

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (OHPC)

January 13, 2009
1:00 p.m.
Meeting recorded

Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vanetta Abdellatif, Chair
Jonathan Ater, Vice-Chair
Kerry Barnett
Geoff Brown (by phone)
Alice Dale
Vickie Gates
Denise Honzel
Jim Lussier (by phone)
Steve Sharp
Rick Wopat, MD

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Senator Alan Bates
Representative Mitch Greenlick
Representative Ron Maurer
Senator Frank Morse

STAFF PRESENT: Gretchen Morley, OHPC Director
Jeanene Smith, MD, Administrator, OHP
Tina Edlund, Deputy Administrator, OHP
Nora Leibowitz, Senior Policy Analyst, OHPC
Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

GUEST: Bill Thorndike, Chair, Oregon Health Fund Board

ISSUES HEARD:

- Oregon Health Reform Collaborative update
- Statewide Quality Improvement Team Action Plan
- Health Bills in 2009 Legislative Session
- Next Steps

Chair Abdellatif I. Call to order / Approval of Minutes / Update

- November 3, 2008 minutes approved as submitted.

Gretchen Morley II. Oregon Health Reform Collaborative (OHRC) Update

Currently, 27 member organizations participate in the OHRC (list of members organizations distributed). Mid-December they held a retreat and are currently planning for legislative session and focusing on what issues the group can collectively form consensus statements to move legislation forward. Mid-session, OHRC plans to sponsor a legislative briefing and is preparing a communication plan.

Each group may use the materials differently. There are opportunities for the OHPC to connect with the collaborative groups. As information is developed, Gretchen will share with the OHPC.

Discussion

- Some OHRC members are very focused on health reform. Would like to see the collaborative and find a way to synthesize data around health

reform and use information; even a broad-based consensus statement would be useful.

- Gretchen will email the Collaborative charter to the group. In the past, since the group is broadly represented, it is not always possible to form a unanimous consensus on issues. However, consensus statements have been distributed when there is a majority on an issues with the supporting organizations listed.

Gretchen Morley III. Statewide Quality Improvement Action Plan

A working document from the QI Team for a state health quality improvement action plan was distributed. The action plan is in alignment with the Health Fund Board's Triple Aim chart. So far, they have focused on "improve patient safety and reduce health facility acquired infections." Planning 3-4 meetings with a final meeting mid-May that will hopefully contain an action plan. Gretchen will continue to share updates from the QI Team.

Discussion

- Would like to see a multi-cultural health representative on the QI Team.
- Would like to reference groups who have information and not duplicate work.
- CMS drives the metrics; look at where the Federal government is going.
- Government could/should encourage public dollars to support health information record sharing. Without an electronic record system, will not be cost effective to do an integrated health home.
- Gretchen will email the HIIAC report to members.

Gretchen Morley IV. Health Bills in 2009 Legislative Session

Commissioners discussed the need to meet more frequently during legislative session. Decided to hold in-person meetings every other month (March, May, July, September, November 2009), with a 2-hour conference call during legislative session in February, April, and June. Will send updated legislative bill tracker periodically to group.

Discussion

- Discussed need to involve the OHPC in providing input to legislators on various topics and how to best do this. Decided on a two-step process: 1) reach out to whole group, and 2) empower a smaller group to synthesize information and draft a final document. Would run draft by the larger group for input/consensus before distribution. Possible topics:
 - Cost containment
 - Quality and transparency
 - Expansion of access to health care
 - Delivery system reform
 - Use of Federal Funds
 - Champion Health Authority legislation
- Concern about provider tax being proposed to fund health reform legislation when payroll tax was recommended by Finance Committee. Dr. John McConnell was hired to do a study on provider tax and will be providing results to the Health Fund Board members through a webinar. OHPC members will be included in the invitation when it's scheduled.

