

**Public Employer Health Purchasing Committee  
Meeting Summary**

May 24, 2010

1 – 4 pm

Wilsonville Training Center, Room 111/112

Meeting materials can be found online at

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPB/committees/pub-hlt-bn-prch.shtml>

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Ronda Connor  
Caren Cox  
Mina Hanssen  
Joan Kapowich  
Diane Lovell

Lynn McNamara  
Steve McNannay  
Barbara Prowe  
Linda Shames  
Madilyn Zike

**OHA Staff in Attendance:**

Barney Speight, OHA  
Kelly Harms, OHPR  
Sharon Wong, OHA  
Bobby Green, OHA

**Public Attendance:**

Seven members of the public were in attendance.

**Meeting Summary:**

***Call to Order, Approval of Minutes***

Chair Steve McNannay called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

***Staff Report***

***Physician Hospital Alignment for Central Oregon (PHA)***

Barney Speight distributed a printout from the PHA's website. Via conference phone, Mike Bonetto and Mary Claire Jorgenson of PHA gave an overview of the organization's concept, mission, and operation. Please reference meeting materials for more information.

The PHA's mission is "to be a unified, principles-based group of physicians that works with St. Charles Health System and other partners to build a physician-directed, community based health care system in Central Oregon that will improve the health of our (their) community, enhance the patient care experience and reduce or control the cost of care."

PHA began with 80 physicians and now have 480, including mid-levels. Collaboration has been key to their success. Physicians are very engaged and willing to talk to health plans. They are also focusing on utilization review, bundling payments, and payment reform. The community in Central Oregon is very excited, engaged, and enthusiastic about the PHA concept and model. The committee commended PHA and offered assistance towards their continued success, and expressed interest in visiting them this summer.

### ***Introductions***

Chair Steve McNannay introduced new member Mina Hanssen, from Marion County, and announced that Madilyn Zike will remain on the committee representing Lane County.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Meeting minutes from the April 24, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

### ***Introduction to Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC)***

Jim Dameron, OPSC Administrator, gave a presentation and overview of the OPSC. Please see meeting materials for a copy of Dameron's powerpoint presentation and two handouts, *North Star Goal: Oregon will have the safest healthcare delivery system in the nation*; and, *OPSC Progress Report, May 2010*. The mission of OPSC is to reduce the risk of adverse events in Oregon's health care system and to encourage a culture of safety. They are a non-regulatory, semi-independent state agency that is consensus driven. They are funded by fees received from hospitals, nursing homes, etc..

Measurement systems show that progress is being made towards providing safer health care in Oregon as well as other states. Speight commended Dameron and the OPSC for their inspirational work and audacious goals. Dameron said there is much that purchasers can do to support health care safety, for example: ask networks/vendors what they are doing to make care safer; buy quality; support transparency and a national information exchange; encourage vendors/networks to report to the OPSC. Speight offered PEHPC's support and assistance to OPSC in achieving their goal of providing safer health care for Oregonians.

### ***"Never Event" Contracting Provisions***

Joan Kapowich, PEBB/OEBB Administrator, gave an overview of PEBB/OEBB's 2010-11 patient safety contract language and distributed a chart with this information. Please refer to meeting materials for a copy. The contract language for safety provisions "encourage" participation; they are looking at changing that language to "require". Additions to the list of adverse events include dental care, dental surgery, and vision care. The next step is to see how "never event" language can be applied to retail pharmacies. It was noted that hospitals are getting better at providing root cause analysis and are doing more prevention, ambulatory services are improving, and nursing homes are slowly changing. Ultimately, it would be beneficial to have uniform, common standards and contracting provisions across all payors. Dameron also offered the OPSC's assistance.

### ***Review of draft educational presentation***

Speight distributed a draft copy of the educational presentation and reviewed it with membership for their input. Please refer to meeting materials for a copy. The presentation will be used as a tool by organizations to discuss improving quality of health care while trying to contain costs for both members and employers. The underlying message is that not all health care delivery systems are the same and not all treatments are the same. The goal is to try to inform the consumer on how and where to get quality care for their needs. Speight appreciates membership input, examples, stories, etc., in creating and delivering the presentation.

## ***Staff Report (cont.)***

### ***Federal Reform***

Speight distributed a copy of a memo *Potential Impacts of Federal Reform on OHPB Committees and Councils* to use as a tool to see if there's anything that may be useful to the committee. Please refer to meeting materials for a copy of the memo.

### ***OHPB, OHA Committees & Councils***

Speight distributed two documents for membership information regarding overview, interaction, and timelines of OHPB & OHA committees and councils. Please refer to meeting materials for copies of the documents.

### ***Bend Conference/Stakeholder Meetings***

In the next several months, Speight, Kelly Harms, and Ronda Connor will meet with the Physician Hospital Alignment in the Bend area. Speight encouraged others to attend either in person or by teleconference. In June and July, Speight and Harms also plan to meet with two or three different entities regarding payment methodologies. They will also try to meet with a couple organizations at the state level, such as OHSU's Center for Evidence-Based Policy, to discuss evidence-based inquiries.

### ***Overview of select OHA Legislative Concepts***

Speight distributed and briefly discussed a document describing the OHA legislative concepts for the 2011 Session. Please refer to meeting materials for a copy of the document.

### ***Healthy Kids***

The Healthy Kids program is at the mid-way point of reaching their goal of insuring 80,000 of uninsured, eligible children in the state of Oregon. A new part of the program, "Healthy KidsConnect" is just starting. This is a premium subsidy for families between 200 – 300% of the poverty level. There is also a legislative concept to create dental coverage for eligible children, "Healthy Smiles". Speight will send Healthy Kids data/info to members electronically.

### ***Public Comments***

None.

### ***Adjournment***

Chair McNannay adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.