I. Purpose

A. Discussion

The agency supports and engages in a wide range of research activities relevant and applicable to its programs, services and operations. (2-CO-1F-10, 5-ACI-1F-16, 4-APPFS-3D-35)

Recognizing the value of research and the impact of research on correctional management, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections has established guidelines for conducting research and research-related activities including the publication and dissemination of the research. (2-CO-1F-09, 2-CO-1F-10, 2-CO-1F-11, 2-CO-1F-15, 5-ACI-1F-13, 5-ACI-1F-16, 5-ACI-1F-18, 4-ACRS-7D-12, 4-APPFS-3D-35)

B. Guidelines

The agency will ensure:

1. Research is well organized and conducted in a cost-effective manner; and

2. The rights of inmates or offenders and staff involved in research are protected and govern voluntary inmate participation in non-medical, non-pharmaceutical, and non-cosmetic research programs. (2-CO-1F-15, 5-ACI-1F-16, 5-ACI-1F-18, 4-ACRS-7D-12, 4-APPFS-3D-37)

C. Use of Research

Research results will be used to analyze the agency’s present activities and as a guideline for future decision-making and policy development.
II. Action

The agency director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The agency director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy will require prior written approval from the Oklahoma Board of Corrections.

This policy is effective as indicated.

Replaced: Policy Statement P-020800 entitled “Guidelines for Research and Research-Related Activities” dated September 29, 2020

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