



**Traditional Health Worker Commission**

February 23, 2015 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Office of Equity and Inclusion, Transformation Training Room

**Attendees:** Ally Linfoot, Roxanne McAnally, Jean Yamamoto, Chonitia Smith (proxy for Edna Nyamu), Rod Evans, Ashlen Strong, Connie Miyao, Jennine Smart, Keesha Dumas, Raeben Nolan, Kris Anderson

**Public:** Nicole Currier, Liz Baxter, Emily Henke, Celia Higuera, Jennifer Jensen

**OHA Staff:** April Johnson, April Turner

#	Topic	Content
1.	Minutes review and approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved by unanimous vote</li> </ul>
2.	Action Items Review & Systems Coordination Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transformation Center               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at sponsoring a project—approx. \$30-\$40k—that develops a (financially) sustainable model for THW; will bring in a consultant to work with statewide stakeholders (CCOs).</li> <li>CCOs were asked to ID case studies of stable financial models;</li> <li>Suggestion made to include a pay rate study in the feasibility study</li> <li>Engagement with the Commission will be part of the contracting process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rogue Community College               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract has been expanded to include all THW types (not just CHWs); RCC is meeting with potential vendor; will return to the Commission at the March meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>April’s completed action items:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>THW Commission Survey Results sent out</li> <li>Bylaws: revisions made</li> <li>Jeff Wahl: will attend future Commission meeting</li> <li>Publications request sent to polish up the THW Tool Kit</li> <li>THW Website Testing: partially complete</li> <li>Possible New Commissioners: Tonia, Lydia, and Kris.</li> <li>Vacancies: PHN and CHW</li> <li>Update on HB2024: creates a dental worker type under THW legislation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	Subcommittee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems Integration Committee               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed workplan and have made significant progress</li> <li>Had a discussion with Nathan Roberts re: Medicaid; added payment models to the workplan.</li> <li>Recommends a rate study be included with planned Transformation Center project</li> <li>Jean is leaving the Commission</li> <li>The State is looking at the possibility of CBOs becoming Medicaid providers</li> <li>This committee is the marketing arm of the Commission; need to inform the public of their right to request a THW.</li> <li>Need to develop better language around use of THWs (one CCO in southern Oregon is interpreting “access to” by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>hiring peers who have been trained by non-OHA approved programs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When the rule opens up, we can make clarifications in language; can also ID best practices, create a FAQ, etc.</li> <li>● Scope of Practice Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have a PWS/PSS who will be applying for the committee</li> <li>○ Will get input from PHNs about the scope of practice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.	<b>Oregon Public Health Institute Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sustainable payment options for use of THWs in Oregon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OPHI is the fiscal agent for ORCHWA</li> <li>○ ORCHWA asked for their assistance; they want to see how to support the work of THWs</li> <li>○ Developed a proposal to Family Care CCO to look at payment models</li> <li>○ Want to work with ORCHWA and THW Commission to create an actionable tool of viable THW payment models</li> <li>○ After doing a lit review, the strategy is to have 6-8 statewide conversations with stakeholders.</li> <li>○ Looking for help from THW Commission re: scope, and support for a funding proposal.</li> <li>○ Concerns from Commission: is this work duplicative? Consider collaborations with groups doing similar work. If we supported the proposal, what would be our role? (Answer: help with statewide reach by leveraging relationships; serve on a leadership team for this project).</li> <li>○ May get funding from Transformation Center for this work.</li> <li>○ Transformation funds for projects will end in September and CCOs will be looking for other ways to fund THWs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Action Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Send contact lists to April J for inclusion in expanded RCC THW survey (All)</li> <li>● Review survey results and send recommendations to April J (All)</li> <li>● Contact legal re: the Commission's ability to endorse or provide input on the OPHI proposal. (April J)</li> <li>● Continue draft bylaws review beginning at Article VI, section 4. (All)</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Bylaws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changes made in Article VI, section 3 re: attendance.</li> <li>● Clarification re: no proxy but Commissioners may send a (non-voting) representative</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>Question about how to ID which Commission positions are vacant. (Answer: vacancies are listed on the sign-in sheet and on the Commission roster).</p>