

# Committees of the Board

## Committee Digest

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## Summary

The Committee Digest (Digest) serves as a progress update for the 11 Committees of the Oregon Health Policy Board’s (OHPB). This Digest will summarize key work accomplished and highlight decisions and activities planned for the upcoming year. Committee information included in the Digest is provided by lead committee staff and will be distributed to OHPB members following each quarter.

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# Committee Meeting Schedule – 2024

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- Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee (dates TBD)
- Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee
- Health Care Workforce Committee
- Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee (dates TBD)
- Health Equity Committee
- Metrics and Scoring Committee
- Health Information Technology Oversight Committee (HITOC)
- Medicaid Advisory Committee
- Primary Care Payment Reform Committee
- Public Health Advisory Board
- Behavioral Health Committee (dates TBD)
- Oregon Health Policy Board

meeting dates are subject to change  
 see Committee website for meeting logistics

# Behavioral Health Committee (BHC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Maritza Herrera, Andrea Boachie, Prima Diamond	Nick Chaiyachakorn Ana Day	Vacant	7 (voting), 4 (non-voting)	6 (voting), 1 (non-voting)

## 2023 Committee Update:

The Behavioral Health Committee began discussions on **improving timely access to behavioral health care** and **improving integration of behavioral and physical health** in September and continued with these topics until May. The discussions were recorded in detail and analyzed for themes with the primary goal of accurately representing the committees’ discussion, intentions, and ideas, and summarizing it in a way that does not lose information, nor add ideas not originating from the committee’s own words. After analyzing these discussions, much of the conversation concerning Timely Access to Behavioral Health Care centered on 13 themes. Then the committee was asked to narrow their area of focus to two themes for further discussion and development in order to focus time and resources on priority topics.

The committee selected Workforce and Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) to move forward for the focus of the following meetings. The Behavioral Health Committee has received topical presentations from OHA partners who worked on the SDoH Screenings and Referral metric used in CCO contracts, updates concerning CCO contracts, the new Behavioral Health Data Warehouse and ROADS system, how data is or could be used to improve behavioral health programs and progress in the state. The committee’s discussion is still being analyzed, but some important steps forward were made in the area of Social Determinants of Health.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

The BHC is focusing on a few key areas related to SDoH which all relate to addressing the needs of individuals who are slipping through the cracks of the current SDoH screening and referrals process employed by providers.

- Reaching individuals who have had recent contact with the justice system/state hospital
- Following up with individuals who miss physical or behavioral health appointments
- Outreach to those not being served by CCOs for screenings
- Follow up with individuals referred to health related social needs services regarding successful connection

The Committee has a Social Determinants of Health Screening Metric Concept it is discussing further regarding increased support for individuals with high social risk-factors in receiving social needs services. Specific details of the concept must be discussed and agreed upon to move forward with this concept.

## **Additional Information for OHPB:**

The Behavioral Health Committee is currently not meeting due to limited attendance and inability to reach quorum. We are focusing our efforts on recruiting new members to fill the following vacant representations:

- CCO BH Director
- CMHP representative
- Representative with expertise in data analysis
- Consumer representative
- Tribal government representative
- Representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of the I/DD
- State of Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Director (non-voting)

## **Support or guidance needs:**

To date there is no formal process established for the Behavioral Health Committee to inform the CCO Quality incentive program or the responsible committees of their recommended metrics and incentives that are specific to behavioral health, or to propose during the formal metrics and incentives selection process. Barriers to establishing this process include that the HPQMC has not met since November 2022, and the establishment of the proposed Health Equity Quality Metrics Committee (HEQMC) has been stalled.

The establishment of a metrics development technical subcommittee under the Behavioral Health Committee to navigate the technical and system specific aspects of development and implementation of behavioral health quality metrics, and to collaborate with the Metrics and Scoring Committee (MSC) and the HPQMC or HEQMC would relieve the Behavioral Health Committee members of this time-consuming portion of the work and allow them to spend their resources on developing an impactful metric concept.

