TERRI L. WHITE, MSW
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Terri White, commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, serves as the CEO for one of Oklahoma's largest state agencies. She is a passionate advocate for individuals experiencing mental illness and addiction. Because of her leadership, ODMHSAS has become nationally known for its children's behavioral health services; community-based treatment programs; technological innovations such as "telepsychiatry;" and the integration of behavioral health care into primary healthcare settings.

White was also the first woman to be appointed as Oklahoma Secretary of Health, serving in that capacity for then Governor Brad Henry, from 2009 to 2011. She has been recognized by The Journal Record newspaper as one of Oklahoma's top "Achievers Under 40" and is a three-time honoree of The Journal Record's "50 Women Making a Difference." In 2014, White received the "Kate Barnard Award" from the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, an award created to honor women who have made a difference in Oklahoma through public service. She was inducted into OU's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work Hall of Fame in 2011, and is a volunteer faculty member with the University's School of Medicine.

White received both her Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from OU.