



School Medicaid Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: August 4, 2025

Time 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Join Meeting: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16115610142?omn=1607740356>

Members:								
X	Ashleigh Walters		Chris Moore	X	Cynthia Branger Munoz	X	Elsa Flores	X Eryn Womack
X	Joe Leykam	X	Kelle Hildebrandt	X	Kelly Coates	X	Kim Giansante	Landon Braden
X	Leanne Mixa Bettin	X	Lisa Ledson	X	Sarah Foster	X	Stacy Michaelson	X Wendy Niskanen
	Willis Homann	X	Karen Benson					

Also Present:								
X	Shelby Parks	X	Jennifer Dundon	X	Lasa Baxter	X	Jennifer Smith	Kati Moseley
X	Judy Weaver	X	Rusha Grinstead	X	Jeremy Ford	X	Lisa Eisenberg	Malachy McCormick
X	Courtney Sevey	X	Liza Morris	X	Betsy Garcia	X	Molly Haynes	X Fran Pearson

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome and Housekeeping (10 minutes) - Rusha Grinstead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Opening Remarks Icebreaker – Favorite activity this summer? New Facilitation and Main Contacts 	Rusha Grinstead shared the welcoming and housekeeping. Members put their answers into the chat for the icebreaker. No questions.
SBHS Medicaid Program Updates (15 minutes) - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS grant ORMED Pilot Regional Learning Cohorts Federal Medicaid Changes 	Rusha Grinstead provided a review of the CMS State Grant for SBHS with updates. Questions: Stacy Michaelson asked if the funds have already been released any potential impact on those funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rusha Grinstead: Clarified that once the funds have been approved, they are accessible to OHA's Office of Financial Systems. Leanne Mixa Bettin shared updated on ORMED Pilot Project. Provided updates and timeline. Questions: Wendy Niskanen asked about data integration and if ORMED will be putting the data integration and EHR for those specialties in the system. Leanne clarified that it depends on the EA. Some have their own documentation systems that will be integrated. Others want to use ORMED. OMRED is currently working on templates that can be used by different practitioners. Wendy would like to connect with Leanne offline to discuss the templates and documentation requirements for licensed practitioners.

Shelby Parks and Lasa Baxter provided updates on Regional Learning Cohorts. Appreciation and gratitude to SMAC members Kelle and Landon for helping make it happen.
No questions.

Rusha Grinstead presented on Federal Medicaid changes.

Questions:

Cynthia Branger Munoz seeking clarification around EPSDT and that it hasn't changed.

- Rusha Grinstead: There are no changes in EPSDT.

Stacy Michaelson: Asked for a walk through of OHAs process for accessing the impact of the federal changes.

- Rusha Grinstead provided information that the eligibility determination policy at the federal level has not changed, states that have an 1115 waiver have part of the waiver that is a longer eligibility determination and Oregon's timeline is every two years. The two years for Oregon will not change until the waiver is over in September 2027. Still combing through to understand the finer details of HR1 to understand detailed impact. We will provide more information as the OHA Federal Impact Team finishes their analysis and summary.

Stacy Michaelson suggested time at November SMAC meeting to discuss federal updates.

Stacy Michaelson asked if people have seen much impact in the relationship with CMS due to Federal staffing. Some districts have had federal grants that have changed.

- Rusha Grinstead shared that she hasn't really since OHA works with technical assistance individuals. Have been meeting regularly with a project officer for the grant and those have not changed and will continue that work. Asked the members what they have all heard about the impact of the mental health grant through the reconciliation act that was passed.
- Stacy Michaelson answered that maybe Corbett or Douglas ESD have seen an impact. Not sure about staff layoffs or reductions.
- Cynthia Branger Munoz stated in the chat she will try to find out.
- Kelle Hildebrandt stated that DESD did have a grant and it was a big impact. It occurred a few months ago and can get details from Analicia Nicholson, or as the second cohort is getting started Analicia Nicholson would be willing to talk with the team.

Joe Leykam asked how stable the CMS plan is. Asked for any guidance, asked if it stable, or will it open everything up, or how will it look.

- Rusha Grinstead shared that there are a lot of uncertainties and no different at a federal level, at a state level and a local level. Keeping eyes on any indication and how we can prepare as a state, CMS grant in this case, we are making sure that we are getting the work moving using those funds and planning ahead and not sitting on those funds. Shared that will share out at SMAC meetings when there is information or updates.

