contracts signed to date.

New FY24 contracts have begun. Chris Compton and Jim Kettler keep that information updated.

#### Work Adjustment Training (WAT) Contracts

14 contracts signed to date.

CREOKS continues to work with the School for the Blind. Also interested are Bios, 4RKids, Sand Springs, Gateway, Bethany, Edmond, and some rural areas for FY 24.

#### Road to Independence (RTI) Program

This is a collaboration of several partners to serve foster care youth in the OKC and Midwest City area.

#### Project Search

There are nine sites beginning the 2022-2023 school year and we had approximately 70 that we served this year. DRS would like to partner with the Tribes in Project Search. We have a new opportunity in Lawton and Durant coming soon!! Currently, there are:

Four high school programs (Ages 18-22 part-time):

1. Enid Public Schools at INTEGRIS Bass Baptist
2. Norman Public Schools at Embassy Suites
3. Moore Public Schools at Norman Healthplex
4. Oklahoma City Public at SW Medical

Five young adult programs (MUST be a HS Graduate - Ages 18-22 and occ. 23-24-year-olds full-time):

1. Francis Tuttle at Mercy
2. Francis Tuttle at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center
3. Canadian Valley Tech at INTEGRIS Yukon
4. Metro Tech at Wyndham Downton
5. Tulsa Tech at St. Francis Tulsa

We will begin a new Project SEARCH in Choctaw and Edmond next school year!! Edmond Integris and the Omniplex Science Museum (Choctaw).

Career Exploration Program – Now is Pre-ETS under the OU umbrella. We are seeking more opportunities to work with career techs to do the same.

We continue to grow this program in the Northeastern part of the state including Bristow, Cleveland, Cushing, Davenport, Depew, Drumright, Hominy, Kellyville, Kiefer, Mannford, Mounds, Oilton, Olive, Prue, Ripley, Sapulpa, West Side Christian Academy, and Yale in partnership with the Central Technology Center. However, this has been shifting gears for FY23. The Central Technology team has joined the Pre-ETS team with a service agreement with OU. We want to duplicate these efforts statewide. This career exploration contract will be piloted with vendors to extend services beyond the school. Kiamichi will be joining by August 2023.

#### Oklahoma Inclusive Postsecondary Education – (OKIPSE)

DRS has signed contracts to support clients in these programs below:

- OU SoonerWorks

- NSU RiverHawks
- OSU Opportunity Orange

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, we will have a contract with USAO in Chickasha for the Neuro Diversity program.

Competitive Employability Readiness Training (CERT) Culinary  
Tulsa Technology Center CERT Culinary participants in the hospitality program learn how to work as a culinary assistant. The program provides technical training and experience in a variety of service occupations through the HospitAbilities curriculum. They are taught personal life skills and employability skills, such as job readiness and independent living. Skills participants develop in this program include decision making under pressure; working both independently and in a team; and how to maintain focus in a high-activity environment.

#### A New Leaf

The contract is being revisited due to semester information that was resolved. They did get the license needed to move forward. A contract was signed in February 2023. DRS is providing up to 1,500 a quarter for this service.

#### National Peer Mentoring Project

TC continues to work with the mentor program.

#### Summer Programs

BEST STEP-26 scheduled- Building Employment Skills for Today (BEST) Summer Program and Summer Transition Employment Program (STEP). Confirmed speaker is Mr. Joe Strechay, a blind television and film producer.

(scheduled to have a few BEST camps only in July and 1 with the possibility of 2 lower to moderate-functioning BEST STEP camps with 2 of our Pre-ETS specialists)

STEM –Tech-Now and STEM camps statewide.

VIBE – Visually Impaired & Blindness Empowerment

Camp WOW -We are in discussion for Quartz Mountain

Camp Works – OU - Currently, a summer camp is to be held at OU.

#### Meetings and Activities

Hispanic Parent Training (in Spanish); Best STEP Meetings; COWIB Meeting; CSAVR transition committee meetings; NCSAB committee meetings; Joining Forces Planning Meetings; School presentations and fairs; OCCY Strengthening and Youth Custody Meetings; Project SEARCH meetings and partners meetings; Cimarron Public Transit board meetings; counselor/tech check-in meetings; OTC Meetings; NTACTION: C CTE/SpEd/VR Meetings; Pre-ETS Blindness CoP; Autism Foundation of Oklahoma Meetings; Collaborate for Change meetings; RSA – OPC Advisory Board meetings; CREOKS DRS WAT contract for OSB meetings; Pre-VR meetings; OU special education/transition department meetings in class; OKIPSE; OCCC Career Transitions program; Tulsa Community College; completion of strategic plan; apprenticeship planning; CSAVR; NCSAB; AWARE team data meetings; ORC transition committee; MOU planning with Zarrow Center; Career Pathways Committee; OSB collaboration; RSA PTI Region B-2 Advisory Committee; Cimarron Public Transit Advisory Council; GICH Committee; OCCY mentor training; Opportunity Orange Scholars mock interviews; Sooner Success events; ABLE Tech micro-credentialing contracts;



Stacey Dutton reports: Conferences and Career Expos- Planned for and held the OSB #NXTUP Career Expo; PWDAD; DDS Regional meetings as a vendor/volunteer; Business Services Career Expo in Tulsa; Tri-County Transition Cooperative Team monthly meetings; first virtual WAT meeting with all WAT programs and interested candidates; revamping the WAT contract

Kevin Randall Reports: interagency collaborations; Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) and subcommittee for transition; planning 2023 Oklahoma Transition Institute (OTI); Worked with OU Project Search statewide Coordinator; Participated in INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center teacher tours; OU Sooner Success; presented at the Sooner Success conference; collaborated with the DRS Hispanic unit to provide services statewide to Spanish speakers

Chris Compton reports: A new branding for Transition Services Google was implemented, accounts for new transition employees were added, Transition Services Google was used significantly in summer program planning, and preparation for upcoming program management, and data collection. To help staff become more comfortable with Transition Services Google and to help recognize when they are logged in, a new logo for Transition Services of Oklahoma was created and will show up for users when they are logged into Transition Services Google. To prepare staff for utilization of Transition Services Google for the BEST STEP application process, each "lead" DRS staff person for BEST/BEST STEP locations was scheduled for and trained on how to log in to Transition Services Google, where to access applicant information online, and how to receive notifications when new applications are submitted. Important to note in terms of receiving notifications is that I was able to update the Transition Services Google Workspace with a feature that will do a better job at sending notifications. Have collaborated with COWIB on identifying ways to streamline the STEP participant onboarding and the Job Listing (job development) tasks. We have identified that through two Google Forms – one for each task, the data can be collected for participants planning on participating in STEP and for employers planning on creating jobs (known as "Job Listings"). The Forms have been created and are shared with our team. With the incorporation of Google's reporting tool, Looker, we are realizing the potential to take the data we track that is specific to our Unit and report on it in some very meaningful ways. Have been able to meet with members of the Data unit – including Tiffany Davis, Barrett Waltz, and Rod Van Stavern. The collaboration in Q4 of 2022 was mainly used to serve as a follow-up on previous conversations and to update a small group of people on reports and visualizations that will be available soon. I was able to talk with Tiffany at additional times to identify possible opportunities. Began the Google Data Analytics Certification course. Upon completion of this certification, which supports the ability of our team to be more intentional and effective in collecting and reporting on Transition/Transition Services data. Accurate data collection will enable DRS to more effectively spend the required 15% reserve of funds.

#### Division Administrator Activities:

OLBPH build-out meetings; AgrAbility meeting; DDS training; DDS meetings; PreETS Fee for Service meeting; ORC; ORC Executive Committee; Governor's Council on Workforce Development; NCSAB Conference Planning; Administrative Rules Public Hearing; Performance Review Meeting; NCSAB Executive Committee Meetings; Monitoring CoP; CSAVR Customer Service for Adults committee; National Association of Workforce Boards; Council of State Administrators in Vocational Rehabilitation; National Council of State Agencies for the Blind; RSA Pre-Onsite Monitoring Meetings; SWS/WAT Meeting; BEP

Contracts meeting; VR TAC training; New Employee Academy; 14C CoP; Fleet management meetings; Randolph-Sheppard Calls; FC/PM Meetings; BEP Training Curriculum

Report respectfully submitted by Tracy Brigham, SBVI Division Administrator

May 8, 2023

# **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

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## All Programs Agency Summary

|                              | Budget                | % of Total Budget | Expenditures         | % Expended   | Encumbrances         | % Used       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Personnel                    | 87,735,007.00         | 52.4%             | 55,841,169.19        | 63.6%        | 30,650,454.73        | 98.6%        |
| Travel                       | 939,239.00            | 0.6%              | 730,158.17           | 77.7%        | 55,924.25            | 83.7%        |
| General Operating            | 23,116,679.43         | 13.8%             | 10,418,216.13        | 45.1%        | 10,704,608.53        | 91.4%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment | 1,839,672.00          | 1.1%              | 509,250.05           | 27.7%        | 275,472.50           | 42.7%        |
| Client / General Assistance  | 44,137,760.00         | 26.4%             | 20,327,268.75        | 46.1%        | 21,627,794.65        | 95.1%        |
| Indirect Cost                | 9,698,425.00          | 5.8%              | 6,551,247.11         | 67.5%        | 3,147,177.89         | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>167,466,782.43</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>94,377,309.40</b> | <b>56.4%</b> | <b>66,461,432.55</b> | <b>96.0%</b> |