## **Upcoming 2024 meeting dates:**

- To be determined

[Committee website](#)

[Email BHC](#)

# Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Sarah Bartelmann	Felisa Hagins Peter Davidson	Bill Kramer	20	1

## 2023 Committee Update:

The Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee has had several membership changes in 2023:

- Jessica Richard replacing Angela Dowling as a commercial health plan representative
- Katie Koenig replacing Morgan Beltz as a business / employer representative
- Open recruitment for a new consumer advocate in September 2023 to replace Maribeth Guarino

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

The Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee is currently (summer-fall 2023) providing input on the development and methodology for financial penalties for health plans and provider organizations who consistently exceed the cost growth target without good reason. OHA has pushed out rulemaking to allow more time for Advisory Committee input and intends to open recruitment for a Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) before the end of the year. See [revised accountability timeline](#) (Aug 2023).

The Committee will continue to develop out its [draft framework for cost and equity](#) (see also attached) which identifies opportunities to further integrate equity into health care cost containment efforts and is intended to provide direction and a menu of potential actions for the Legislature, OHA, OHPB, the Advisory Committee, health plans, and provider organizations.

The Committee will also continue its work to identify and recommend potential strategies and policies to address key health care cost growth drivers. Conversations to date have focused on strategies to address pharmacy costs. The Committee will review additional reports and data analyses to help identify cost growth drivers and policy areas for focus, including a closer look at behavioral health spending.

The Committee will host / convene the 2024 Cost Growth Target Public Hearing (dates TBD), looking at health care cost growth trends between 2021-2022.

## **Additional Information for OHPB:**

The Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee is currently recruiting for a consumer advocate / consumer representative. Applications due September 29<sup>th</sup> and staff will make a recommendation to the Policy Board in October or November. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023.

## **Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:**

Not yet scheduled

[Committee website](#)

[Email CGT](#)

# Health Care Workforce Committee (HCWF)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Marc Overbeck	Laura McKeane, Chair Paul Gorman, Vice-Chair	Brenda Johnson	18	None; anticipate spots to fill at end of year for reappointment and replacement of members who are leaving the committee.

## 2023 Committee Update:

Health Care Workforce Committee developed a new framework document (below and attached) and voted to establish three subcommittees to build out recommendations from the 2023 Health Care Workforce Needs Assessment (approved by OHPB in January 2023).

### Health Care Workforce Committee Strategic Framework

**Vision:**  
A robust, diverse, and resilient health care workforce that provides culturally and linguistically responsive care, eliminates health inequities, and meets the local health care needs of everyone in Oregon.

**Mission:**  
Provide guidance on policy and practice to inspire, support, and sustain the Oregon health care workforce.

**Diversity Strategies**

- Make workplaces more welcoming for diverse health care professionals.
- Reduce barriers to entry and advancement for people of color, Tribal members, individuals with disabilities, and people from other diverse backgrounds and identities in the workforce.
- Increase investments in health care professionals who will provide culturally and linguistically responsive, person-centered health care.

**Wellness & Resiliency Strategies**

- Sustain a positive health care workplace culture and environment and reduce workplace burdens.
- Collect data which identifies the current challenges and priorities of health care professionals, and support workforce well-being strategies that are informed by findings.

**Workforce Development & Retention Strategies**

- Address workforce recruitment and retention factors such as geography, housing cost and supply, opportunities for partners/spouses and families, and quality of K-12 education.
- Ensure adequate numbers of faculty and clinical training placements for health care professionals at every level.
- Invest in reliable and new strategies to enhance training opportunities for people who provide and support physical, oral, and behavioral health care for everyone in Oregon.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

Four major pieces of work between now and the end of 2023:

- Completing strategy papers for Board review in early 2024 on:
  - Workforce Diversity
  - Workforce Wellness and Resiliency
  - Workforce Development and Retention
- Drafting a new Health Care Workforce Committee Charter for OHPB review in early 2024, based on the model provided by the new Health Equity Committee charter
- Providing review and recommendations on distribution of moneys in the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund (OHPB to consider for approval at its November meeting)
- Conducting recruitment for 2024

All of these, but particularly the strategy paper on workforce diversity, are connected with the Board priority on health equity - workforce diversity. Recommended distribution of the Health Care Provider Incentive Program and other strategy papers are also related to the Board priority around Behavioral Health.

## Additional Information for OHPB:

### Upcoming recruitment needs:

- OHA staff would appreciate clarity around committee terms and length of service—current leadership is nearing the end of maximum service on the committee, based on current bylaws.

### Support or guidance needs:

- The committee has greatly appreciated the strong and valuable role Brenda Johnson has played for the past four years as liaison.