Stacy Michaelson: Commented that grants that EAs previously applied for are not applying for due to certain language within the grant, particularly around being a sanctuary state.

- Joe Leykam confirmed that he is hearing the same thing and is trying to get more information about what is happening since it changes so radically and quickly and glad there is good discussion.
- Rusha Grinstead stated that OHA can try and get someone from the Federal Policy impact team to come to this next SMAC meeting to discuss and share.
- Stacy Michaelson shared that that would be helpful.

Stacy Michaelson asked if there have been any Medicaid update requests from the legislature?

- Rusha Grinstead shared that not yet but requests may occur during short session.

Lasa Baxter shared that MAC is not student specific and does not share student and family data. Encourage engagement and participation in MAC as a way to offset budget cuts.

- Joe Leykam shared his concern with shared services are schools are the hub and all are likely going to have some kind of funding reductions including staff reductions.

Link shared in the chat:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/pages/federal-changes.aspx>

ODE Rule Changes (15 minutes) - Jennifer Dundon

- Written Notification and Parent Consent to Access Medicaid

Jennifer Dundon provided information about ODE rule changes.

Question to SMAC members: are there any groups that should be included?

- Stacy Michaelson suggested to add Oregon PTA and Wendy Niskanen suggested School Health Professionals.

No questions

Members stated once they have access to SharePoint they will take a look. Jennifer Dundon offered to meet to discuss and Sarah Foster said she would be happy to meet.

OHA Rule Changes & Discussion (45 minutes) –

Jennifer Smith

- TSPC providers
- Personal care services
- Unplanned services

Jennifer Smith provided information about OHA rule changes.

Questions:

Stacy Michaelson: Checking understanding of what unplanned services are and asked for examples,

- Jennifer Smith replied that the intent is that the services are happening and can have a pathway to payment for Medicaid enrolled children and young adults. The services that are being provided within an education agency and are not always on an IPOC and will need to follow required Medicaid rules to bill.
- Lasa Baxter provided an example including emergent situations such as trauma informed care, suicide prevention.
- Rusha Grinstead mainly for services that are not on a plan, because they are crisis services that do not exist already and want to make sure services are covered.

Leanne Mixa Bettin: Would a hearing screening or vision screening be considered an unplanned service because those don't have a plan of care attached and are medically necessary, or are they a separate category?

- Jennifer Smith clarified that they could be considered unplanned and in the event of a screening and it is not listed on an IPOC and the services logs have all the elements necessary for Medicaid they can be billed.
- Kim Giansante stated that it is her understanding that you cannot bill for a hearing screening.
- Stacy Michaelson: Asked Jennifer Smith about the right billing codes to bill for evaluations and allowable services and updated codes and if they applied for hearing and vision screenings.
- Jennifer Smith commented that she updated procedure codes.
- Rusha Grinstead asked that Jennifer Smith confirm that hearing screenings are covered.
- Lasa Baxter provided a link in the chat about procedure codes. Confirmed hearing screening was added. SBHS Procedure Codes and Billing Instructions
V5008 = Hearing screening

Wendy Niskanen addressed that there was supposed to be a follow-up email from SharePoint and she did not receive it and neither did Lisa Ledson. Joe Leykam shared he kept getting blocked from accessing SharePoint.

- Rusha Grinstead asked Judy Weaver to help SMAC members get access to SharePoint.

- Wendy Niskanen updated the members that she looked and found an email that said she saw an email that says friendly reminder.
- Courtney Sevey to seek guidance from IT and will use the language Wendy Niskanen provided to resolve the issue. Members will receive an email from Judy Weaver or Courtney Sevey saying they have access.

Links provided in the chat:

[OAR 410-133 Tracked Changes - Copy.docx](#)

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Policies/NRPM-133-081925.pdf>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/SBHS%20Procedure%20Codes%20and%20Billing%20Instructions.xlsx>

Closing (5 minutes) - Rusha Grinstead

Rusha Grinstead provided closing and provided time for questions.

Provided updates to SMAC about adding more members and reaching out to those applicants who did not make it on last years committee. Reaching out to COSA to find another member.

Fran Pearson provided updates on School Based Mental Health and federal funding cuts. Shared a document about FTE and funding that was awarded and potential impacts.