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| <b>All Programs</b>                                  |                      |                   |                      |              |                      |              |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services</b> |                      |                   |                      |              |                      |              |
|  | Budget               | % of Total Budget | Expenditures         | % Expended   | Encumbrances         | % Used       |
| Personnel  | 25,783,092.00        | 33.7%             | 15,581,579.50        | 60.4%        | 9,957,192.01         | 99.1%        |
| Travel   | 585,400.00           | 0.8%              | 534,577.92           | 91.3%        | 320.00               | 91.4%        |
| General Operating                                    | 9,377,942.00         | 12.3%             | 4,914,914.22         | 52.4%        | 3,609,390.99         | 90.9%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment                         | 679,781.00           | 0.9%              | 172,901.04           | 25.4%        | 0.00                 | 25.4%        |
| Client / General Assistance                          | 36,357,760.00        | 47.5%             | 14,760,653.08        | 40.6%        | 19,606,273.73        | 94.5%        |
| Indirect Cost  | 3,742,891.00         | 4.9%              | 2,421,673.33         | 64.7%        | 1,321,217.67         | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>76,526,866.00</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>38,386,299.09</b> | <b>50.2%</b> | <b>34,494,394.40</b> | <b>95.2%</b> |

| <b>Vocational Rehabilitation Grant</b> |                      |                   |                      |              |                      |              |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|  | Budget               | % of Total Budget | Expenditures         | % Expended   | Encumbrances         | % Used       |
| Personnel                              | 23,222,094.00        | 32.3%             | 13,956,724.97        | 60.1%        | 9,106,150.40         | 99.3%        |
| Travel                                 | 574,500.00           | 0.8%              | 523,361.94           | 91.1%        | 221.31               | 91.1%        |
| General Operating                      | 8,476,941.00         | 11.8%             | 4,607,143.76         | 54.3%        | 3,151,578.72         | 91.5%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment           | 509,281.00           | 0.7%              | 123,089.65           | 24.2%        | 0.00                 | 24.2%        |
| Client / General Assistance            | 35,634,667.00        | 49.6%             | 14,484,063.98        | 40.6%        | 19,265,286.11        | 94.7%        |
| Indirect Cost                          | 3,454,557.00         | 4.8%              | 2,236,121.76         | 64.7%        | 1,218,435.24         | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>71,872,040.00</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>35,930,506.06</b> | <b>50.0%</b> | <b>32,741,671.78</b> | <b>95.5%</b> |

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| All Programs                  |                     |                   |                     |              |                     |              |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Oklahoma School for the Blind |                     |                   |                     |              |                     |              |
|                               | Budget              | % of Total Budget | Expenditures        | % Expended   | Encumbrances        | % Used       |
| Personnel                     | 6,684,882.00        | 72.4%             | 4,880,099.54        | 73.0%        | 1,755,926.46        | 99.3%        |
| Travel                        | 75,000.00           | 0.8%              | 58,582.41           | 78.1%        | 0.00                | 78.1%        |
| General Operating             | 1,267,251.43        | 13.7%             | 756,155.03          | 59.7%        | 341,189.95          | 86.6%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment  | 523,300.00          | 5.7%              | 248,858.52          | 47.6%        | 139,071.70          | 74.1%        |
| Client / General Assistance   | 57,000.00           | 0.6%              | 32,963.91           | 57.8%        | 45.97               | 57.9%        |
| Indirect Cost                 | 628,996.00          | 6.8%              | 523,501.16          | 83.2%        | 105,494.84          | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>9,236,429.43</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>6,500,160.57</b> | <b>70.4%</b> | <b>2,341,728.92</b> | <b>95.7%</b> |

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| All Programs                 |                      |                   |                     |              |                     |              |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Oklahoma School for the Deaf |                      |                   |                     |              |                     |              |
|                              | Budget               | % of Total Budget | Expenditures        | % Expended   | Encumbrances        | % Used       |
| Personnel                    | 7,722,750.00         | 50.0%             | 5,142,964.18        | 66.6%        | 2,311,935.81        | 96.5%        |
| Travel                       | 136,439.00           | 0.9%              | 77,290.78           | 56.6%        | 24,800.00           | 74.8%        |
| General Operating            | 5,872,664.00         | 38.0%             | 1,092,680.50        | 18.6%        | 4,334,410.25        | 92.4%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment | 557,854.00           | 3.6%              | 79,720.83           | 14.3%        | 136,400.80          | 38.7%        |
| Client / General Assistance  | 373,000.00           | 2.4%              | 154,103.20          | 41.3%        | 51,023.51           | 55.0%        |
| Indirect Cost                | 782,043.00           | 5.1%              | 548,813.30          | 70.2%        | 233,229.70          | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>15,444,750.00</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>7,095,572.79</b> | <b>45.9%</b> | <b>7,091,800.07</b> | <b>91.9%</b> |

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| All Programs                      |                      |                   |                      |              |                      |              |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Disability Determination Division |                      |                   |                      |              |                      |              |
|                                   | Budget               | % of Total Budget | Expenditures         | % Expended   | Encumbrances         | % Used       |
| Personnel                         | 39,833,335.00        | 71.5%             | 24,972,859.32        | 62.7%        | 14,320,093.53        | 98.6%        |
| Travel                            | 89,300.00            | 0.2%              | 28,430.41            | 31.8%        | 30,804.25            | 66.3%        |
| General Operating                 | 3,875,968.00         | 7.0%              | 2,124,577.73         | 54.8%        | 1,481,634.04         | 93.0%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment      | 31,237.00            | 0.1%              | 1,824.52             | 5.8%         | 0.00                 | 5.8%         |
| Client / General Assistance       | 7,350,000.00         | 13.2%             | 5,379,548.56         | 73.2%        | 1,970,451.44         | 100.0%       |
| Indirect Cost                     | 4,538,160.00         | 8.1%              | 3,053,094.92         | 67.3%        | 1,485,065.08         | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>55,718,000.00</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>35,560,335.46</b> | <b>63.8%</b> | <b>19,288,048.34</b> | <b>98.4%</b> |



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| All Programs                 |                      |                   |                     |              |                     |              |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| DRS Support Services         |                      |                   |                     |              |                     |              |
|                              | Budget               | % of Total Budget | Expenditures        | % Expended   | Encumbrances        | % Used       |
| Personnel                    | 7,710,948.00         | 73.2%             | 5,263,666.65        | 68.3%        | 2,305,306.92        | 98.2%        |
| Travel                       | 53,100.00            | 0.5%              | 31,276.65           | 58.9%        | 0.00                | 58.9%        |
| General Operating            | 2,722,854.00         | 25.8%             | 1,529,888.65        | 56.2%        | 937,983.30          | 90.6%        |
| Office Furniture & Equipment | 47,500.00            | 0.5%              | 5,945.14            | 12.5%        | 0.00                | 12.5%        |
| Client / General Assistance  | 0.00                 | 0.0%              | 0.00                | 0.0%         | 0.00                | 0.0%         |
| Indirect Cost                | 6,335.00             | 0.1%              | 4,164.39            | 65.7%        | 2,170.61            | 100.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>10,540,737.00</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>6,834,941.48</b> | <b>64.8%</b> | <b>3,245,460.83</b> | <b>95.6%</b> |

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|   |
|---|
| <b>Personnel</b>  |
| Salary Expense  |
| Insurance Premium -Health-Life, etc                     |
| FICA-Retirement Contributions                           |
| <b>Travel</b>   |
| Travel - Agency Direct                                  |
| Travel - Reimbursements                                 |
| <b>General Operating</b>                                |
| AFP Encumbrances  |
| Bond Indebtness and Expenses                            |
| Buildings-Purchase, Construction and Renovation         |
| General Operating                                       |
| Inter/Intr Agency Payment for Personal Services         |
| 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                        |
| <b>Office Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>                 |
| Library Equipment & Resources                           |
| Office Furniture & Equipment                            |
| <b>Client / General Assistance</b>                      |
| Social Service and Assistance Payments                  |
| <b>Indirect Cost</b>                                    |

**DRS**  
**CAPITAL OUTLAY**  
**REQUESTS**

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ISSUE:**

Review of the FY 2025 – FY 2032 Capital Outlay Request

**BACKGROUND:**

The DRS Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the FY 2025 – FY 2032 Capital Outlay Request and justifications as submitted by DRS Divisions.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the Commission review, assign Agency priorities, and make recommendations for the FY 2025 – FY 2032 Capital Outlay Request.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**FY 2025 – FY 2032 Capital Outlay Request**

| <b>Division/Program</b> | <b>Number of Projects</b> | <b>Total Cost</b>   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| OSB                     | 7                         | \$17,152,000        |
| OSD                     | 10                        | 11,000,000          |
| SBVI                    | 1                         | 650,000             |
| CPC                     | 2                         | 223,283             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>20</b>                 | <b>\$29,025,283</b> |

**Department of Rehabilitation Services  
FY 2025 - FY 2032 Capital Outlay Request**

| <b>Priority</b>      | <b>Project #</b> | <b>Project Name</b>   | <b>Amount</b>       |
|----------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|
| NEW                  | 805-0094         | OSD - Sports Stadium Improvements                                 | \$ 1,800,000        |
| NEW                  | 805-0095         | OSD - Canopies for Play Areas                                     | 300,000             |
| NEW                  | 805-0096         | OSD - General Site Work   | 400,000             |
| NEW                  | 805-0097         | OSD - White Hall and Griffing Hall Remodel                        | 2,000,000           |
| NEW                  | 805-0098         | OSD - Tuckpointing: Stewart, White, Read, Griffing and Vocational | 400,000             |
| NEW                  | 805-0099         | OSD - Resurface Parking Lots                                      | 1,000,000           |
| NEW                  | 805-0100         | OSD - Swimming Pool   | 1,400,000           |
| NEW                  | 805-0101         | CPC - Parking Lot Resurfacing                                     | 62,920              |
| NEW                  | 805-0102         | CPC - Work Sample Center  | 160,363             |
| 1                    | 805-0068         | OSB - New Cafeteria   | 6,500,000           |
| 2                    | 805-0069         | OSB - Auditorium Remodel  | 877,000             |
| 3                    | 805-0080         | OSD - Elevator Replacement Griffing Hall                          | 2,000,000           |
| 4                    | 805-0090         | OSB - Boys Dormitory Remodel                                      | 644,000             |
| 5                    | 805-0036         | OSB - New Media and Technology Center                             | 4,320,000           |
| 6                    | 805-0059         | OSD - Auditorium Remodel  | 300,000             |
| 7                    | 805-0088         | OSD - Dormitory Renovation  | 1,400,000           |
| 8                    | 805-0030         | OSB - B-4 Building Remodel  | 1,100,000           |
| 9                    | 805-0026         | OSB - New Maintenance and Auto/Carpentry Shop                     | 2,830,000           |
| 10                   | 805-0072         | OSB - Apartment Remodel   | 881,000             |
| 11                   | 805-0092         | SBVI - Oklahoma Library for the Blind Renovation                  | 650,000             |
| <b>TOTAL REQUEST</b> |                  |   | <b>\$29,025,283</b> |

| <b>Division/Program</b>            | <b>Amount</b>       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| OSB (7 Projects)                   | \$17,152,000        |
| OSD (10 Projects)                  | 11,000,000          |
| SBVI (1 Project)                   | 650,000             |
| CPC (2 Projects)                   | 223,283             |
| <b>Total Request (20 Projects)</b> | <b>\$29,025,283</b> |

## DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

### FY 2025 - FY 2032 Capital Outlay Request

#### **805-0094 OSD - Sports Stadium Improvements**

**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$1,800,000**

This request is to purchase bleachers and a press box for the OSD football field. Existing bleachers are old, and seats are weathered, wooden and warped planks. There is no press box; the game is announced from a flatbed trailer. This request will increase seating capacity to 312 on the "home" side and establish 108 seating capacity on the "visitors" side. Funding will allow team seating for the players and a press box 8'x18' that will sit in the middle of the home side. We will need to have lights installed in the stadium as well as new goal posts. We are currently renting lights for any night function. The lights will increase our use for other activities on the field. We are needing a track around the field to be utilized for our track team and other sports.

#### **805-0095 OSD - Canopies for Play Areas**

**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$300,000**

This request is to install canopies over the playground areas on campus.

#### **805-0096 OSD - General Site Work**

**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$400,000**

General site work is necessary to upgrade OSD's campus and to meet ADA regulations. This funding would allow replacement and repairs to the remaining sidewalks on campus. Existing sidewalks are cracked and raised, causing hazardous conditions for students, staff and visitors.

#### **805-0097 OSD - White Hall and Griffing Hall Remodel**

**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$2,000,000**

This project will renovate all restrooms in White Hall and renovate all restrooms in Griffing Hall 2nd & 3rd floors. Flooring will be added if funding is available.

#### **805-0098 OSD - Tuckpointing: Stewart, White, Read, Griffing and Vocational**

**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$400,000**

This request is for masonry tuckpointing to replace aging mortar between bricks.

**805-0099 OSD - Resurface Parking Lots**  
**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$1,000,000**

This request is to resurface parking lots on OSD's campus.

**805-0100 OSD - Swimming Pool**  
**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$1,400,000**

This request is for a very simple swimming pool with lockers for the students.

**805-0101 CPC - Parking Lot Resurfacing**  
**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$62,920**

The Oklahoma City South DRS Field Office, Transition Field Rep office, SVBI Vocational Evaluation OKC testing office, and OKDRS OKC Career Planning Center's (CPC) parking lot is beginning to deteriorate with numerous cracks occurring in the asphalt. Some of the cracks are minor and others are significant, as well as cracks on the asphalt against the curb. The parking lot is estimated to be over 20 years old. Currently with the cracks, someone could catch their shoe and trip or fall suffering serious injury. At night the cracks cannot be seen and are dangerous. Attempts have been made to pour a parking lot repair sealant in the cracks but those are reopening. Some of the problems with the cracks are when rainwater gets in and compromises the integrity of the parking lot, causing more cracks, which loosens the existing asphalt to break up even more. The CPC is requesting funding to provide Sealcoat to the parking lot to protect it and make it last longer, and to stop the ongoing deterioration of the parking lot. This office serves clients for the entire South OKC metro area and hosts clients for vocational and psychological testing from Central Oklahoma as well.

**805-0102 CPC - Work Sample Center**  
**Agency Priority NEW Amount \$160,363**

The OKDRS OKC Career Planning Center has not had the space or room to have work samples related to woodshop, welding, medical services, food services, culinary arts, laundering, or dining room attendants. This handicapped accessible building would provide ample space to provide DRS clients room to be assessed and tested over multiple career options to match clients to jobs based on interests and work sample results, thus helping clients make better career choices. Agency funds would be used to train clients for jobs suited to what they can do, matching aptitudes and interests.

**805-0068 OSB - New Cafeteria****Agency Priority 1 Amount \$6,500,000**

This request is for construction of a new school cafeteria. Underneath the concrete floor the sewer and plumbing lines are original to the 1904 building. Maintenance has piece-milled sections of pipe. The floor drains do not drain properly. Water lines and grease traps are old and need to be replaced. The ceilings are low and the lighting is inadequate. There are large, load-bearing columns throughout the dining room that make it difficult for visually impaired children to navigate freely. A new cafeteria would also provide additional room for trainings and special events. The old dining room could be remodeled for Career Technology classes.

**805-0069 OSB - Auditorium Remodel****Agency Priority 2 Amount \$877,000**

This request is to renovate the auditorium to upgrade flooring, lighting, sound system and seating capacity. At graduation and other special events, the auditorium fills to capacity with families, friends, and dignitaries. They must stand in the aisles and doorways. The dry-rotted plywood sub-floor will not hold the screwed down seats. The sub-floor must be replaced before new seating and carpet can be installed. The carpet, painting, and seating were replaced approximately 22 years ago. The lighting is inadequate and the sound system is approximately 1 year old. The HVAC needs to be upgraded from a 2 pipe to a 4 pipe system. There are 265 seats and 3,150 sq. ft., which includes the balcony area.

**805-0080 OSD - Elevator Replacement Griffing Hall****Agency Priority 3 Amount \$2,000,000**

This is an urgent capital improvement request for the Griffing Hall Elevator. It can't be replaced until Blattner Hall has been remodeled due to students staying on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Recent DOL inspections revealed that elevators in Griffing Hall are outdated and no longer meet safety codes. Both elevators were installed in the 1960's. Parts to repair and restore 50 year old equipment are obsolete, and very expensive if available at all. Each year OSD secures a preventative maintenance service contract with an elevator company to provide monthly inspections and to make repairs as needed. Because of the age of the equipment, elevator technicians recommend that both elevators be replaced, and DOL recommends that both elevators be replaced. Each elevator is heavily used, providing ADA accessibility for students to dormitories and classrooms; offices and labs are located on the 2nd & 3rd floors. ADA accessibility is critical for students. This project was budgeted in FY23 at \$844,425; however, this is insufficient to cover the cost of the elevator. Costs to replace the elevator in Griffing Hall will be significantly higher due to structural issues, and is anticipated to cost \$1.5 to \$2 million dollars.



**805-0090 OSB - Boys Dormitory Remodel****Agency Priority 4 Amount \$644,000**

The High School boys' dorm is currently made up of 16 very small areas divided with partitions. This does not provide adequate privacy that is needed for the boys like the girls have in Lowry Hall. This will give each boy their own room with a door for privacy. This would also update/renovate their recreational and kitchen space.

**805-0036 OSB - New Media and Technology Center****Agency Priority 5 Amount \$4,320,000**

This request is for a new Media Technology Center that would also be large enough to house all library materials. The new center will include technology labs that are designed for low vision and braille students. The low vision lab will have different types of electronic table top & hand-held magnifiers. The computers will be adapted for visually impaired and blind students. The labs will have study cubicles for students to complete assignments with support from our trained technology and library staff. There will be braille embossers in a sound proof room that can be accessed from the lab. The OSB library has outgrown its present space. Most libraries have materials in one or two mediums; however, OSB provides books and materials in several mediums (regular print, large print, Braille, and tape). For example, the braille equivalent for one regular dictionary is 24 volumes in large print and 32 large volumes in braille. Because OSB currently houses the largest braille library in the state, the weight of the holdings on the top floor of the library could present future problems. Due to the location of the library, it is necessary to block off access to the library after school hours for safety reasons pertaining to dormitory security. The new library will be located where students can access it after hours and have full use of all media and resources. Students will be able to exit in a safe and timely manner. In addition, an area would be dedicated for raised relief maps. The school already owns several relief maps that are on stands and range in size from 3ft x 3ft to 4ft x 5ft. These maps are great learning tools for our students, but are presently stored because there is no space to display them.

**805-0059 OSD - Auditorium Remodel****Agency Priority 6 Amount \$300,000**

This request is to renovate the auditorium to upgrade seating capacity and handicapped accessible seating. At graduation and other special events, the auditorium fills to capacity with families, friends, and dignitaries. They must stand in the aisles and doorways. The carpet, painting, and seating were replaced approximately 25 years ago. There are 265 seats and 3,150 sq. ft., which includes the balcony.

**805-0088 - OSD Dormitory Renovation****Agency Priority 7 Amount \$1,400,000**

Planning for dormitory renovation began in FY 21, with combined expenditures of \$90k A&E in FYs 21 and 22 for Stewart and Blattner dorms. Completion of Phase 1 Stewart Hall renovation is anticipated by 6/30/23. Phase 2 Blattner Hall is anticipated for completion in FY24. Blattner Hall dormitory requires extensive renovation, including asbestos abatement. In addition to extensive repairs, renovation will make the dormitory more accessible and usable for home life experience necessary for the kids. Renovation for Blattner Hall was budgeted in FY23 at \$1.187mil, with expenditures to date of \$45k including asbestos testing. Abatement is estimated at \$95.5k and remaining renovation is now estimated between \$1.1mil and \$1.3mil.