Chair Abedellatif V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a conference call that will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2009. A room will be reserved for the public to listen to the call.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

Reviewed by:

Gretchen Morley, Director OHPC

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Agenda
- B – November 3, 2008 meeting minutes
- C – Legislative Bill list
- C – State Quality Improvement Team Charter & Plan materials
- D – Draft excerpt from OHFB report “Bending the Cost Curve in Oregon”
- E – Oregon Health Reform Collaborative member organization list
- F – OHFB /Recommendations HB 2009 Comparison Matrix
- G – OHFB 2009 Legislation related to Board Recommendations

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (OHPC)

February 10, 2009
3:00 PM
Meeting recorded

Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vanetta Abdellatif, Chair
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STAFF PRESENT: Gretchen Morley, OHPC Director
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Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator, OHP

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- Oregon Health Reform Collaborative Update
- Legislative Update
- Next Steps

Chair Abdellatif I. Call to order / Approval of Minutes

- January 13, 2009 minutes approved as submitted.

Gretchen Morley II. Oregon Health Reform Collaborative (OHRC) Update

OHRC is planning a legislative briefing and Commissioners will be notified when the date is set. Gretchen distributed an OHRC Consensus Statement that was developed by a core group of the OHRC. OHRC members are currently asking their organizations if they would like to support the Consensus Statement. Gretchen asked Commissioners if they would like the OHPC to be added to the Consensus Statement (CS).

Discussion

- Question re: whether need to sign on since OHPC convened the OHRC and to add OHPC to CS may draw attention away from OHRC. Save OHPC endorsement for specific recommendations, such as prioritizing affordability issues.
- Support since is same as what OHPC supported two years ago. Is innocuous document and says some of what OHPC has been saying. Since there's an urgent need for health care reform, should support.

Vote of members, passed by majority to add OHPC to the CS.

Gretchen Morley III. Provider Tax Webinar / Quality Improvement

The provider tax webinar, hosted by John McConnell, PhD, is scheduled for February 17 from 3 – 4 pm. Gretchen will send information to the OHPC.

Gretchen will be testifying on Friday, February 13, from 3-5 pm before the House Health Care Committee on the Quality Improvement Institute along with Nancy Clarke (Q-Corp) and Vickie Gates (OHPC). The QI Team plans to meet twice in the next two weeks.

Gretchen Morley IV. Legislative Update

The seven OHFB/OHPR bills now have Senate versions (SB 451 through 457) and will be worked on the Senate side. On the House side, the House Health Care Committee (chaired by Rep. Greenlick), is holding hearings and work sessions on HB 2009. Gretchen will forward an updated bill list.

Before any bills are voted out of Committee, they need to include the fiscal, so that policy and price are considered before leaves committee.

Chair Abedellatif V. Next Steps – March 10 meeting

- Discuss Quality Improvement Plan Update re. Patient Safety, Primary Care Prevention.
- Legislative Update

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:52 pm.

Submitted by:
Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

Reviewed by:
Gretchen Morley, Director OHPC

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Agenda
- B – January 13, 2009 meeting minutes
- C – Legislative Bill list
- D – Oregon Health Reform Collaborative Consensus Statement

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (OHPC)

March 10, 2009
2:00 PM
Meeting recorded

Portland State Office Building
Portland, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vanetta Abdellatif, Chair
Jonathan Ater, Vice-Chair
Senator Alan Bates
Geoff Brown
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MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kerry Barnett
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STAFF PRESENT: Gretchen Morley, OHPC Director
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ISSUES HEARD:

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- Legislative Update
- Next Steps

Chair Abdellatif I. Call to order / Approval of Minutes

- Working with legislative committee members to make meetings at times they're available to attend. Senator Bates and Representative Greenlick will join the group by phone today to provide updates as soon as their schedules permit.
- February minutes were not discussed. Carry forward to April meeting.

Gretchen Morley II. Statewide Quality Improvement Action Plan Update

On February 13, Carol Robinson, Vickie Gates, Gretchen, and Nancy Clarke (Q-Corp.) gave a presentation to the House Health Care Committee about the regarding Statewide QI Action Plan. Nancy Clarke spoke about the work Q-Corp is doing to align private partners and public entities around quality. Carol Robinson and Vickie Gates testified regarding the vision of a quality institute and what that might add to quality in the state. Materials from that presentation are posted on the OHFB website and Gretchen will email Commissioners the presentation materials.

