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Work in Progress

Improving Health Care Quality & Transparency

Together with the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, the Commission's Quality and Transparency Workgroup published Oregon's first publicly reported [hospital quality information](#) for use by health care providers in July 2005. The workgroup is co-chaired by OHPC commissioners Vickie Gates and Jonathan Ater. This group is working to:

- Explore how the OHPC can support quality initiatives in ambulatory care
- Partner with hospitals to develop a surgical quality improvement project
- Refine, update, and add to the hospital quality information, including a consumer friendly product
- Reach out to the health care purchasers, consumers, and other parties to encourage the use of available quality information for decision making

**Next Meeting: July 10, 2-4 p.m., State Office Building, Room 120A
800 Oregon St, Portland**

Agenda: Discuss recommendations to the OHPC in the areas of electronic health records and systems interoperability and health care quality and transparency

Supporting Community-Created Health Care Solutions

Localities around the state are working to align resources and form partnerships to improve access to health care for their communities. The Commission's Local Delivery System Models Workgroup, chaired by commissioners Vanetta Abdellatif and Dr. Rick Wopat, released a [report](#) in January highlighting community-created health care access projects in Oregon and how these efforts can inform statewide health policy.

**Next Meeting: July 18, 1-3 p.m., State Office Building, Room 120
800 NE Oregon St, Portland**

Agenda: Finalizing recommendations to the OHPC in the areas of metrics for community health care access, payment system reform, and support for local community access projects.

Strategic Framework for Combating Childhood Obesity

The Commission is partnering with the Department of Human Services and other experts to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing childhood obesity in Oregon. This study will be presented to the Legislature and the Governor as a resource for decision making in the 2007 legislative session. In August, a preliminary draft of the report will be widely circulated to provide an opportunity for public comment.

**Next Meeting: June 12, 1-4 p.m., State Office Building, Room 918
800 NE Oregon St, Portland**

Agenda: Prioritizing interventions for inclusion in the initial report draft.

Community Health Priorities: A Resource for Action in Oregon

What are Oregon's real public health needs? How can the public and private sectors work better together to fulfill them? The Oregon Office of Public Health, the Northwest Health Foundation, and the Oregon Health Policy Commission are working together to answer these questions to improve the health and well-being of Oregonians. This summer, project managers are evaluating current processes and projects, and talking with the community and community leaders about their experiences and priorities for the future. Stay tuned for next steps; a detailed progress report will be out this fall.