**805-0030 OSB - B-4 Building Remodel****Agency Priority 8 Amount \$1,100,000**

This project is to renovate a B-4 Building into independent living units for transitional OSB students and have a main teaching/meeting area. This would add new plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems. Plaster repairs, painting, and new flooring would be required. The building has new a roof, windows, and tuck-pointing. Presently, the B-4 dormitory second floor can only be used for storage. The main floor has been renovated using donated monies.

**805-0026 OSB - New Maintenance and Auto/Carpentry Shop****Agency Priority 9 Amount \$2,830,000**

The current, old building houses the auto shop and the carpentry shop. It is too small to house both. Only one vehicle at a time can be squeezed into the allotted space. Currently our mechanic has to work outside and lie on the ground when working on our school buses and other vehicles. The old building is also located in a high student traffic walking area. The new metal building will be approximately 75' x 100' with a carport attached to the front of the building along the entire 100' length for a 20' x 100' carport.

**805-0072 OSB - Apartment Remodel****Agency Priority 10 Amount \$881,000**

This project is to renovate the old apartments built in 1949, located on the second floor above the maintenance building, into independent living units for OSB transition graduates. This plan will connect this building to the B-4 dorm with a connecting corridor/walkway. These apartments will be accessed by an elevator. The current building is not ADA accessible. New plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems need to be installed, as well as plaster repaired, painting, and new flooring. The building already has a new roof. Presently the apartments can only be used for storage.

**805-0092 SBVI - Oklahoma Library for the Blind Renovation**

**Agency Priority 11 Amount \$650,000**

This project will renovate the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (OLBPH) building in two phases. Phase 1 includes a 5,720 sq. ft. build-out for office space and an adult learning lab, including lighting, ductwork, and sprinkler for renovated areas. The build-out will accommodate moving employees from the Shepherd Center location into the library. Phase 2 includes new handlers, ductwork and diffusers for the library, as well as updating lighting to LED. The current boiler and chiller will remain.

**TOTAL REQUEST \$29,025,283**

# **PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORT**

# PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

## FILLED AND VACANT POSITIONS

Personnel Activity = 14 vacant positions filled / 67 positions in Announcement or Selection Process

| Division | Title/PIN  | Date Vacated | Location | Begin date | End date   | Ann. #   | Action/Incumbent     | Date Filled |
|----------|--|--------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|----------------------|-------------|
| MSD      | Contracting & Acquisitions Agent / 0858  | 12/12/2022   | MSD CDS  | 04/05/2023 | 04/24/2023 | 23-057.1 | In Selection Process |             |
| MSD      | Human Resources Programs Manager / 0926  | 12/01/2022   | MSD HR   | 03/07/2023 | Continuous | 23-046.1 | Currently Open       |             |
| DDS      | Disability Determination Specialist / 0559   | 10/23/2021   | DDS      | 03/03/2023 | 03/09/2023 | 23-074   | In Selection Process |             |
| DDS      | Administrative Programs Officer / 0685   | 10/31/2022   | DDS      | 12/09/2022 | 12/19/2022 | 23-051   | In Selection Process |             |
|          |  | 03/04/2020   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 03/23/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 03/01/2017   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 05/25/2021   |          |            |            |          | Nina Grant           |             |
|          |  | 07/09/2021   |          |            |            |          | Tiyana Fairrier      |             |
|          |  | 04/20/2021   |          |            |            |          | Demetria Moore       |             |
|          |  | 09/24/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 08/01/2021   |          |            |            |          | Steven Woody         |             |
|          |  | 08/01/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 04/01/2022   |          |            |            |          | Aimee Klutz          |             |
|          |  | 09/17/2021   |          |            |            |          | Rachel Mosman        |             |
|          |  | 05/28/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 09/24/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 08/02/2022   |          |            |            |          | Candice Combs        |             |
|          |  | 09/13/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 01/01/2022   |          |            |            |          | Kristina Rodriguez   |             |
|          |  | 04/30/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 04/19/2021   |          |            |            |          | Lisa Garrison        |             |
|          |  | 08/23/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 04/08/2021   |          |            |            |          | Not Filled           |             |
|          |  | 03/01/2022   |          |            |            |          | Matthew              |             |
|          |  | 03/09/2022   |          |            |            |          | Stephenson           |             |
| DDS      | Disability Determination Specialist / 1308, 1281, 1278, 1200, 1198, 1194, 0068, 1186, 0960, 0885, 0406, 0566, 0584, 0734, 1306, 0019, 1329, 0144, 1269, 1274, 0340, 0335, 0271, 0110 | 07/01/2021   | DDS      | 10/05/2022 | Continuous | 23-033   | Not Filled           | 04/04/2023  |

|            |   |            |                     |            |            |          |          |                         |          |   |  |
|------------|---|------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|
| 04/01/2022 |   |            |                     |            |            |          |          |                         |          | Michael Lackey<br>Madeline<br>Crutchfield |  |
| OSB        | Independent Living Instructor / 0164<br>Transportation Officer/Student Aide, 5793 /<br>1084 | 02/28/2023 | OSB                 | 03/10/2023 | Continuous | 23-072   | 23-072   | Continuous              | 23-072   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSB        |   | 01/25/2023 | OSB                 | 02/09/2023 | Continuous | 23-070   | 23-070   | Continuous              | 23-070   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSB        | Direct Care Specialist / 0298   | 09/07/2022 | OSB                 | 09/29/2022 | Continuous | 23-027   | 23-027   | Continuous              | 23-027   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | Principal, 1854 / 0081  | 02/01/2010 | OSD                 | 04/25/2023 | Continuous | 23-082   | 23-082   | Continuous              | 23-082   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | Teaching Assistant / 0182   | 03/30/2023 | OSD                 | 04/11/2023 | Continuous | 23-078   | 23-078   | Continuous              | 23-078   | Currently Open                            |  |
|            |   | 07/30/2023 |                     |            |            |          |          |                         |          |   |  |
| OSD        | Teacher, 2083 / 0441, 0666  | 12/31/2022 | OSD                 | 04/13/2023 | Continuous | 23-079   | 23-079   | Continuous              | 23-079   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | Administrative Assistant / 0353   | 04/27/2023 | OSD                 | 04/13/2023 | Continuous | 23-080   | 23-080   | Continuous              | 23-080   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | Principal, 1854 / 0414  | 06/14/2019 | OSD                 | 04/17/2023 | 04/21/2023 | 23-081   | 23-081   | In Selection<br>Process |          |   |  |
| OSD        | Administrative Assistant / 0088   | 03/01/2023 | OSD                 | 03/13/2023 | 03/30/2023 | 23-075   | 23-075   | In Selection<br>Process |          |   |  |
| OSD        | Early Development Specialist, 0095 / 1499   | 10/31/2022 | OSD                 | 04/26/2023 | Continuous | 23-077   | 23-077   | Continuous              | 23-077   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | School Psychologist, 2045 / 0070  | 12/31/2022 | OSD                 | 12/08/2022 | Continuous | 23-050   | 23-050   | Continuous              | 23-050   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | Direct Care Specialist / 0620   | 10/01/2022 | OSD                 | 10/04/2022 | Continuous | 23-032   | 23-032   | Continuous              | 23-032   | Allyssa Sievert<br>04/18/2023             |  |
| OSD        | Teacher / 0635  | 07/31/2022 | OSD                 | 07/20/2022 | Continuous | 23-011   | 23-011   | Continuous              | 23-011   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | Teaching Assistant / 0060   | 06/09/2022 | OSD                 | 07/20/2022 | Continuous | 23-013   | 23-013   | Continuous              | 23-013   | Currently Open                            |  |
| OSD        | LPN, 2603 / 0549  | 04/22/2021 | OSD                 | 08/23/2021 | Continuous | 22-007.1 | 22-007.1 | Continuous              | 22-007.1 | Nikki Grubbs<br>04/03/2023                |  |
| OSD        | Counselor, 2240 / 1028  | 08/06/2021 | OSD                 | 09/14/2021 | Continuous | 22-016.1 | 22-016.1 | Continuous              | 22-016.1 | Currently Open                            |  |
|            |   | 04/30/2020 |                     |            |            |          |          |                         |          |   |  |
|            |   | 08/01/2021 |                     |            |            |          |          |                         |          |   |  |
| OSD        | Teacher / 0569, 0890, 0423  | 08/01/2021 | OSD                 | 02/09/2021 | Continuous | 21-046   | 21-046   | Continuous              | 21-046   | Currently Open                            |  |
| VR         | Community Recruitment Coordinator, 7513<br>/ P104382  | New PIN    | VR Admin            | 04/19/2023 | Continuous | 23-076   | 23-076   | Continuous              | 23-076   | Currently Open                            |  |
| VR         | Rehabilitation Technician / 0074  | 03/01/2023 | VR29 –<br>Edmond    | 03/06/2023 | Continuous | 23-066   | 23-066   | Continuous              | 23-066   | Currently Open                            |  |
| VR         | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0119   | 01/31/2023 | VR12 –<br>Lawton    | 02/01/2023 | Continuous | 23-062   | 23-062   | Continuous              | 23-062   | Currently Open                            |  |
| VR         | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0066   | 01/04/2023 | VR81 –<br>Chickasha | 02/14/2023 | Continuous | 23-063   | 23-063   | Continuous              | 23-063   | Currently Open                            |  |
| VR         | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0049   | 01/06/2023 | VR67 –<br>Tulsa     | 02/15/2023 | Continuous | 23-064   | 23-064   | Continuous              | 23-064   | Currently Open                            |  |
| VR         | Rehabilitation Technician / 0359  | 01/17/2023 | VR26 –<br>Claremore | 02/06/2023 | Continuous | 23-065   | 23-065   | Continuous              | 23-065   | Currently Open                            |  |

