

BioSketch – Cheryl F. St. Clair

Cheryl F. St. Clair received her B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University in 1973. She has a minor in accounting and has completed additional classes in business administration. She has over 30 years of experience in rural community development and five years experience in hospital administration, as well as experience in financial management, personal investments, and private business ownership.

In her current position with the Oklahoma State University, Cooperative Extension Service, she is Associate Director of the National Center for Rural Health Works and partners with other 40 states. Ms. St. Clair delivers “Train the Trainer” workshops in the four main focus areas of the National Center: 1) economic impact, 2) community health needs assessment toolkit, 3) rural health needs assessment, and 4) health service profitability analyses. She develops new tools and templates, continuing to build the National Center. She provides ongoing technical assistance to RHW partner states. Ms. St. Clair also builds web tools and the website of the National Center.

Ms. St. Clair has over twenty years experience in delivering profitability analyses (cost and revenue analyses) of health and medical services to rural communities. She developed the community health engagement process and community health needs assessment toolkit with Dr. Gerald Doeksen and the Oklahoma State Office of Rural Health. Ongoing technical assistance is provided in all four areas of focus.

Ms. St. Clair partners closely with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Emergency Systems, to provide profitability analyses for emergency medical services. She has co-authored several publications with Emergency Systems; the two most recent

emergency medical service (EMS) publications include: 1) “A Systems Development Guide for Emergency Medical Services: *A Systematic Approach to Funding and Administration,*” June 2011 and 2) “Resource Guidebook for Oklahoma 522 Districts,” April 2011. She developed a training presentation to accompany the “Resource Guidebook for Oklahoma 522 Districts” to present to the board members of the Oklahoma 522 special taxation districts. This training program has been presented to over 25 EMS special taxation district boards in Oklahoma.

Ms. St. Clair continues to work with Oklahoma EMS providers to discuss funding options and other regional budgeting possibilities in order to sustain emergency medical services in rural Oklahoma. Ms. St. Clair is currently completing a national systems development and budget guide for emergency medical services (EMS). This document will go out for review this month and will be available later this fall for all rural EMS providers nationally.

Ms. St. Clair has experience in business ownership through managing her father’s company for over 15 years prior to his retirement. She also is partner in two private business ventures and provides financial oversight for both. Her experience in private business enhances her ability to provide technical assistance in rural development.