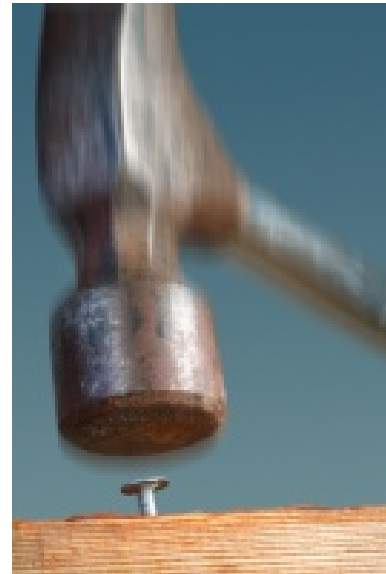


*Forming A Health Care  
Workforce Center:  
The Oklahoma Model*



# *The Driving Force*



Oklahoma Hospital  
Association



- 2001 –  
Oklahoma Hospital Association  
(OHA) -130+ hospitals  
  
Noted Shortages: Nursing, RT,  
Med Imaging, Pharmacy, PT/OT  
  
OHA Workforce Task Force  
Defined Three Focal Areas
  - Recruitment of Students
  - Retention
  - Education and Training



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## Historical Steps

2002 – 2003

OHA & Ok Nursing Association form  
Task Force

Dec 2003 –

OHA,, ONA and Oklahoma State  
Regents meet with Governor to  
propose “Health Care Workforce  
Resource Center

Dec 2004 –

Governor’s Council for Workforce &  
Economic Development Created.



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## Historical Steps

2005 –

SB 1010 introduced to create Health Care Workforce Center (Passed in Senate, not heard by House)

Executive Order signed by Governor to establish Governor's Health Care Workforce Task Force

Survey's of State Health Care Facilities, Educational Institutions Measure of Capacity, Trends and Challenges.

[http://staging.okcommerce.gov/test1/dmdocuments/Health\\_Care\\_Industry\\_Workforce\\_Report\\_2006\\_Summary\\_1001082342.pdf](http://staging.okcommerce.gov/test1/dmdocuments/Health_Care_Industry_Workforce_Report_2006_Summary_1001082342.pdf)



## Historical Steps

2006 –

Introduction of SB 1394 and testify before various legislative committees

Passage of SB 1394 results in formation of OHCWC.

Earmark of annual \$4.5M to address health care workforce shortage in nursing and allied health programs.

<http://www.okhealthcareworkforce.com/>