|    |   |                          |                     |            |            |        |                |
|----|---|--------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|----------------|
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0393       | 12/31/2022               | VR29 – Edmond       | 02/14/2023 | Continuous | 23-067 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0344       | 12/31/2022               | VR97 – Guymon       | 02/14/2023 | Continuous | 23-069 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0150       | 1/31/2023                | VR42 – Poteau       | 02/23/2023 | Continuous | 23-071 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0767       | 01/07/2023               | VR86 – Ada          | 01/25/2023 | Continuous | 23/058 | Currently Open |
| VR | Rehabilitation Technician / 1031                  | 09/01/2022               | VR66 – Tulsa        | 11/07/2022 | Continuous | 23-029 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0955, 0516 | 10/31/2022<br>10/19/2022 | VR80 – Tulsa        | 11/03/2022 | Continuous | 23-037 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0646       | 08/01/2022               | VR41 – Ponca City   | 11/21/2022 | Continuous | 23-038 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0680       | 10/01/2022               | VR03 – Ardmore      | 11/14/2022 | Continuous | 23-039 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0948       | 11/08/2022               | VR05 – Weatherford  | 11/16/2022 | Continuous | 23-040 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0477       | 10/01/2022               | VR18 – Muskogee     | 11/23/2022 | Continuous | 23-041 | Currently Open |
| VR | Business Services Liaison / 0814                  | 07/22/2022               | VR86 – Ada          | 10/26/2022 | Continuous | 23-035 | Currently Open |
| VR | Job Placement Specialist / 0372                   | 06/01/2022               | VR08 – Enid         | 10/25/2022 | Continuous | 23-036 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0366       | 08/31/2022               | VR31 – OKC          | 09/01/2022 | Continuous | 23-019 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0776       | 07/15/2022               | VR86 – Ada          | 09/06/2022 | Continuous | 23-021 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 1078       | 08/01/2022               | VR07 – Durant       | 09/06/2022 | Continuous | 23-022 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0073       | 06/20/2022               | VR13 – McAlester    | 07/08/2022 | Continuous | 23-003 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0325, 0904 | 06/17/2022               | VR80 – Tulsa        | 07/20/2022 | Continuous | 23-008 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0044       | 04/09/2022               | VR67 – Tulsa        | 06/09/2022 | Continuous | 22-102 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0793       | 07/26/2022               | VR05 – Weatherford  | 06/13/2022 | Continuous | 22-105 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0339       | 05/01/2022               | VR56 – Woodward     | 05/04/2022 | Continuous | 22-085 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0846       | 05/05/2022               | VR19 – OKC          | 05/10/2022 | Continuous | 22-089 | Currently Open |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0381       | 04/04/2022               | VR04 – Bartlesville | 04/06/2022 | Continuous | 22-072 | Currently Open |

|      |   |            |                       |            |            |          |                |
|------|---|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| VR   | Rehabilitation Technician / 0440                  | 03/16/2022 | VR38 – Okmulgee       | 04/18/2022 | Continuous | 22-079   | Currently Open |
| VR   | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0752       | 11/01/2021 | VR80 – Tulsa          | 01/11/2022 | Continuous | 21-054.1 | Currently Open |
| VR   | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0567       | 09/01/2020 | VR67 – Tulsa          | 12/22/2020 | Continuous | 21-028.1 | Currently Open |
| VR   | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0627       | 07/08/2020 | VR18 – Muskogee       | 08/18/2021 | Continuous | 21-007.2 | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vending Facility Business Consultant / 0170, 0134 | 06/01/2022 | SBVI 33 – OKC         | 01/04/2023 | Continuous | 23-054   | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vending Machine Technician / 0805, 1027           | 11/21/2020 | SBVI 33 – OKC         | 01/11/2023 | Continuous | 23-056   | Currently Open |
| SBVI | BEP Operations Coordinator / 1209                 | 03/26/2022 | SBVI33 – OKC          | 05/03/2022 | Continuous | 22-084   | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 1033       | 05/20/2022 | SBVI73 – OKC          | 05/31/2022 | Continuous | 22-097   | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Assistive Technology Specialist / 0091            | 07/01/2020 | SBVI – TBD            | 03/14/2022 | Continuous | 22-066   | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vending Operations Manager / 1486                 | 11/20/2021 | SBVI 33 – OKC         | 05/10/2022 | Continuous | 22-067.1 | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0709       | 02/08/2022 | SBVI 84 – McAlester   | 04/29/2022 | Continuous | 22-058.1 | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0669       | 05/29/2021 | SBVI 69 – Weatherford | 01/26/2022 | Continuous | 21-080.5 | Currently Open |
| SBVI | Vending Machine Technician / 0167                 | 02/20/2020 | SBVI 33 – BEP         | 08/31/2020 | Continuous | 21-014   | Currently Open |



DISCHARGES/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS = 5

As of April 30, 2023

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (Executive/MSD/FSD)

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Resignation = 2

1 = 10 months

1 = 2 months

Discharge (Trial Period) = 1

1 = 10 months

SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED DIVISION

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Resignation = 2

1 = 4 years 9 months

1 = 4 years 3 months

DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

# CURRENT FTE STATUS FY 2023

*FTE as of April 30, 2023*

| <u>DIVISION</u>                              | <u>BUDGETED FTE</u> | <u>FILLED</u> | <u>PENDING</u> | <u>EXEMPT<br/>FTE</u> | <u>TOTAL FILLED PLUS PENDING<br/>MINUS EXEMPT FTE</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| Support Services (Executive/MSD/FSD)         | 74.8                | 72.00         | 2.00           | (1.00)                | 73.00   |
| Vocational Rehabilitation                    | 226.8               | 182.00        | 34.00          | (4.00)                | 212.00  |
| Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired | 108.00              | 90.00         | 11.00          | (3.00)                | 98.00   |
| VR/SBVI-DP                                   | 2.00                | 2.00          | 0.00           | (0.00)                | 2.00  |
| Oklahoma School for the Blind                | 98.0                | 96.00         | 3.00           | 0.00                  | 99.00   |
| Oklahoma School for the Deaf                 | 119.5               | 109.00        | 15.00          | 0.00                  | 124.00  |
| <b>Total (NON-EXEMPT)</b>                    | <b>629.1</b>        | <b>551.00</b> | <b>65.00</b>   | <b>(8.00)</b>         | <b>608.00</b>   |
| Disability Determination Services (EXEMPT)   | 367.8               | 330.00        | 2.00           | (330.00)              | 332.00  |
| <b>TOTAL NON-EXEMPT &amp; EXEMPT</b>         | <b>996.9</b>        | <b>881.00</b> | <b>67.00</b>   | <b>(338.00)</b>       | <b>940.00</b>   |
| <b>FY 23 Budgetary Limit = 1255</b>          |                     |               |                |                       |   |

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

ROUTING TO: Melinda Fruendt, Director  
 Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer  
 Randy Weaver, Chief of Operations  
 Tom Patt, Human Resources Program Director  
 Dana Tallon, Public Information Manager II  
 Carol Brown, Executive Assistant  
 Rosemarie Chitwood, Secretary V  
 Brett Jones, Public Information Officer III

# **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

# 5/08/23 – DRS Commission Legislative Report

## by Jennifer Hardin

- 01/19/23 Total Bills Filed for '23 Session = 3,772
- 4/27/23 Bills left after April Floor Deadline = 500 (200 House & 300 Senate Bills)
- Vetoed Bills as of 5/1/23 = 31 Bills (see attached report)

### DRS Request Bills

[HB 1041](#)

[Randleman, Randy \(R\)](#)  
[Stanley, Brenda \(R\)](#)

**Establishes an alternative diploma program for students with significant cognitive disabilities.**

***Problem being addressed:***

Many districts have been graduating these students with a regular high school diploma, prior to ageing out due to accountability purposes. When this occurs, the schools are no longer required to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) even when some students may need additional services. The change will provide a meaningful diploma option to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. It will allow students to qualify for a FAPE until the school year in which they turn 22. Allowing districts to include these students as graduated (with no penalty) for accountability purposes.

**Bill History:** 04-17-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)  
04-17-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)  
04-18-23 Sent to the Governor  
04-19-23 Signed by the Governor 😊  
04-21-23 Earliest Effective Date: 07/01/2023

[SB 154](#)

[Stanley, Brenda\(R\)](#)  
[Lawson, Mark \(R\)](#)

**Provides an exception from the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) to ASL & braille students, replacing with a formative evaluation.**

**Note: This is a joint request with the OK. Dept. of Ed.**

**Problem being addressed:**

The current requirements do not address an infrastructure that ensures equity practices. The Reading Sufficiency Act evaluation was designed for hearing and sighted students. Allowing the exemption would reduce time consuming testing and allow educators to measure benchmarks by utilizing a formative evaluation system. The replacement method would use authentic reading and writing skills unlike the current RSA evaluation method. The intention is not to reduce requirements for these student groups but offer a meaningful alternative assessment that will provide educators with the best information to make data-driven decisions for each student. For students receiving an exemption, the school must report on measures of proficiency and language attainment through alternative means.

The State Board of Education will promulgate rules to determine measures of proficiency for students receiving exemptions.

**Bill History:** **01-23-23** Referred to Senate Committee Senate Education

**02-28-23** Meeting set for At Adj. I, Room 535, Senate Education

**02-28-23** Title stricken in committee Senate Education

**02-28-23** Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Education

**03-23-23 Dormant pursuant to the rules**

**\*Will request bill again during the '24 legislative session.**

- As of the time this report was submitted on May 1<sup>st</sup> the budget has not been released. The negotiations are ongoing but are delayed due to the disagreement between the chambers surrounding the education bills.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you become aware of a specific bill you would like to be monitored.



