

Oklahoma Hospital Association

**MISSION / MEMBERSHIP
STATEMENTS**

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OHA Mission Statement: [2008]

“The mission of the Oklahoma Hospital Association is to promote the health and welfare of the public by representing the interests of its members, advocating on their behalf, providing services to assist its members in meeting the health care needs of their communities, educating the public and providers on health policy issues, and promoting quality health care for Oklahomans.”

The Association fulfills its mission through four primary activities:

1. Serve as a strong advocate and voice for its members in the formation and implementation of health policy.
2. Inform and educate members by serving as a forum for the consideration and discussion of timely issues impacting the health care field.
3. Assist members in responding to challenges they face through effective representation, advice and supportive services.
4. Assist members in providing patients meaningful information and overall services that impart quality care, improve health education and promote patient safety.

Responsibilities of the Oklahoma Hospital Association:

1. The OHA is responsible for creating a forum in which viewpoints reflecting institutional, ownership and geographic differences among its members can be thoughtfully and respectfully considered while building a strong, unified OHA position on topics important to its members.
2. The OHA is responsible for identifying problems and needs unique to members and for assisting in the development of programs, policies, funding sources or other means to best meet those needs.
3. The OHA is responsible for implementing policy and programs set forth by its Board of Trustees with the objective of best serving the health care needs of all Oklahomans through the services its members provide to their communities.

Expectations of OHA Members:

1. OHA members are expected to actively participate in the planning and development of Association policies, programs and services in a manner that seeks to unify and strengthen the OHA's overall objectives.
2. OHA members are expected to provide leadership in actively representing, supporting and implementing policy positions adopted by the OHA Board of Trustees.
3. OHA members are expected to respect the perspectives and integrity of all OHA members while, at the same time, presenting what may be dissenting viewpoints.
4. If conflicts arise between a member's interests and its obligation to act in the best interest of the Association as a whole, the member should disclose the conflict. If the member believes it important to represent a minority view on an issue, it will do so in a professional manner.
5. OHA members are expected to protect the confidentiality of private or confidential information that may receive while acting or serving on behalf of the OHA.