Reviewed elements contained in the QI Action plan update document (Exhibit 3):

- Goal to align state agencies around quality improvement, longer term action plan around QI, measurable results.
- Wide representation on the QI Team: DHS divisions, OPHP/OMIP, PEBB/OEFF, OHPC, Q-Corp, OPSC, CareOregon, OAHHS.

- Focus on “triple aim” in OHFB
- Narrowed strategy areas to: Patient Safety, Primary Care/Prevention, Consumer engagement, Data collection/transparency
- In the next three weeks Gretchen will meet with a number of agency representatives to see what QI areas/elements they can focus on and bring information into a matrix for discussion by the QI Team
- Goal to have draft plan to AcademyHealth by May for technical assistance. Date may be extended by AcademyHealth. Ideally, will have some strategies that agencies can use to move forward on to improve Quality in the next year.
- Jim Dameron has been providing assistance in developing QI efforts around patient safety. There are a number of OPSC legislative bills around extending sunset of OPSC, OPSC standards/benchmarks, funding, etc. Discussed need to align QI efforts with national standards around quality.
- Initial work on primary care and prevention. Align state agencies around common quality measures. Interest in building of Q-Corp common measure categories and add some primary prevention measures and patient safety measures as a first step.

Discussion

- Do we need representative on QI Team around consumer engagement around health in equity areas? Q-Corp and Public Health Division have done a lot of work in that area.

Gretchen Morley III. Legislative Update

Senator Bates and Representative Greenlick joined the meeting by phone and provided legislative reports.

- Representative Greenlick discussed HB 2009 (Oregon Health Authority) which creates an Oregon Health Authority (OHA) by bringing health and health-care functions in state government into a single department with director reporting to Governor except senior long term care (OHP, OMIP/FHIAP, PHD, A&D, OHPR) to align work in policy areas. HB 2009 would expand OHP population by roughly 100K kids and adults through a provider tax (\$600 million GF), that would leverage \$1 billion in federal matching funds in 2009-11. There are 63 proposed amendments to HB 2009 so far. There is good coordination with Senate Health Care and Veterans Affairs Committee on HB 2009. Plan to hold two joint evening meetings (March 25 and March 30).
- Discussed Governor’s Health Reform bills (SB 451 through 457) which are being worked through the Senate. Intention is to amend them into HB 2009.
- Provider and tobacco tax are processing independently from package.
- HB 2192, 2193 and 2194 OMIP bills are not moving at present.
- Rep. Greenlick is pleased with the process and integrated approach this session between the House and Senate health policy committees and revenue and ways and means committees.
- Senator Bates provided an overview of some of the Senate bills under discussion. SB 452/HB 2142 would establish an oversight counsel regarding health information technology. About a 9-1 match in federal funds for clinics to set up interoperable electronic medical record systems. An oversight counsel will help to coordinate state and federal efforts. Ree Sailors with the Governor’s Office is leading the effort with

the HIIAC committee in looking into federal standards and state interoperability. Still need to address rural physicians.

- SB 11, 14, 15 regarding Patient Safety Commission. They would make permanent and more robust. Looking for source to funds.
- SB 451 (POLST bill to aid first responders regarding end of life issues). Is out of Committee, not to floor yet.
- SB 456 (Integrated Health Home). Controversy over certification processes but said state needs to lead in effort to build medical homes and primary care. Will have amendments through workgroup by next week and expect to pass and to House Health Care Committee. Think need good broad definition of integrated health home/medical home. Plan to take certification out of bill, but needs some level of assessment as long as doesn't create an administrative burden and cost.
- Medical malpractice reform not being dealt with this session.
- Discussing SB 453 (All payer, all claims database) and SB 454 (Transparency) in Senate HC & VA Committee today.