# OKLAHOMA Rehabilitation Services

## Bill Status Report

05-01-2023 - 10:08:23

### DRS Request Bills

|                      |   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| HB 1041              | Randleman, Randy(R)<br>Stanley, Brenda(R) | Establishes standards and requirements for students to graduate school with alternative diploma program; EMERGENCY.    |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-18-23 G Sent to the Governor<br>04-19-23 G Signed by the Governor<br>04-21-23 G Earliest Effective Date: 07/01/2023 |

### Direct DRS Impact Bills

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| HB 1794              | Osburn, Mike(R)<br>Pugh, Adam(R)           | Specifies the responsibilities of the Human Capital Management Administrator within the Civil Service and Human Capital Modernization Act.  |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |  | 04-24-23 Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 1:56pm<br>04-24-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)<br>04-25-23 Sent to the Governor  |
| HB 1798              | Osburn, Mike(R)<br>Thompson, Roger(R)      | Establishes a system to gradually increase state employee pay to the level of 90 percent of comparable private sector positions by 2026 and maintain that threshold moving forward.                     |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |  | 04-24-23 Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 1:59pm<br>04-24-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 45/N: 2)<br>04-26-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda   |
| HB 2312              | Hilbert, Kyle(R)<br>Gollihare, Todd (F)(R) | Allows surviving spouses of disabled veterans to claim state sales tax exemptions even if the final determination of eligibility is not made until after the death of the qualified veteran; EMERGENCY. |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |  | 04-19-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)<br>04-19-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)<br>04-24-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda  |

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| HB 2411              | Kannady, Chris(R)<br>Brooks, Michael(D) | Expands the qualifying certifications and standards for persons to become official legal interpreters.  |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-25-23 Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 4:11pm<br>04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 44/N: 0)<br>04-26-23 Sent to the Governor  |
| SB 302               | Thompson, Roger(R)<br>Osburn, Mike(R)   | Directs most state agencies to convert to a web-based payroll system that provides employee payment every two weeks by July, 2025 under OMES supervision; EMERGENCY.  |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-27-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 10:08am<br>04-27-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 82/N: 4)<br>04-27-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 82/N: 4)   |
| SB 534               | Rosino, Paul(R)<br>West, Tammy(R)       | Changes the maximum adjusted gross income to 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the purpose of qualifying for assistance for a child that is severely developmentally disabled; EMERGENCY.  |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-19-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 95/N: 0)<br>04-20-23 Sent to the Governor<br>04-26-23 Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan. |
| SB 621               | Pugh, Adam(R)<br>Hill, Brian(R)         | Creates an Oklahoma Workforce Commission to coordinate programs and funds for workforce development in the state; EMERGENCY.  |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-26-23 Title stricken<br>04-26-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 79/N: 13)<br>04-26-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 79/N: 13)   |
| SB 773               | Rosino, Paul(R)<br>Miller, Nicole(R)    | Adjusts the focus and responsibilities of the Dept. of Transportation Advanced Mobility Pilot Program and creates a fund for the program's needs.   |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-24-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 1:29pm<br>04-24-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 92/N: 3)<br>04-25-23 Senate rejected House amendments   |



SJR 19 Bergstrom, Micheal(R) Approves certain proposed permanent rules of various state agencies.

**Bill History:** 04-06-23 Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 9:34am  
04-06-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 43/N: 3)  
04-10-23 Received in the House

### Education Bills

HB 1035 Rosecrants, Jacob(D)  
Pemberton, Dewayne(R) Provides exemptions for school absence requirements to students missing class for mental health assessments and therapy sessions; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 42/N: 4)  
04-27-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda

HB 1441 Provenzano, Melissa(D)  
Pugh, Adam(R) Adjusts the timing and frequency of certain mandatory training and professional development courses for school teachers; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-19-23 G Signed by the Governor (Chap: 15 )  
04-21-23 G Earliest Effective Date: 07/01/2023

HB 1934 McCall, Charles(R)  
Treat, Greg(R) Creates the Parental Choice Tax Credit Act which establishes an income tax credit for certain qualifying private school and alternative education expenses to households making less than \$250,000; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-27-23 S Floor amendment(s) adopted:  
One by Treat  
04-27-23 S Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 36/N: 10)  
04-27-23 S Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 36/N: 10)

HB 1935 McCall, Charles(R)  
Treat, Greg(R) Creates the Parental Choice Tax Credit Act which establishes an income tax credit for certain qualifying private school and alternative education expenses to households making less than \$250,000; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-25-23 Conferees Adjusted - All House Members appointed to the Special Conference Committee  
04-26-23 Meeting set for 11:20 a.m., House Chamber - Special Committee  
04-26-23 Opened for Signatures (2nd CCS)

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| HB 2559 | McBride, Mark(R)<br>Pemberton, Dewayne(R) | Expands eligible participants in the Inspired to Teach scholarship program for prospective teachers to include those who have completed the GED and homeschooled students and adjusts certain hour requirement restrictions.           |
|         |   | <b>Bill History:</b> 04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 44/N: 1)<br>04-27-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda  |
| HB 2672 | Baker, Rhonda(R)<br>Pugh, Adam(R)         | Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Education for teacher and support staff pay increases, raises the teacher minimum salary schedule and directs the establishment of a qualitative bonus pay program for school staff; EMERGENCY. |
|         |   | <b>Bill History:</b> 4-27-23 S Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 46/N: 1)<br>4-27-23 S Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 46/N: 1)  |
| HB 2775 | McCall, Charles(R)<br>Treat, Greg(R)      | Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Education for teacher and support staff pay increases, raises the teacher minimum salary schedule and directs the establishment of a qualitative bonus pay program for school staff; EMERGENCY. |
|         |   | <b>Bill History:</b> 04-25-23 Conferees Adjusted - All Members of the House appointed to the Special Conference Committee<br>04-26-23 Meeting set for 11:20 a.m., House Chamber - Special Committee<br>04-26-23 Opened for Signatures  |
| SB 100  | Pemberton, Dewayne(R)<br>Lowe, Dick(R)    | Requires all school districts to undergo a risk and vulnerability assessment conducted by the School Security Institute every five years and ties related grant money to the recommendations of such assessments; EMERGENCY.           |
|         |   | <b>Bill History:</b> 04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 88/N: 0)<br>04-25-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 88/N: 0)  |
| SB 322  | Seifried, Ally (F)(R)<br>McBride, Mark(R) | Allows certain comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the federal Dept. of Education to qualify for state college tuition aid grants and directs OHLAP payments under specific conditions; EMERGENCY.         |
|         |   | <b>Bill History:</b> 04-26-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 81/N: 0)<br>04-26-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 81/N: 0)  |

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| SB 359               | Pugh, Adam(R)<br>Lowe, Dick(R)                | Removes consideration of protested ad valorem tax revenue when calculating the Foundation Program Income and Salary Incentive Aid, further requires the Dept. of Education to include said protested revenue in its annual budget request. |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-26-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda<br>04-26-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 7:34pm<br>04-26-23 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 80/N: 0)   |
| SB 397               | Hamilton, Warren (F)(R)<br>Conley, Sherrie(R) | Requires schools and public libraries to appoint committees to categorize materials according to age groups, materials not to be available to younger borrowers and final rules subject to Legislative approval; EMERGENCY.                |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-27-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 69/N: 13)<br>04-27-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 69/N: 13)   |
| SB 428               | Montgomery, John(R)<br>Wallace, Kevin(R)      | Directs public school districts to develop and implement security alert and response systems; EMERGENCY.   |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-24-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 89/N: 2)<br>04-24-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 89/N: 2)   |
| SB 467               | Stanley, Brenda(R)<br>Miller, Nicole(R)       | Creates the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Act to facilitate license equivalency and reciprocity between member states and their respective licensing authorities with the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission; EMERGENCY. |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 82/N: 0)<br>04-25-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 82/N: 0)<br>04-26-23 Sent to the Governor  |
| SB 482               | Pugh, Adam(R)<br>McBride, Mark(R)             | Adds ten additional years to the top end of the certified school employee salary schedule, commensurate with experience of up to 35 years; EMERGENCY.  |
| <b>Bill History:</b> |   | 04-27-23 Rep. Ranson presents an amendment to the bill, which is tabled by a vote of 59-15<br>04-27-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 93/N: 0)<br>04-27-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 93/N: 0)   |

SB 489 Thompson, Roger(R)  
Hilbert, Kyle(R) Makes an appropriation to the Public Common School Building Equalization Fund from the Medical Marijuana Authority Fund for redbud school grants; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-25-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 9:23am  
04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 90/N: 0)  
04-25-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 90/N: 0)

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SB 516 Pugh, Adam(R)  
Echols, Jon(R) Abolishes the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, creating the Statewide Charter School Board with definitions, duties, and a revolving fund, exempts such schools from certain rules and statutory requirements.

**Bill History:** 04-27-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 2:59pm  
04-27-23 Floor amendment(s) adopted: 1 by Echols  
04-27-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 60/N: 19)

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SB 630 Montgomery, John(R)  
Lepak, Mark(R) Updates certain provisions of state retirement systems to maintain compliance with federal regulations; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-24-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 92/N: 0)  
04-24-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 92/N: 0)  
04-25-23 Sent to the Governor

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**General Government Bills**

HB 1736 Townley, Tammy(R)  
Stanley, Brenda(R) Establishes exceptions, provides new definitions and procedures, as well as requirements of step therapy protocols offered by health benefit plans.

**Bill History:** 04-18-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 42/N: 0)  
04-19-23 Sent to the Governor  
04-21-23 Signed by the Governor (Chap: 44 )

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HB 2461 Hill, Brian(R)  
Paxton, Lonnie(R) Creates the Oklahoma Capitol Critical Infrastructure Act which declares the State Capitol Complex as critical infrastructure; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-19-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 47/N: 0)  
04-20-23 Sent to the Governor  
04-26-23 Signed by the Governor

HB 2463 Hill, Brian(R)  
Thompson, Kristen (F)(R) Removes requirements that OCAST establish certain programs and make health research program evaluations, making such actions permissive rather than required.

