

AAA MEMO: HCM 20-06 Date: March 27, 2020

Directors:

Many of you are seeking guidance, due to the current emergency status, on the opportunity for state employees to assist or be deployed to other agencies or to the Office of Volunteerism with the Office of Emergency Management. This memo is offered to relay the authority to allow employees to assist other agencies assign employees to "other duties as assigned", or be redeployed entirely.

Governor Kevin Stitt declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this state. State employees may be directed to cooperate with emergency management and assigned other duties [63 O.S. §683.18] while the emergency remains effective. State employees may be reassigned to provide or aid in the provision of technical assistance and training for directors and coordinators of volunteers, for staff and for individual volunteers for state, local or private entities. [63 O.S. 683.28]

State employees assuming new responsibilities will be paid at their current salary by the agency from which they are deployed. State employees injured while performing new responsibilities will be considered injuries arising out of and in the course of employment for purposes of Workers' Compensation coverage.

If you have any questions, please email me at Dana.Webb@omes.ok.gov.

Respectfully,

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