## Upcoming 2024 meeting dates:

- (All dates are tentative at this time):
  - January 10
  - March 6
  - May 8
  - July 10
  - September 4
  - November 6

[Committee website](#)

[Email HCWF](#)

# Health Equity Committee (HEC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Members (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Maria Elena Castro Alex Freedman	Jorge Ramirez Garcia (2nd term ends December 2023)  Katie Cox (1st term ends December 2023)	Sandy Sampson	Currently 13 + 1 Tribal representative	2

## 2023 Committee Update:

### Strategic Priorities

After completing its **charter update** in March 2023, HEC turned to developing its strategic priorities based on the charter's updated focus areas. With the help of a consultant and the focused time of a strategic workgroup made up of HEC members and OHA staff, HEC was able to develop the (attached) **Strategic Priorities 4-Page document**. This document incorporates the updated charter's mission, vision, values, and focus areas, and then outlines 1-3 goals under each strategic priority area (policy, feedback, and collaboration). OHA committee lead staff have reviewed and received approval of this document with OHA leadership, including Leann Johnson (director of Equity and Inclusion Division) and Dave Baden (interim OHA Director). Currently, OHA staff are preparing to work with a consultant to develop an implementation workplan for the strategic priorities.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

- **November Annual HEC Retreat**  
HEC is preparing for its annual retreat in November. Some of the items that may be included on the agenda are:
  - HEC member relationship-building
  - HEC monthly meeting format / process changes
  - Presentation from a community health equity leader
  - HEC, OHPB, and OHA power & relationship mapping project
  - Strategic priorities work planning
- **Committee changes**  
HEC is preparing to recruit up to 11 seats, due to vacancies, term endings, and potential term renewals. The proposed slate of HEC members should be ready for presentation to OHPB in December. Based on community and committee member feedback, HEC is exploring ways to make committee meetings more equitable and accessible for community members to participate. These

meeting structure changes will be discussed at the annual HEC retreat and may include suggestions to change how HEC meetings are publicized, how presenters are recruited, and their discussion focused on equity impact, and how material is linked to HEC strategic priorities.

- **Strategic Priority Workplan**

Based on HEC's updated strategic priorities (see attached), HEC is currently preparing its 2024 – 2027 workplan. This will include detailed SMARTIE-formatted goals, timelines, and distribution of responsibilities and tasks.

- **Communication to OHPB**

HEC members and staff leads are currently drafting two letters on the following topics:

- Uplifting the findings of the 2022 Ombuds report and requesting OHPB/OHA support the Ombuds work in general
- Calling OHPB's and OHA's attention to Transgender Health Equity issues affecting the LGBTQIA2S+ community in Oregon and requesting support for a community engagement and policy change response.

Most if not all HEC strategic priorities relate to OHPB's proposed "eliminate health inequities and operationalize health equity" priority. OHPB may find the following HEC strategic priorities of particular interest:

1. *Develop Health Equity Vision for Oregon*
2. *Collaborate on Equity Toolkit*
3. *Advocate for the adoption of a community engagement approach across OHA*
4. *Participate in consultive decision-making with OHA/OHPB*
5. *Review and endorse health equity action report*
6. *Collaborate with each OHPB Committee to embed equity*
7. *Strengthen and map HEC, OHPB, and OHA Relationships*

## **Additional Information for OHPB:**

### **Upcoming recruitment needs:**

HEC is preparing to recruit up to 11 seats, due to vacancies, term endings, and potential term renewals. The proposed slate of HEC members should be ready for presentation to OHPB in December.

### **Support or guidance needs:**

HEC co-chairs and staff leads would be happy to discuss ways to align HEC strategic priorities with OHPB strategic priorities, and to find opportunities to advocate together to OHA to make systems and policy changes to further advancements in health equity.

HEC would also appreciate the support of OHPB members and staff in HEC's goal of creating a map of relationships between OHA, OHPB, HEC, and health care payers and providers. HEC committee members,

who represent diverse community health equity groups, have consistently expressed a desire to have a clearer picture of the power structures that determine HEC's role in decision making, policy development, and advocacy work. This will be a project potentially discussed at the HEC annual retreat in November.

HEC's advocacy letters (see above section) will be available for review by OHPB co-chairs in November or December, and HEC co-chairs may request input or feedback before formally submitting the letters to OHPB.