**Bill History:** 04-19-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 47/N: 0)  
04-20-23 Sent to the Governor  
04-26-23 Signed by the Governor

SB 193 Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)  
Archer, Nick (F)(R) Provides for 6 weeks of paid maternal leave for state employees upon the birth or adoption of a child.

**Bill History:** 04-19-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda  
04-25-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 9:32am  
04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 70/N: 21)

SB 447 Montgomery, John(R)  
Lepak, Mark(R) States that in the event of an error in payment for employer contributions to the Public Employees Retirement system occurs for terminated employees, payments to rectify errors will not reinstate the former employee in the System.

**Bill History:** 04-25-23 Laid out for consideration in the House at 3:59pm  
04-25-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 85/N: 0)  
04-26-23 Sent to the Governor

SB 630 Montgomery, John(R)  
Lepak, Mark(R) Updates certain provisions of state retirement systems to maintain compliance with federal regulations; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-24-23 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 92/N: 0)  
04-24-23 H Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 92/N: 0)  
04-25-23 G Sent to the Governor

**OMES Bills**

[HB 2026](#) [Wolfley, Max\(R\)](#)  
[Pemberton, Dewayne\(R\)](#) Requires the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to provide an association representing state employees with a monthly reconciliation report with information related to opted in members.

**Bill History:** 04-26-23 Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 11:01am  
04-26-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 45/N: 1)  
04-27-23 Sent to the Governor

**Open Meeting/Record Bills**

[HB 2287](#)

[Pfeiffer, John\(R\)](#)  
[McCortney, Greg\(R\)](#)

Establishes a Public Access Counselor Unit within the Office of the Attorney General to review, upon request, rejected requests of public records, charges the Attorney General with prosecuting violations of the Open Records Act; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-26-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)  
04-26-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)  
05-01-23 Set on the House Floor Agenda

**Workforce Dev. Bills**

[SB 621](#)

[Pugh, Adam\(R\)](#)  
[Hill, Brian\(R\)](#)

Creates an Oklahoma Workforce Commission to coordinate programs and funds for workforce development in the state; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 04-26-23 Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 79/N: 13)  
04-26-23 Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 79/N: 13)



# OKLAHOMA Rehabilitation Services

Bill Research Report  
05-01-2023 - 11:08:13

## Vetoed Bills as of 5/1/23

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- [HB 1460](#) [Patzkowsky, Kenton\(R\)](#)  
[Howard, Brent\(R\)](#) Removes provisions establishing a specific fee on wheat marketed in the state and directs the Wheat Association to assess such fees.  
**Last Action:** 4-21-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: "...included improper language that has been corrected in Engrossed SB 488, which I plan to sign once it is enrolled and presented to me."
- [HB 2608](#) [Humphrey, Justin J.J.\(R\)](#)  
[Bullard, David\(R\)](#) Requires registered sex offenders to identify themselves to local tribal law enforcement within designated areas under the jurisdiction of such entities in addition to state authorities within a certain time limit.  
**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I stand ready to to engage in goodfaith discussions about..add'l sex offender registration. HB 2608 simply goes too far and creates ambiguities.
- [HB 2661](#) [Maynard, Cody \(F\)\(R\)](#)  
[Bergstrom, Micheal\(R\)](#) Sunsets the carry over of certain leave for public employees accrued during the declared emergency relating to COVID-19 by 2024.  
**Last Action:** 4-25-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: Continuing to permit the carry-over of pandemic related leave would negatively impact taxpayers and create a continuing fiscal burden on state agencies.
- [HB 2819](#) [Kendrix, Gerrid\(R\)](#)  
[Bergstrom, Micheal\(R\)](#) Extends the sunset of the Advisory Council on Indian Education.  
**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: The sunseting of this council is an appropriate opportunity to shrink government.
- [HB 2820](#) [Kendrix, GerridI](#)  
[Bergstrom, MichealI](#) Extends the sunset of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority.  
**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor : today the OETA's long-term, strategic value is at best unclear, if not outright imagined.

- [HB 2863](#) [Wallace, Kevin](#)  
[Kidd, Chris](#) Creates the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority Act which establishes a framework for the operation and oversight of OSU's veterinary medicine authority; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I cannot allow the taxpaying public to foot the Authority's bill, especially where there is little to no oversight, as is the case here.
- [SB 34](#) [Hall, Chuck](#)  
[Duel, Collin \(F\)](#) Updates certain references in statute related to youth access to tobacco and the ABLE Commission.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 58](#) [Daniels, Julie](#)  
[Kendrix, Gerrid](#) Extends the sunset of the Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Commercial Interior Designers; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 60](#) [Daniels, Julie](#)  
[Kendrix, Gerrid](#) Extends the sunset of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 123](#) [Gollihare, Todd \(F\)\(R\)](#)  
[Humphrey, Justin J.J.\(R\)](#) Reduces standards for parole consideration for persons in the custody of the Dept. of Corrections to only require the inmate have a full year without any class X infractions.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 125](#) [Daniels, Julie\(R\)](#)  
[Worthen, Rande\(R\)](#) Requires law library board of trustees to meet quarterly rather than monthly; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the



- people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 162](#) [Daniels, Julie\(R\)](#)  
[Kendrix, Gerrid\(R\)](#)

Extends the sunset of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists; EMERGENCY.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 249](#) [McCortney, Greg\(R\)](#)  
[Caldwell, Chad\(R\)](#)

Adjusts provisions related to illegal drugs to include a definition of palliative care and exempts such care from certain electronic prescription requirements; EMERGENCY.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 267](#) [Seifried, Ally \(F\)\(R\)](#)  
[Boatman, Jeff\(R\)](#)

Adjusts the membership of the Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council to add three members.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 291](#) [Murdock, Casey\(R\)](#)  
[Newton, Carl\(R\)](#)

Permits victims of child abuse to file or have filed for them a petition for an emergency order or ex parte order under the Protection for Domestic Abuse Act.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 369](#) [Garvin, Jessica \(F\)\(R\)](#)  
[McEntire, Marcus\(R\)](#)

Expands disqualifying criminal circumstances for prospective nurse aides, reduces the disqualifying period following a conviction of certain lesser crimes from seven years to five years.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 395](#) [Haste, John\(R\)](#)  
[Miller, Nicole\(R\)](#)

Creates an income tax refund donation check-off for Recovering Oklahomans After Disaster.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the

- people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 479](#) [Stanley, Brenda\(R\)](#)  
[West, Josh\(R\)](#) Updates the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act to include members of the U.S. Space Force and adjusts definitions of Uniformed-service voter to match.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoes by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 534](#) [Rosino, Paul\(R\)](#)  
[West, Tammy\(R\)](#) Changes the maximum adjusted gross income to 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the purpose of qualifying for assistance for a child that is severely developmentally disabled; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoes by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 563](#) [Haste, John\(R\)](#)  
[McEntire, Marcus\(R\)](#) Includes that anesthesia is to continue to be reimbursed equal to or greater than the established Fee Schedule, with value-based payment arrangements possible for services furnished to Medicaid members; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-28-23 G Vetoes by the Governor: I cannot, in good conscience, sign a bill that arbitrarily preferences anesthesia providers over others.
- [SB 580](#) [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#)  
[Wallace, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relates to the Housing Authority Act by sunsetting provisions of the definition of "area of operation" for an authority of a city or county on December 31, 2026; EMERGENCY.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 S Override of the Governor's veto (Vote: Y: 43/N: 5)
- [SB 617](#) [Paxton, Lonnie\(R\)](#)  
[Moore, Anthony\(R\)](#) Clarifies that legal action against limited liability companies may be brought in the county in which it is situated, has its principal office or in which any of the members, managers or principal officers reside.
- Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoes by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 623](#) [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#)  
[Kerbs, Dell\(R\)](#) Adjusts various powers and duties related to motor vehicle licensure to refer to Service Oklahoma rather than DPS or the Tax Commission, creates a Petty Cash Fund for

Service Oklahoma and adjusts certain vehicle license durations; EMERGENCY.

**Last Action:**

4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.

- [SB 711](#) [Rosino, Paul\(R\)](#)  
[Boatman, Jeff\(R\)](#)

Directs the Dept. of Mental Health to provide opioid antagonists to the Dept. of Corrections and to county jails to be provided to inmates with a known opioid addiction or related condition upon release.

**Last Action:**

4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.

- [SB 712](#) [Rosino, Paul\(R\)](#)  
[McEntire, Marcus\(R\)](#)

Directs the Dept. of Mental Health to provide hospitals with opioid antagonists to be given to persons presenting to emergency departments with the symptoms of an opioid overdose or related disorder upon discharge from the hospital.

**Last Action:**

4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.

- [SB 772](#) [Daniels, Julie\(R\)](#)  
[Boatman, Jeff\(R\)](#)

Establishes notification requirements for certain charitable organizations to report actions such as dissolution, merger, changes to tax status, changes to governing documents, or large asset transfers in advance to the Attorney General.

**Last Action:**

4-26-23 S Override of the Governor's veto (Vote: Y: 41/N: 7)

- [SB 775](#) [Stewart, Jack \(F\)\(R\)](#)  
[Cantrell, Josh \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Grants counties greater discretion in choosing continuing education programs for county employees as well as which employees qualify for said programs.

**Last Action:**

4-26-23 S Override of the Governor's veto (Vote: Y: 43/N: 5)

- [SB 840](#) [McCortney, Greg\(R\)](#)  
[Echols, Jon\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions of the Student Athlete Name, Image and Likeness Rights Act relating to compensation for student athletes, prohibits institutions and associations from penalizing athletes that seek such compensation; EMERGENCY.

