

Charter: Early Learning Council/Oregon Health Policy Board Joint Subcommittee

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AUTHORITY

HB 2009 established the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB), a nine-member board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board serves as the policy-making and oversight body for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and is responsible for implementing the health policy reform provisions of HB 2009. Since the Board's establishment, the passage of HB 3650 (2011) and HB 1580 (2012) have provided the framework for transitioning to an integrated and coordinated health care delivery system through Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs).

SB 909 (2011) established the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) and the Early Learning Council (ELC), a nine-member Governor-appointed committee. The Council is responsible for assisting the OEIB in overseeing a unified system of early learning services for the purpose of ensuring that children enter school ready to learn by kindergarten. HB 4165 (2012) expanded the Early Learning Council to serve as the state advisory council for the purpose of the federal Head Start Act. To fulfill this role, the Council was expanded to nineteen members. By February 2013, the ELC is responsible for submitting a report to the Legislature on a regional system of early learning services including the functions and administration of community-based coordinators.

Subcommittee membership & Governance

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Scope

This subcommittee is responsible for developing strategies, a policy framework and a timeline to ensure alignment and/or integration between health care and early learning system transformation. The subcommittee will adopt guiding principles to direct their work (e.g. maximizing use of existing resources and decreasing duplication), with guidance from the founding principles of the OHPB and ELC. Key areas of focus for the subcommittee may include, but are not limited to: screening, care

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coordination, data, and metrics. The subcommittee will consider avenues for shared responsibility towards the outcome of kindergarten readiness for all Oregon children. The subcommittee will assess potential health and early learning policy impacts on the delivery system and outcomes for children and families. As requested upon adoption by the ELC, the subcommittee will be responsible for addressing implementation of screening tools.

Major Deliverables

- A set of guiding principles
- Assessment of key areas for potential alignment and/or integration across health and early learning, including review of existing evidence
- Strawperson proposal for alignment and/or integration of health and early learning policy and service delivery
- Proposal and timeline for establishing kindergarten readiness as a shared outcome

Exclusions or Boundaries

Policy implementation will not be carried out by this subcommittee. Recommendations will be brought forth to the Oregon Health Policy Board and Early Learning Council for decision-making. Prior legislative responsibilities and/or requirements placed on the Oregon Health Policy Board or Early Learning Council are excluded from this charter.

Dependencies

- Oregon Health Policy Board: health policy
- Oregon Education Investment Board: P-20 education policy
- Early Learning Council: early learning policy
- Metrics and Scoring Committee: CCO metrics
- Federal privacy policies: FERPA, HIPAA

Schedule

The joint subcommittee will meet bimonthly. The frequency of meetings may be altered to fit legislative timelines and/or other needs that arise. The subcommittee charter will end by December 2013 or when the ELC and OHPB accept their charter as completed.

Deliverable Timeline:

- 12/2012- Subcommittee convenes; guiding principles adopted
- 4/2013- Background work completed
- 8/2013- Strawperson proposal presented
- 10/2013- ELC, OHPB review completed
- 12/2013- Final proposal delivered

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