

Governor Kulongoski submits appointments for Senate consideration

Governor Ted Kulongoski submitted the following nominees for volunteer service on the Oregon Health Policy Board and Health Information Technology Oversight Council. All of the nominees are subject to Senate confirmation.

The Senate will hold the confirmation committee hearing on September 29 and floor consideration on October 1. For more information visit:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/agenda/>.

Oregon Health Policy Board Nominees

The Oregon Health Policy Board replaces two other health-related boards. The new board will oversee the Oregon Health Authority, a new state agency created by the division of the Department of Human Services. Over the next two years, all of the current state health care functions will be consolidated under the Oregon Health Authority.

The Oregon Health Authority, and its board, will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating all state health care services and implementing the health care reform provisions of House Bill 2009. This includes shifting the approach to health care toward an emphasis on early prevention, primary care, cost-containment and evidenced-based outcomes.

Eric Parsons (Chair), Portland
Lillian Shirley (Vice Chair), Portland
Michael Bonetto, Bend
Eileen Brady, Portland
Dr. Carlos Crespo, Portland
Felisa Hagins, Portland
Dr. Charles Hofmann, Baker City
Dr. Joe Robertson, Portland
Nita Werner, Beaverton

Health Information Technology Oversight Council Nominees

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council was created by the passage of HB 2009 within the Oregon Health Authority. It is charged with developing a statewide strategic plan for electronic health information exchange, coordinating public and private efforts to increase adoption of electronic health records, setting technology standards, ensuring privacy and security controls and creating a sustainable business plan to support meaningful use of health information technology to lower costs and improve quality of care.

Steve Gordon, MD (Chair), Eugene
Rick Howard (Vice Chair), Salem
Bob Brown, Portland

Brian DeVore, Hillsboro
Dr. Greg Fraser, Sublimity
Bridget Haggerty, Portland
William Hockett, Portland
Marie Laper, Corvallis
Robert Rizk, Hermiston
Sharon Stanphill, Roseburg
David Widen, Dayton