



2019 Annual Report



A summary of what the Commission has accomplished throughout the calendar year. Reports include information supporting the legislated duties as a result of Enrolled Senate Bill 1147.

January

Members of the Commission attend Opening Session at State Capitol and made visits to Legislators

February

Dr. Nyla Khan, Delores Runnels and Estela Hernandez, appointed as Commissioners

Sandra Balzer, Assistant AG attends Business meeting to highlight the key points to both the Open Meeting and Open Records Acts. She reviewed points that are most often violated by state Commissions and Boards – purpose of public body meetings, conduct of business, agenda notices, executive sessions, and voting

Commission votes to approve \$500 Sponsorship for University Of Oklahoma Women’s Program, New Leadership

March

Commission presents citation promoting Women’s History Month at the State Capitol. In recognition of Women’s History Month, the Communications committee featured past OWHOF Inductees and Kate Barnard recipients on the Commission’s Facebook page as a way to reflect women’s making history in Oklahoma

Commission’s Facebook account reflected an all-time high with the articles written for Women’s History Month. The increased reach was 212% reaching 1,325 people

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women honored Leslie Osborn, Commissioner of Labor with Kate Barnard Awards. The annual Award Ceremony and Luncheon was held at the Oklahoma Judicial Center. The event, normally held in February was rescheduled due to bad weather



From left to right: Commissioner Riki Snyder, Vice Chair, Kitti Asberry, Executive Director, Honoree, Leslie Osborn, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner, Dr. Maria Trapp-Braly, Chair, and Commissioner Karen Sneary, Secretary

April

The Annual Guardian Award was presented to Representative Regina Goodwin, District 7 (Tulsa Area.) Representative Goodwin was honored for her work on HB 3393 which direct the use of the "least restrictive restraints on pregnant inmates" and bans the practice of shackling pregnant women in labor while in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC.) Representative Goodwin is seen holding her award during the April OCSW Business meeting. Seated and standing are members of the Commission and Advisory Council. Representative Goodwin receiving award during April 25 Business meeting



May

Commission holds election of Executive officers. Elected to serve a one-year term are Riki Snyder, Chair, Gloria Torres, Vice Chair, Brenda Jones Barwick, Financial Officer, and Dr. Mary Lawson, Secretary. Dr. Maria Braly will serve as Immediate Past-Chair

Pat Carr appointed as Commissioner

Commission members attend New Leadership Empowerment Luncheon

October 10, selected as date for Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame

June

Commission host Members Orientation and Training Session

July

Commissioner Sarah Brown facilitated a workshop during the 49th Annual National Association of Commissions for Women's (NACW) Conference and Business meeting July 22 -25, at the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago

NACW recognized the OCSW for their work by presenting them with the 2019 Achievement Award. The award is given to Commissions that seeks to identify and publicly recognize exemplary, innovative women's commission programs that promote the welfare and status of women and girls

Kitti Asberry, Executive Director, elected to serve on Board of Directors



Commissioner Sarah Brown provided etiquette training that dealt with representing the Commission

August

OCSW hosted its Annual Business Meeting and Retreat at the Chickasaw Community Center in Oklahoma City. Members discussed the annual budget and future events. Newly elected Chairman, Riki Snyder resided over the event

Commissioners discussed the nature of the revolving fund and the role of fundraising for special events



Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Sarah Brown, Commissioner Nyla Khan, Advisor DeAnna Williams, Commissioner Shondra McCage, Commissioner Pat Carr, Advisor Debbie Hogue-Downing, Chairman Riki Snyder, Commissioner Mary Larson, Commissioner Kathy Banks-Monroe, Advisor Nora Pugh-Seemeter, and Advisor, Linda James Farley

September

During September 26 Business meeting, Commission discusses outreach efforts -- including Summits, Community Conversations, and Reports to the legislature

Commission receives specially created Custom-Made Cuff's from Summer & Sunday to present to OWHOF Inductees

October

Commission inducts four into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame, October 10, at the Oklahoma Judicial Center. Chief Justice Noma Gurich, Ms. Judy Love, Ms. Ollie Starr and Helen Freudenberger Holmes, Maj. (USA, Ret) (Posthumous)



Pictured from left to right are The Honorable Noma Gurich, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Williams Holmes, Maj (USAF, Ret), Ollie Starr, Andrea Holmes Volturo, (Daughter of Helen Freudenberger Holmes Maj (USA, Ret) (Posthumous,) and Judy Love

November

Commission meets to discuss the 2019-2020 Mid-Year Strategy Plan. Breakout groups focused on projects and activities, and potential partners

December

Commission ends the year recapping committee outcomes, establishing committee budgets to operate, and aligning activities and projects with calendar