Chair Abedellatif V. Next Steps – April 14 meeting

- Update on QI Plan progress
- Legislative Update

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

Reviewed by:

Gretchen Morley, Director OHPC

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Agenda

B – February 10, 2009 meeting minutes

C – Update presentation on the State Quality Improvement Action Plan

D – Legislative Bill list

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (OHPC)

April 14, 2009
3:00 PM
Meeting recorded

Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Vanetta Abdellatif, Chair**
 Jonathan Ater, Vice-Chair
 Geoff Brown
 Vickie Gates
 Denise Honzel
 Jim Lussier
 Steve Sharp
 Rick Wopat, MD

MEMBERS EXCUSED: **Senator Alan Bates**
 Kerry Barnett
 Alice Dale
 Representative Mitch Greenlick
 Representative Ron Maurer
 Senator Frank Morse

STAFF PRESENT: **Gretchen Morley, OHPC Director**
 Jeanene Smith, MD, Administrator, OHP
 Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator, OHP

ISSUES HEARD:

- **State Quality Improvement Action Plan Update**
- **Legislative Update**
- **Next Steps**

Vice-Chair Ater I. Call to order / Approval of Minutes

- February 10 and March 10, 2009 minutes approved as submitted.

Gretchen Morley II. Statewide Quality Improvement Action Plan Update

The QI Team is making progress on the QI Action Plan, and will take what it has prepared to an AcademyHealth technical assistance meeting in late May. AcademyHealth has extended the technical assistance provided to us through the State Quality Improvement Institute to a Phase 2 over the next year. This technical assistance looks like it will be more intensive and should provide a resource for furthering the state agency quality improvement efforts.

Dr. Smith / Gretchen Morley III. Legislative Update

- HB 2009 is moving in the House Health Care Committee as well as the seven Oregon Health Fund Board bills in the Senate Health Care & Veterans Affairs Committee. Four Oregon Health Fund Board and Governor supported bills passed last week and are on to Ways and Means: SB 451 (POLST-End of Life), SB 452 (Health Information Technology), SB 455 (Clinical Improvement) and SB 457 (Workforce). Rep. Greenlick plans to include some of the seven bills into HB 2009.
- SB 453 (OHFB continuation/All-Payer, All-Claims database: the OHFB continuation is being removed from the bill.

- SB 735 (Oregon Prescription Drug Program) – removes barriers to partner with other groups.
- Legislature going on road show regarding budget cuts in April.
- SCHIP changed, if get maximum enrollment, future allotments will be higher.

Chair Abedellatif V. Next Steps – May 12 meeting

- Commission agreed to meet by conference call in May and June. Possibly an in-person meeting post legislative session in July.
- Legislative Update

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 pm.

Submitted by:
Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

Reviewed by:
Gretchen Morley, Director OHPC

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Agenda
- B – February 10, 2009 meeting minutes
- C – March 10, 2009 meeting minutes
- D – Legislative Bill list

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (OHPC)

May 12, 2009
3:00 PM
Meeting Not Recorded

Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vanetta Abdellatif, Chair
Kerry Barnett
Alice Dale
Vickie Gates
Denise Honzel
Jim Lussier
Steve Sharp

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jonathan Ater, Vice-Chair
Senator Alan Bates
Geoff Brown
Representative Mitch Greenlick
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Rick Wopat, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Gretchen Morley, OHPC Director
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Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator, OHP

ISSUES HEARD:

- State Quality Improvement Action Plan Update
- Legislative Update
- Next Steps

Chair Abdellatif I. Call to order / Approval of Minutes

- April 14, 2009 minutes approved as submitted.

Gretchen Morley II. Statewide Quality Improvement Action Plan Update

Gretchen and other representatives will attend an Academy Health State Quality Improvement conference in Denver the end of May. She is working on a draft plan for technical assistance for Phase 2 next year. Also letter regarding Tuesday press conference and summary regarding voter support for Health reform handouts were distributed.

