

**Oregon Healthcare Workforce Committee
Meeting Summary**

August 18 2010
1 – 4 pm

Committee Members in Attendance

John Moorhead (Chair)
Bonnie Bender
Kris Campbell
Lita Colligan
Paula Crone (phone)
Lisa Dodson
Sara Hopkins-Powell
Terri Johanson
Kelly Morgan
David Pollack
Mark Richardson
Karen Sanders
Daniel Saucy
Kristin Simmons
Jennifer Valentine
Judith Woodruff

OHPR and OWHI Staff in Attendance

Jo Isgrigg (OWHI)
Jennifer Swendsen (OWHI)
Sean Kolmer (OHPR)
Lisa Angus (OHPR)

Committee Members not in Attendance

Ann Malosh (Vice-Chair)
June Chrisman
Dan Lange
Donna Larson
Marcus Mundy
David Nardone
Kathyleen Tomlin

Meeting Summary (Committee actions or decisions in bold)

The meeting was convened at 1:05pm by Dr. Moorhead.

Minutes from the July 21 meeting were approved.

Updates

Sean Kolmer and Lisa Angus gave an update on activities of other Health Policy Board Committees and the Oregon Health Authority:

- Three topics were covered at the last Health Policy Board meeting:
 - Workgroup recommendations on administrative simplification were adopted.
 - Preliminary proposals on recommendations for a statewide insurance Exchange were discussed. Discussions and planning on this topic will continue and will include public forums around the state in September and October. The Health Authority is required to deliver a proposed Exchange business plan to the Legislature in December.
 - Consultant Bill Kramer gave some background on the topic of a public insurance plan. The Health Authority is required to report to the Legislature in December on the feasibility of a public plan.
- Latest budget estimates (in advance of the August forecast) are that the state still has a shortfall of anywhere from \$200 - \$500M for this biennium.
 - Committee members observed that there was a need to create jobs in Oregon (in addition to reducing spending) and that the Workforce Committee has an opportunity to help do that. Probable return on investment must be clear.

Action Steps for strategic recommendations

John Moorhead gave an introduction to the next section of the agenda, which had Committee members breaking into three groups to propose concrete action steps, actors, and timelines for each of the Committee's initial recommendations in three priority areas. Members were encouraged to make recommendations specific, action-oriented (i.e. avoid recommending additional committees or further deliberation where possible), and feasible in light of the state's budget situation.

Summaries of the breakout conversations and subsequent reporting back to the whole Committee are in a separate document, called "8-18 Breakout Summary DRAFT.doc."

Action steps wrap-up

Staff will transcribe action steps generated by the breakout groups and suggest additional detail where needed. The result will be distributed to Committee members for review and revision before the next meeting.

Cross-committee coordination

The Committee reviewed a document outlining potential requests to or from other Health Policy Board and OHA committees/workgroups. One or two members volunteered to take the lead on connecting to those other groups, with support from OHP staff.

Public Comment

Members of the public who were present did not wish to offer comment.

Dr. Moorhead adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.