### **Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:**

- Second Thursday of each month, 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

[Committee website](#)

[Email HEC](#)

# Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Laurel Moffat	David Dorr, Chair Amy Henninger, Vice- Chair	John Santa (Term ending Dec 2023)	11 plus 1 ex-officio member	4

## 2023 Committee Update:

### Overview:

HITOC is tasked with setting goals and developing a strategic health information technology plan for the state, as well as monitoring progress in achieving those goals and providing oversight for the implementation of the plan. HITOC is also responsible for assessing Oregon's Health IT landscape. The Council, in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority,

- Monitors and evaluates the shifting health information technology environment;
- Makes policy and strategy recommendations;
- Convenes committees as needed to collect and share information.

### Update:

1. HITOC submitted the House Bill 4150 Final Report: Supporting Statewide Community Information Exchange to the Oregon Legislature on January 31, 2023. [Link](#).
2. HITOC gathered content and recommendations for the 2024-2028 Oregon Health IT Strategic Plan:
  - a. The Community Information Exchange (CIE) Work Group recommended six approaches for how to accelerate, support, and improve statewide CIE in Oregon (reflected in HITOC's HB4150 report to the legislature):
    - i. Support for community-based organization (CBO) participation in CIE.
    - ii. Support for additional partners to participate in CIE.
    - iii. Specify OHA and ODHS roles in CIE.
    - iv. Support a statewide CIE data program
    - v. Ensure privacy and security of statewide CIE
    - vi. Support inclusive neutral governance of statewide CIE
  - b. HITOC's Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup developed recommendations to HITOC and OHA on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve HIE across Oregon. These recommendations are documented in 5 concept papers structured around these topic areas:
    - i. A statewide vision for HIE
    - ii. Consumers, privacy & security, and data quality
    - iii. Connecting the care team – care coordination

- iv. Social determinants of health use cases of HIE
  - v. Advancing population health through HIE
  - c. HITOC is conducting a new cycle of community engagement with groups impacted by Health IT. HITOC reviewed 5 years of existing input on Health IT in Oregon to develop the draft strategic goals. Now the council is in the process of hosting public listening sessions to collect feedback on the draft goals. Listening sessions include health care consumers, patients, and community members as well as healthcare providers, and clinic staff, particularly from behavioral health, oral health, rural health, and carceral settings. Once the Strategic Plan is drafted, HITOC will continue to engage partners in its ongoing work.
3. **HITOC renewed Vice Chair Amy Henninger's term and elected a new Chair, David Dorr, who started in August, 2023.** Dr. Dorr is the Chief Research Information Officer of OHSU and has a rich background in policy and health IT system design. His goal is to center patients' experiences and use information technology to ensure they have the best care possible.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

### Overall:

- Complete 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and submit to OHPB for review in Spring 2024.
- Recruit new members and submit the new slate to OHPB for approval in spring 2024.

### Related to OHPB Proposed Priorities:

- **Health Equity: eliminate health inequities and operationalize health equity:**
  - HITOC's CIE Workgroup and HB4150 report detailed how CIE can help advance health equity.
  - HITOC supports social determinants of health (SDOH) initiatives to further health equity. The council monitors coordinated care organizations' (CCOs') efforts to support SDOH via health IT. Link to [2023 CCO Roadmap Summary on SDOH](#). In 2023, HITOC's HIE Workgroup prioritized SDOH as a focus area for health IT strategic planning and developed detailed recommendations for supporting SDOH initiatives.
- **Health Equity: Workforce diversity:**
  - The HIE Workgroup highlighted the need for growing the health IT workforce.
- **Behavioral Health:**
  - Behavioral health is a focus area for HITOC's upcoming 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.
  - HITOC monitors the behavioral health IT landscape, including electronic health record adoption and health information exchange.
  - HITOC engages with community mental health partners to better understand their health IT needs and challenges.

- Council membership includes representation from people with both professional and lived experience with the behavioral/mental health system.
- **1115 Waiver Implementation:**
  - HITOC monitors waiver implementation for opportunities to support health information technology, including leveraging CIE to support Health Related Social Needs.

## **Additional Information for OHPB:**

### **Upcoming recruitment needs:**

We plan to launch recruitment in January 2024 to fill 5 seats. HITOC currently has 4 vacant seats, which will increase to 5 in spring 2024. A gaps analysis has been completed to inform of representation needs.