Tina Edlund III. Legislative Update

- HB 2009 / SB 856 – Tina Edlund reviewed the legislative matrix distributed to Commissioners comparing the two bills. Senate weighed in on Oregon Health Authority (OHA) incorporating SB 451 through 457 into SB 856. DHS and industry representatives presented dash amendments to SB 856. Rate review was added to SB 856 as advocated by Senator Bates. The major difference between HB 2009 and SB 856 relates to the structure of the OHA. The pricing should be the same for both. OEHB/PEHB would be within OHA, but retain their boards. Important health information technology (HIT) included in the bills would enable Oregon to be in line for HIT federal match dollars.
- OHP is applying for a federal Health Research Services Administration (HRSA) grant which could mean \$7-\$10 million a year for 5 years. It

would require a 20% state match or a waiver of the requirement can be requested. The grant requires that states show a willingness to invest resources on health reform (e.g., have passed legislation for expansion for health reform to show commitment). HB 2009/SB 856 are key to receiving grant dollars.

- Commissioners discussed and indicated interest in crafting an OHPC letter outlining OHPC recommendations around financing and other key areas for the new Oregon Health Authority. Gretchen will draft a letter in the next few weeks to discuss at a future OHPC meeting.

Chair Abdellatif V. Next Steps – June 9 meeting

- Chair Abdellatif and OHPC members thanked Alice Dale for her many contributions as OHPC commissioners. Alice resigned as Commissioner to accept a new position in Switzerland.
- Commission agreed to meet by conference call in June. May possibly hold an in-person meeting post legislative session in July.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

Submitted by:
Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

Reviewed by:
Gretchen Morley, Director OHPC

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Agenda
- B – April 14, 2009 meeting minutes
- C – Comparison of Senate and House Health Reform Bills (SB 856 and HB 2009)
- D – Legislative Bill list

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (OHPC)

June 9, 2009
3:00 PM
Meeting Not Recorded

Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vanetta Abdellatif, Chair
Jonathan Ater, Vice-Chair
Vickie Gates
Representative Mitch Greenlick
Denise Honzel
Rick Wopat, MD

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kerry Barnett
Senator Alan Bates
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Jim Lussier
Representative Ron Maurer
Senator Frank Morse
Steve Sharp

STAFF PRESENT: Gretchen Morley, OHPC Director
Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator, OHPR

ISSUES HEARD:

- Legislative Update
- Next Steps

Chair Abdellatif I. Call to order / Approval of Minutes

- May 12, 2009 minutes approved as submitted.

Gretchen Morley II. Legislative Update

- HB 2009 and HB 2116 passed the House and will be up for a vote in the Senate on June 11. V-Chair Ater credited the Oregon Health Policy Commission (OHPC) and Oregon Health Fund Board (OHFB) for its work in getting the bill passed, stating the final bill is very close to the goals expressed by the Health Fund Board.
- Commissioners thanked Representative Greenlick for his work on HB 2009.
- OHPR is applying for a federal State Health Access Program grant with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant could provide \$7 - \$10 million a year to implement health reform. Oregon's commitment to health reform by the passage of HB 2009 positions the state as a serious applicant for the HRSA grant.

Chair Abdellatif III. Next Steps

- Passage of HB 2009 would replace the OHPC and the OHFB with the Oregon Health Policy Board. Commissioners discussed options for passing along recommendations to the new Board. The majority of Commissioners present felt that many of the views and recommendations have already been conveyed and a formal process is not needed other than a final letter.
- Staff will draft a letter to share with Commissioners for their input, passing along any thoughts to the new Health Policy Board (i.e., need for

cost containment, strong financing for universal access, quality and workforce issues).

- Staff will update Commissioners if further meetings are required; however, at this time no further meetings are anticipated. Gretchen thanked Commissioners for many years of quality work and for its key role in furthering health reform in Oregon.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 pm.

Submitted by:

Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

Reviewed by:

Gretchen Morley, Director OHPC