

Oregon Health Policy Board Minutes
December 8, 2009
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sheraton Hotel Portland Airport, Portland Oregon

Item 1 - Call to Order/Roll Call

Eric Parsons called the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) meeting to order. All Board members were present. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) staff present were Bruce Goldberg and Tina Edlund.

Item 2 – Review and Approve Agenda and Minutes

The December 8 OHPB agenda was reviewed. No further changes were noted. The agenda was approved with no further discussion. The November 10, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board. Nita Werner moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Felisa Hagins seconded the motion. There was no further discussion by the Board. The minutes were approved.

Item 3 –Facilitated Discussion: Decision Making, Board Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator Diana Bianco led the group through a facilitated discussion of; 1) coming to a shared understanding of the Board’s roles and responsibilities and 2) decision making process of what consensus means. Consensus must be transparent and all Board members must participate in the decision making process. The discussion centered on how Board members will come to a 100 percent consensus, or if they should go with the majority vote of the Board.

Diana summarized the Board’s discussion: when the group reaches a decision, all will support it. The group doesn’t want to be fractured, and would like to reach consensus. Consensus will be the general order of business. Transparency and robust discussions are central. Everyone has a role and everyone plays their role. When the Board is unable to get to 100 percent consensus, the Chair should be given prerogative and will call a vote or explore other routes (e.g., halt discussion and revisit later).

Item 4 – Committee Considerations and Work Plan – Tina Edlund

Tina Edlund discussed the four committees and the possibility of a fifth committee and the Work Plan.

Health Care Workforce Committee – The Board reviewed the draft Health Care Workforce Committee charter. The Office for Health Policy and Research (OHPR) and the Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) are required by statute to collaborate on workforce data. The data will be available in January 2010. The revised charter will include the professions included in the statute. Data on mental health & addictions professionals beyond medical professionals (e.g., social workers) are not included in the database, and including that data in would require statutory change. Chair Parsons called for discussion.

Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee – The Board reviewed the draft Charters for the Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee. The objective of the committee is to look at and understand health care needs and what we purchase and how we pay for it. There needs to be one set of standards, alignment and unification. This committee will look at areas where new policies and standards regarding quality can be established. The committee will work with local

governments to integrate standards into their policies and look at reasonable performance not replacing benefit and groundwork. The committee needs to look at deliverables, bundling, payment reform and new methodologies. The committee will establish standardization of good payment methods.

Two committees and a taskforce will also be established by the Board: a Health Systems Performance Committee, Statewide Health Improvement Committee and a Medical Liability Taskforce.

Board members will act as liaisons to the Committees and will indicate to Eric Parsons or Tina Edlund which committees they would like to attend.

Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee - Jane Moore introduced a draft charter for the State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee. This committee aligns with the work being done in Public Health. The committee will bring forward a strategic plan update every five years. The steering committee was formed to ensure a wide array of stakeholders were at the table. A facilitator will oversee this process. The scope of this committee is prevention, detection, early management. The group is going through deliverables and moving toward an action plan, working toward an aggressive timeline in 2010. The plan will be launched at a statewide conference. Deliverables will be clarified. Carlos Crespo and Lillian Shirley will act as liaisons to this Committee.

Medical Liability Taskforce- Board members would like to ensure that liability issues particular to rural areas are addressed by this committee, that we ensure that legal professionals are included and that the consumer perspective is included.

Health Systems Performance Committee - This permanent committee reviews alternative payment methodologies and makes payment methodology recommendations to the Board. This committee will also make recommendations for a model dashboard for the Oregon Health Authority and for the state. The quality and cost relationship is the charge of this committee.

Board member discussion emphasized the need for this committee to focus on the value proposition, the connection to purchasing and directed the committee to balance the need for data against the need for action and implementation.

Charters

Chair asked for formal action to adopt the four charters and to establish a liability committee. Lillian Shirley motioned, Chuck Hofmann seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Parsons called for a motion to adopt the Board Work Plan. Motion made by Chuck Hofmann, seconded by Eileen Brady. No further discussion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Item 5 - Board Discussion- Opportunities and Obstacles for the Work Ahead

Barney Speight provided a brief history about health care reform in Oregon and what health reform environments didn't work in the past. Mr. Speight and the Board discussed payment mechanisms, affordability and fundamental change.

Item 6 – Federal Legislation Review – Amy Fauver

Amy Fauver provided an update on comparing state and federal pending health care legislation and implementing timelines.

Item 7 – Public comment from Health Advocacy Allies – Ellen Pinney

Ellen Pinney introduced her group and provided an overview of the Oregon Health Action Campaign's (OHAC) role in assisting the Board to accomplish its goals set forth by the legislature. OHAC addressed four key reform and processes when they become current in the Board's workplan. The group believes that the single market insurance exchange, an essential benefits package as a floor plan for all plans, a public option with the exchange, and the affordability of premiums and out of pocket costs for people at various income levels are essential. The elimination of disparities in health outcomes is essential. Public input and engagement throughout this process is critical. Individual presentations were made by Laura Etherton (Insurance Exchange), Betty Johnson (Public Option), John Mullin (Affordability), Mark Mathis (Religious side – Including everyone), Ron Williams (Making Health Care Equitable) and Bob Brown (Increasing Public Input).

Chair asked if future Board meetings are better for each member in the morning or afternoon. There were mixed responses, so it was decided to have alternating schedules. Meeting adjourned 3:50 pm

Next Meeting:
The Market Square Building
January 12, 2009
1:00 – 5:00 pm