### **Support or guidance needs:**

- Our OHPB liaison, John Santa, will end his term in December 2023. John's connection has been an invaluable resource for HITOC, and we welcome future OHPB liaisons.
- Spring 2024 we will seek OHPB's approval for
  - 2024-2028 Oregon Health IT Strategic Plan
  - New HITOC members
- Upcoming meeting: October 2, 2023

## **Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:**

- February 1
- April 11
- June 6
- August 1
- October 10
- December 12

**Committee** [website](#)

**Email** [HITOC](#)

# Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Victor Garcia	Kraig Anderson – chair	Vacant	14	1
Dawn Shaw	Lindsey Hopper – vice chair			

## 2023 Committee Update:

- February 2023: Linzay Shirahama and Kathleen Jonathan termed out.
- April 26, 2023: Daniele Nichols (provider and community partner) and Shannon Lee (Marketplace enrollee) joined the committee.
- July 31: SB 966 (2023) was made effective and reinstated the DCBS Director as an ex-officio member, clearing up the OHA Director / Designee seat. Composition of the committee per this bill is now back to 13 community members that are Senate confirmed and 2 ex-officio members.
- August 31, Maribeth Guarino (community advocate) and Drew Tarab (insurance carrier) resigned from the committee.
- September 1: Ali Hassoun, Interim HPA Director, officially becomes the OHA Director’s designee for the committee.
- November 18: Ron Gallinat’s first term ends and in the process of applying for reappointment for a second term.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

- Implementation of SB 972 (2023) which allows the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace for us to transition to a state-based marketplace.
- 2024 Marketplace Open Enrollment
- Medicaid to the Marketplace transitions due to the Public Health Emergency Unwinding
- Basic Health Plan impact mitigation strategies

## Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:

- January 18
- April 18
- July 18
- October 17
- December 5

[Committee website](#)

[Email HI-MAC](#)

# Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee (HPQMC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Katie Howard	Shaun Parkman, Chair Maggie Bennington-Davis, Vice-Chair	Vacant	11	4

## 2023 Committee Update:

Due to the changes to the committee responsibilities under [Senate Bill 966 \(2023\)](#), OHA will keep the HPQMC on hiatus while the study of the CCO Quality Incentive Program is conducted. The enrolled bill automatically adds any measures selected by the Metrics & Scoring Committee to the HPQMC menu of measures.

[Committee website](#)

[Email HPQMC](#)

# Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Sarah Wetherson Staci- DeLeon- Davis	Heather Jefferies Gabe Triplett	John Santa (Term ending Dec 2023)	13	2

## 2023 Committee Update:

- Held retreat in February 2023 to establish the following priorities:
  - 1115 Waiver Implementation
  - SHARE/HRSN/SDOH Details
  - OHA Monitoring of CCO network adequacy/coverage
  - Durable Medical Equipment – Prosthetics/Orthotics and supplies (DME-POS)
- Added a new Oregon Department of Human Services representative in April
- Welcomed new co-chairs in June
- Onboarded four new members in August
- Reviewed and commented on new federal rules for MAC and ACE subcommittee

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

### Overall:

The MAC has made progress building the foundational needs to operate effectively as a subcommittee of the Board with responsibilities for advising the state on Medicaid policy and operations. Additionally, at its retreat, the MAC identified the four focus areas listed above and is working with its subcommittee to contribute to the state's efforts in these areas. With new members representing various regions and communities, the MAC is committed to producing an annual letter by the end of Q4 2023.

The MAC continues to elevate the consumer experience and prioritize health equity through the subcommittee, specifically around network adequacy standards with quality assurance and by understanding complaint data with client services, specifically around DME-POS. Some of these efforts are on hold as the subcommittee and the MAC work through how to implement the changes to rules that CMS has proposed to govern the MAC and its subcommittee.

The MAC will work with OHA's evaluation team to develop recommendations for evaluating those portions of the 1115 Waiver focusing on social determinants of health. Of particular interest is how Oregon will measure progress with regard to the housing supports in the waiver.

## Related to OHPB Proposed Priorities:

- **Health Equity: eliminate health inequities and operationalize health equity:**
  - The MAC is working with OHA's evaluation team to understand the availability and reliability of housing data related to the 1115 Waiver, as well as other programs that are supporting or funding housing initiatives. The goal is to understand and advise OHA on measures of waiver-related housing work.
  - The MAC will continue apply an equity lens to policy and operational recommendations it brings to OHPB or the state.
- **Behavioral Health:**
  - MAC members have demonstrated passion and desire to learn more about the 1115 SUD Waiver and where MAC can play a role in providing feedback.
  - The MAC will continue to keep the state's aim articulated in the 1115 Waiver of prioritizing housing supports for people with severe and persistent mental illness in the forefront.
- **Health Care Model Advancement:**
  - The MAC has charged the ACE subcommittee to have ongoing conversations with OHA's Quality Assurance about network adequacy/coverage monitoring and to bring recommendations for improvements to OHA's processes. There are plans to implement changes to network adequacy provisions in the CCO contract beginning January 1, 2024
  - The MAC will work closely with its OHA representative to monitor CCO contract development.

