

#### **About the OHPC**

The Commission identifies and analyzes significant health care issues affecting the state and makes policy recommendations to the Governor, the Oregon State Legislature and the state Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR). Additionally, the Commission partners with health care experts and stakeholders around the state to develop projects focused on improving Oregonians' health status and access to effective and efficient health care services.

#### **OHPC Mission**

The OHPC seeks to develop and promote public policy to improve the health of all Oregonians by:

- ensuring access to essential health care and support services,
- improving health care quality and outcomes,
- controlling costs,
- encouraging healthy lifestyles.

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## **Coming Together**

### *Draft Road Map to Health Reform in Oregon*

Join us **Thursday, May 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Building Room A, 155 Cottage St NE, Salem** as we review ideas for changing the incentives in our health care system to reward coordinated, evidence-based care and lower systems costs and inefficiencies. The Commission will spend time in 2007 developing these recommendations which will build on the OHPC draft *Roadmap for Health Care Reform*. Initial public comment on the report will also be reviewed. The draft *Roadmap* is still open for public comment at [www.surveymonkey.com/OHPCPublicComment](http://www.surveymonkey.com/OHPCPublicComment).

### *Cooperation and Common Data*

OHPC commissioners and staff are taking part in health reform discussions in both House and Senate committees. The draft *Roadmap* and other data resources useful to the health care reform debate are available on our [Reform Resources webpage](#).

## **What's New**

### *Final Release of Childhood Obesity Study Report*

*Promoting Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Among Oregon's Children* was released at the beginning of April. Several of the recommendations are now being considered at the Legislature, including HB 2650A, a landmark agreement between health experts and the food and beverage industry on nutrition standards in schools. Our sincere thanks to the team of local and national experts, including the study's chair, Dr. Mel Kohn, who so generously contributed their time and talent to the creation of the report. The OHPC encourages you to help distribute the report broadly to assist in policy discussions at both the state and local levels.

### *Quality and Transparency Workgroup Meeting on April 23*

The Quality and Transparency Workgroup will hold a public meeting on **Monday, April 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in room 1D of the State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St, Portland**. On the agenda are updates on quality and transparency-related legislation and projects including the Hospital Cost Transparency Project (Joel Ario), the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (Jody Pettit/ Nancy Clarke), and the RWJ Market Forces for Change grant (Nancy Clarke).

#### **Community Health Priorities: Building a resource for action in Oregon**

Check it out at [www.communityhealthpriorities.org](http://www.communityhealthpriorities.org)

*A partnership of the Oregon Public Health Division, the Northwest Health Foundation, and the Oregon Health Policy Commission.*

#### **Meeting Calendar:**

*No full OHPC meeting in April*

**April 23**  
Q&T Workgroup

**May 17**  
OHPC Meeting

*No Q&T meeting in May.*