**Last Action:**

4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the

- people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
- [SB 841](#) [Paxton, Lonnie\(R\)](#)  
[Sims, Lonnie\(R\)](#)

Imposes limitations on the fees certain repair facilities can charge for the storage and after-hours release of nonconsensually towed vehicles.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 889](#) [Jech, Darcy\(R\)](#)  
[Archer, Nick \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Amends the Oklahoma Milk and Milk Products Act to expand regulatory coverage to other hoofed mammals and raises certain fees.

**Last Action:** 4-26-23 G Vetoed by the Governor: I will continue to veto any and all legislation authored by Senators who have not stood with the people of Oklahoma and supported this [tax credit] plan.
  - [SB 1130](#) [Thompson, Roger\(R\)](#)  
[Wallace, Kevin\(R\)](#)

Makes an appropriation to the Health Care Authority's CMIA Programs Disbursing Fund to be utilized for specific purposes;  
EMERGENCY.

**Last Action:** 4-19-23 S Override of the Governor's veto (Vote: Y: 45/N: 2)

# SUCCESS STORY



**OKLAHOMA  
Rehabilitation  
Services**

## Client Success story

### Client Name

Dana Young

### Hometown

Lawton

### Their story

Dana Young struggled with her vision before being diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa in the summer of 2018.

A self-described workaholic, Young, who had already been diagnosed with leukemia, worried that losing her eyesight would mean her life was over.

"I was worried I was not going to be able to do anything," Young said. "Here I am legally blind. I can't work anymore. I am by myself. What am I going to do with my life? I went through a dark time. I dealt with depression."

She turned to DRS, meeting with a counselor in December 2018 where she was placed on a waiting listing due to budget constraints. The following fall, Young attended VIBE.

"That was a life changer, getting to meet with the teachers, counselors, the case workers and the O&M (orientation and mobility) people," Young said. "A lot of them are blind and visually impaired and knew exactly what I was going through. They taught us that you can still do stuff. You can still cook. You can still go on walks. You can still have your independence. You can handle your medications. You can still go to work."

They even let her know that one of her passions, crafting, was still very much on the table.

"I was so happy to hear that," she said.

Young again is working at a cosmetology and



barbering school in Lawton. She has also become active as an advocate for the blind. She serves as the president of the Lawton Council for the Blind and serves on the statewide Oklahoma Council of the Blind Board. She also has worked with the City of Lawton Access Board, which helps educate people about the needs of people with disabilities.

"My life is awesome now," Young said. "I love being able to educate people that blind people can be independent. People who have a disability need to contact DRS if they want to be independent."

### DRS staff who helped change a client's life

**Office: SBVI 60 staff and VIBE staff**



**OKLAHOMA  
STATE  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING COUNCIL  
REPORT**



## SILC Report to DRS Commissioners

May 8, 2023

\*\*Monthly stakeholder meetings are ongoing with our Federal Project Officer, ACL, NCIL, ILRU, APRIL and NASILC.

\*\*NASILC (National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils) 'SILC Congress' conference was March 6-8, 2023, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

\*\*The APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) organization is currently seeking a full-time Executive Director and has hired Bender Consulting to conduct the job search. Applicants have been narrowed to two 'finalist' and interviews are set with those two individuals.

\*\*The APRIL Annual Conference in October will be in Anaheim, CA with dates to be determined.

\*\*Weekly/monthly meetings on the several National Boards for Independent Living all continue. These meetings include Executive Committee meetings as the Treasurer for APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) as well as the Finance Committee and the full APRIL Board meetings. The SILC E.D. also serves in the same capacity for NASILC (National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils) as Treasurer on the Executive Committee, Conference Planning and full Board Zoom meetings.

\*\*SILC board members met April 28, 2023 and more board training was provided. There was also discussion around SILC, CILs and DRS signing an extension of the State Plan. ACL issued guidance that the plans could all be extended by one year while they work to get the data portal up and running to accept entries of new plans. The State Plans are now due in June 2024.

\*\*The next Quarterly meeting of SILC will be held July 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidna Trimmell  
SILC Executive Director

**OKLAHOMA  
REHABILITATION  
COUNCIL  
REPORT**

## **Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report**

Since the last report, ORC has had its Quarterly Meeting on February 16, 2023 via Zoom.

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on March 16, 2023, via Zoom.

The Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan, and all the activities and objectives are ongoing.

Regarding the Council appointments, there are four vacant positions, including:

- The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
- Two Business, Industry, and Labor (BIL)
- The Workforce Board representative.

The ORC Program Manager (PM) has communicated the vacancies to the Council, and the Committees are working to find candidates for them. The PM will continue to follow up with the Director of Appointments to discuss these appointments.

### **Program and Planning (P&P) Committee**

The P&P Committee met on March 23, 2023, via Zoom.

The Committee was updated during the meeting about the Open Case Satisfaction Survey DRS is implementing this year. The DRS Process Improvement (PI) Unit is in the analysis portion of the process and will share the survey results with the Committee before or during the June Committee meeting.

### **Policy and Legislative (P&L) Committee**

The P&L Committee met on March 16, 2023, via Zoom.

The Committee discussed the Council's participation in People with Disabilities Awareness Day (PWDAD). The ORC had a booth at the event; seven members and two ORC staff attended, and two volunteered and assisted DRS with the Legislative Visits. This year, ORC was a Sponsor at PWDAD and paid the entrance fee of the attendees to the History Center's exhibits.

The Committee created a new ORC Legislative Primer, which includes valuable information about DRS impact and services. The primer will be shared with ORC members, partners, and, most importantly, Oklahoma Legislators. The digital version can be found on [ORC's website](#).

## **Transition Committee**

The Transition Committee met on March 23, 2023, via Zoom.

The Committee continues to promote increased student and family involvement in transition planning during FFY23 and plans to support the DRS Transition Unit's fantastic job throughout the State.

The Committee members also updated the 2021 Transition Folders, and the Council printed 18,000 Spanish and English copies of the Elementary, Middle, and High School folders. DRS and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) will disseminate the folders and will assist students, parents, guardians, and teachers in accessing this valuable information.

## **Employment Committee**

The Employment Committee met on March 30, 2023, via Zoom.

The Committee supports and collaborates with DRS's Business Services Program (BSP) by assisting them in their activities.

Among the FFY23 upcoming objectives, the Committee will expand the dissemination of employment resources and workplace learning, including but not limited to apprenticeships or internships for adult clients. The Committee plans to have at least one training session during the summer to meet this objective.

The Committee is also working on an Employment Resource page that will include various resources for clients and employers and job listings for candidates ready to join the workforce.

The next ORC Quarterly Meeting will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the DRS State Office.

***Respectfully submitted by  
Carolina Colclasure, ORC Program Manager***

**OKLAHOMA  
LIBRARY FOR  
THE BLIND AND  
PHYSICALLY  
HANDICAPPED  
DONATION REPORT**

OLBPH Donation Report  
April 2023

**Donations under \$500**

| Date  | Name             | Cash             | Fund | Property | Value |
|---|------------------|------------------|------|----------|-------|
| 4/4/2023                                      | Nathan E. Clark  | \$ 150.00        | 216  |          |       |
| 4/26/2023                                     | Michele Landrith | \$ 200.00        | 216  |          |       |
| <b>Subtotal of Cash (Under \$500) Donated</b> |                  | <b>\$ 350.00</b> |      |          |       |

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT</b> | <b>\$ 350.00</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|

**OKLAHOMA SCHOOL  
FOR THE BLIND  
MONTHLY  
DONATION  
REPORT**

# OSB DONATION REPORT

## April 2023 Donations

| Date   | Name                                | Cash        | Fund | Property | Value          |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Donations under \$500</b>                                   |                                     |             |      |          |                |
|  |                                     | \$          |      |          | \$             |
|  |                                     | -           |      |          | -              |
| <b>Subtotal of Cash (under \$500) donated in April 2023</b>    |                                     |             |      |          |                |
|  |                                     | \$          |      |          | \$             |
|  |                                     | -           |      |          | -              |
| <b>Donations \$500 and over</b>                                |                                     |             |      |          |                |
| 4/4/2023   | Stephen Kearney / SCASB meals       | \$ 600.00   | 701  |          |                |
| 4/27/2023  | ESA / money for graduate gift cards | \$ 550.00   | 701  |          |                |
| <b>Subtotal of Cash (\$500 and over) donated in April 2023</b> |                                     |             |      |          |                |
|  |                                     | \$ 1,150.00 |      |          | Subtotal prop. |
| <b>TOTAL DONATION AMOUNTS April - 2023</b>                     |                                     |             |      |          |                |
|  |                                     | \$1,150.00  |      |          | Subtotal prop. |



**OKLAHOMA SCHOOL  
FOR THE DEAF  
MONTHLY  
DONATION  
REPORT**

# OSD Donation Report

April 2023

| Date                                 | Name                          | Cash                | Fund        | Explanation                             | Property Value |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Donations Under \$500.00</b>      |                               |                     |             |   |                |
|                                      |                               |                     |             | <b>Subtotal Property Under \$500.00</b> |                |
| <b>Donations Over \$500.00</b>       |                               |                     |             |   |                |
| 4/6                                  | Walmart                       | 1,000.00            | OTOD/701000 | Teacher Grant/Gina Foster               |                |
| 4/17                                 | Masonic Charity Foundation    | 125,000.00          | 21600       | Senior Hearing Aid Program/235          |                |
| 4/27                                 | ESA                           | 800.00              | 701000      | Gift cards for senior graduation        |                |
|                                      | <b>Subtotal Cash Combined</b> | <b>126,800.00</b>   |             | <b>Subtotal Property Combined</b>       |                |
| <b>Total donation for April 2023</b> |                               |                     |             |   |                |
|                                      |                               | <b>\$126,800.00</b> |             |   |                |