## Additional Information for OHPB:

### Upcoming recruitment needs:

Searching for a practicing, licensed physician located outside of the Willamette Valley and a person passionate about and experienced with the long-term services and supports that ODHS delivers as a Medicaid benefit.

### Support or guidance needs:

Process for replacement of MAC liaison, MAC authority and escalation processes, clarification about the MAC's role guiding OHA as both a federally mandated committee and a subcommittee of OHPB.

## Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:

- January 31, all Wednesdays 9am -12pm
- February 28
- April 17
- May 29
- June 26
- September 25
- October 30
- December 4

Note: All meetings will be held in person with an option to join virtually.

[Committee website](#)

[Email MAC](#)

# Metrics and Scoring Committee (M&SC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
Sara Kleinschmidt	Dr. Jorge Ramirez Garcia and Dr. Manu Chaudhry (both elected September 2023)	Kirsten Isaacson	9 (with two new members joining October 2023)	0

## 2023 Committee Update:

The Metrics & Scoring Committee is tasked with selecting healthcare quality measures for inclusion in the CCO Quality Incentive Program. Through this program, CCOs can earn hundreds of millions of dollars in bonus funds for improving care for Oregon Health Plan members.

### 2023 Incentive Measure Set

In alignment with Medicaid waiver goals around the social determinants of health, the Committee chose to include a new measure in the program for 2023, Social Determinants of Health: Health Related Social Needs Screening & Referral. The aim of this measure is that members' social needs are identified and addressed. It is a two-part measure which adds requirements over multiple years.

To meet these needs, Component 1 of the measure requires CCOs to lay the groundwork for equitable and trauma-informed social needs screening, referral, and data tracking (structural component). Component 2 requires CCO members to be screened for housing insecurity, food insecurity, and transportation needs and that appropriate referrals are made (quantitative component).

### 2024 Incentive Measure Set

Based on the need to allow time for targeted work on the existing measures, the Committee chose to continue all fifteen measures from 2023 into 2024. The 2024 incentive measure set can be found [here](#).

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

The Committee is finalizing the 2024 benchmarks and improvement targets CCOs must meet to earn the bonus funds. This work will continue into the early autumn.

Then, the Committee will shift focus to 2025 decisions, including program changes outlined in Senate Bill 966 to better leverage the program to advance health equity. As outlined in the [memo shared with the OHPB](#) at its September meeting, this entails:

- Creating intentional space for both upstream and downstream measures
- Selecting downstream measure from the CMS Medicaid Core Sets

- Prioritizing the four existing upstream measures for the duration of the 1115 Waiver.

The bill requires OHA to work with community and health system representatives to study the CCO Quality Incentive Program and propose structural changes to ensure the program focuses on addressing health inequities, and the Committee will want to be kept apprised of this work.

## Additional Information for OHPB:

### Support or guidance needs:

Senate Bill 966 also directs OHA and **the OHPB** to regularly evaluate the measures selected by the Committee. Inclusion of OHPB is new. The Committee looks forward to working with OHPB on what this review might look like moving forward.

## Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:

- 9am – 12pm the third Friday of each month

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# Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative (PCPRC)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
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## 2023 Committee Update:

The VBP Model Development Workgroup, established by the PCPRC to develop a primary care VBP model (per request of the [VBP Compact](#) Workgroup), completed its work in May and in June the PCPRC overwhelmingly approved the model. The prospective capitation model supports high quality, patient-centered primary care with stable funding and includes performance-based incentive payments and infrastructure payments. The PCPRC is convening two workgroups this fall to complement development of the model. One workgroup will identify a set of quality metrics for use with the model and the other workgroup will develop a pilot of social risk adjustment.

