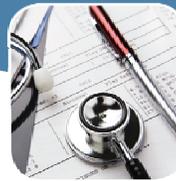


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Oregon Health Policy Board Holds April Meeting in Bend

Central Oregon's Regional Health Projects to be highlighted

What: Public meeting of the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB)

When: April 13, 2010 – 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Charles Medical Center, 2500 NE Neff Road, Conference Rooms A & B, Bend. The meeting is also available via live web stream, at www.oregon.gov/oha/ohpb. For those watching the web stream, questions can be submitted to the Board at ohpb.info@state.or.us

Agenda: Director of DHS and Director Designee of OHA Bruce Goldberg will present the director's report. Richard Harris, the Director for Addictions and Mental Health services within the Oregon Health Authority will discuss the importance of behavioral health integration in health reform. The board will hear a presentation on Central Oregon's regional health projects: presenters include Mike Bonetto – OHPB Member and director of Community Benefit and Government Affairs for St. Charles Health System; Alisha Hopper – Executive Director HealthMatters of Central Oregon; Mike Boileau, M.D. – board member St. Charles Medical Center; Scott Johnson, Director, Deschutes County Health Services; and Tammy Baney, Deschutes County Commissioner.

Jeanene Smith, MD, Administrator of the Office for Health Policy and Research will report on OHA primary care pilot projects. Deputy Director Tina Edlund and Legislative Director Amy Fauver will lead a discussion on the interaction of federal and state health reform and its effect on OHPB's work. The meeting will conclude with public testimony.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Individuals needing these types of accommodations should call DHS at 1-800-282-8096 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Next meeting: May 11, 2010 - 1 pm to 5 pm, Market Square Building, 1515 SW 5th Avenue (Between Market and Clay), 9th floor, Portland, Oregon