The PCPRC is promoting voluntary adoption of the model by payers and providers. In addition, OHA is exploring using its role as a purchaser by incorporating the VBP model as requirements in future contracts with CCOs, PEBB/OEBB and possibly the Marketplace.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

### Overall:

The PCPRC is holding a strategic planning retreat on October 11 to define its work for the next year to 18 months. Included in this work are the two workgroups noted above and dissemination of the primary care VBP model to promote adoption.

### Related to OHPB Proposed Priorities:

- **Health Equity:**

- The PCPRC expressed great interest in implementing a risk adjustment methodology into the VBP model that accounts for social risk factors such as homelessness and food insecurity. To accomplish this, the PCPRC is convening a Social Risk Adjustment (SRA) Workgroup comprised of payers and providers to develop a pilot testing SRA within primary care VBP.

- **Behavioral Health:**

- The primary care VBP model supports the delivery of behavioral health services in primary care. Dissemination of the model will highlight this component.

- **Health Care Model Advancement:**

- Increasing the use of VBP is the first strategy identified by the CGT Implementation Committee to reduce the rate of cost growth. The Committee established a VBP Compact, a voluntary commitment by payers and providers to participate in and spread VBPs, meeting specified VBP targets and timelines over the next five years. The VBP Compact Workgroup, convened by OHA and OHLC to ensure the successful implementation of the Compact, identified the development of a short menu of VBP models as a key strategy for success. The VBP Compact Workgroup asked the PCPRC to develop a primary care VBP model to be the first on the short menu.

## **Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:**

- January 31, all 12:30-2:30pm
- April 10
- August 14
- October 9

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# Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)

Lead Staff	Chairs	OHPB Liaison	Membership (#)	Vacant Seats (#)
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## 2023 Committee Update:

- Onboarded three new members in 2023.
- Held a retreat in July to reflect on PHAB’s charter and accomplishments, and to develop an action plan for moving forward.
- Following adoption of updated charter and bylaws in 2022, PHAB is currently updating its Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure.
- Provided ongoing guidance and leadership to plan for increased public health system investments through public health modernization.
- Continued to conduct ongoing work through three established subcommittees and two limited duration workgroups.
- Adopted public health accountability metrics indicators, which are used to track statewide progress in addressing urgent public health issues for communicable disease control and climate and health.

## Upcoming Committee Work and Decisions:

### Overall:

- Finalize 2023-25 measure selection for public health accountability metrics, which include process measures of core governmental public health functions to improve health outcomes and eliminate health inequities. (Expected date of completion: Fall 2023)
- Adopt a Strategic Data Plan for the public health system, that identifies short and long-term objectives for addressing data justice, data equity and community engagement in public health data initiatives. (Expected date of completion: Fall 2023)
- Finalize its updated PHAB Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure. (Expected date of completion: Fall 2023)
- Contribute to two statewide planning efforts required through new investments in public health modernization: a statewide public health equity framework and a statewide public health workforce plan. (Expected date of completion: Spring 2024)

- Review and update the public health modernization funding formula for local public health authorities for the 2025-27 biennium, with focus on matching and incentive fund components. (Expected date of completion: Spring 2024)
- Contribute to the 2023-24 State Health Assessment and development of the 2025-29 state health improvement plan. (Ongoing)
- Advise and make recommendations for current and future public health modernization funding. (Ongoing)
- Provide support to local public health authorities in developing local public health modernization implementation plans that are statutorily required to be completed by December 2025. (Ongoing)

#### Related to OHPB Proposed Priorities:

- **Health Equity: eliminate health inequities and operationalize health equity:**

- PHAB Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure
- Statewide public health equity framework
- Public Health Strategic Data Plan
- Public health accountability metrics

- **Health Equity: Workforce diversity:**

- Statewide public health workforce plan
- Ongoing role in providing guidance and advising on use of state investments in public health modernization

## Additional Information for OHPB:

### Upcoming recruitment needs:

- OHPB Liaison
- PHAB will recruit and onboard four new members in January 2024. These members will fill seats added to PHAB's membership through 2023 legislation. New seats include two individuals representing community-based organizations, an individual who is an expert in health equity, and an individual representing preschool through high school education.

### Support or guidance needs:

- OHPB support to PHAB for maintaining connections with the OHPB Health Equity Committee in support of PHAB's Health Equity Policy and Procedure and development of a statewide public health equity framework in 2024.

- OHPB support to establish and strengthen PHAB’s connections to health system initiatives including the Medicaid 1115 waiver and CCO incentive metrics.

## Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:

- Second Thursdays of each month from 3:00-5:30

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