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In June 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 440 (SB 440) into law. This law created the Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee (HPQMC). The law charged the committee with facilitating the “alignment of performance measures across state health care programs [to] ... encourage integrated and coordinated care, promote improved quality, health outcomes and patient satisfaction and help reduce costs”<sup>\*</sup> as part of a long-term statewide initiative.

SB 440 charged the committee to collaborate with the:

- Public Employees’ Benefit Board (PEBB)
- Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB)
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and
- Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

The HPQMC functions as an OHPB committee. The board guides and directs the HPQMC.

SB 440 also outlined possible committee priorities, including:

- Requirements for measures (e.g., sufficient denominator size, feasibility and timeliness of data collection and reporting, alignment with existing state and federal measure sets) and
- Committee processes (e.g., opportunity for public comment, regular review of measures).

The Governor appointed 15 members to the HPQMC on March 13, 2017, per SB 440. The appointed members include:

- Tom Syltebo, MD to represent OEBB
- Shaun Parkman to represent PEBB
- Chiqui Flowers to represent DCBS

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<sup>\*</sup> See [www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/Quality%20Metrics%20Committee%20Docs/Senate\\_Bill\\_440.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/Quality%20Metrics%20Committee%20Docs/Senate_Bill_440.pdf) for the complete bill.

- Leslie Clement to represent OHA
- Kristen Dillon, MD (PacificSource Community Solutions) and Benjamin LeBlanc, MD (Providence Health and Services) to represent health care providers
- Melinda Muller, MD (Legacy Health) to represent hospitals
- Raj Mummadi, MD (Kaiser Permanente) to represent insurers, large employers or multiple employer welfare arrangements
- Ana Quiñones, PhD (OHSU-PSU School of Public Health) and Hannah Rosenau (Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health) to represent health care consumers
- Maggie Bennington-Davis, MD (Health Share of Oregon) and Bhavesh Rajani, MD (Yamhill Community Care) to represent coordinated care organizations (CCOs)
- Jeff Luck, PhD (Oregon State University) as an expert in health care research
- Colleen Reuland (Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership) as an expert in health care quality measures and
- Lynnea Lindsey, PhD (psychologist) as an expert with mental health and addiction services.

The HPQMC held its initial meeting Thursday, April 13, 2017. The HPQMC:

- Reviewed the committee’s statutory charge and the OHPB’s role as the oversight body for the committee
- Reviewed the committee’s charter, previously approved by the OHPB
- Considered draft committee bylaws. The bylaws addressed:
  - » Making decisions by consensus whenever possible
  - » The stakeholder input process and
  - » The committee chair’s and vice-chair’s roles.

- Heard an overview of quality measurement and alignment activity nationally by Michael Bailit from Bailit Health Purchasing, LLC (Bailit Health). This included a review of:
  - » National measurement bodies and measure sets
  - » National and state measure alignment efforts to date across the United States
  - » Alignment challenges and opportunities and
  - » Recommended steps for the committee to complete its initial work toward an aligned measure set.

The HPQMC held its second meeting Thursday, May 10, 2017. The committee:

- Appointed Kristen Dillon as chair and Shaun Parkman as vice-chair
- Approved the committee bylaws
- Reviewed the scope of its work as outlined in SB 440 and
- Reviewed an orientation to the CCO, OEBC, PEBB and Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace measures. State agency representatives presented this information.

The HPQMC plans to meet monthly between June 2017 and March 2018 to begin developing an aligned measure set. Their work includes:

- Developing criteria and a framework for measure selection
- Identifying populations and performance domains for measure selection
- Identifying potential data sources
- Reviewing candidate measures and
- Creating a list of tentatively endorsed measures.

The committee plans to capture a wide range of partners' input. It will formally seek input and recommendations from existing committees engaged in health care metrics work. The range of partners includes but is not limited to:

- Oregon Health Authority, specifically including the Public Health Division and behavioral health programs
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Consumer and Business Services

- Early Learning Council
- Oregon Department of Education Early Learning Division
- Health care professional licensure and certification boards
- Health care employers and providers and
- Oregon health professional associations, including hospitals and health plans.

Oregon Health Authority has contracted with Bailit Health to provide aligned measure set development expertise to the committee throughout its measure review and selection process. Bailit Health has worked on prior health care quality measurement initiatives in Oregon and other states.

The HPQMC plans to develop its measure set during the first half of 2018. Plans call for public purchasers to implement the measure set as soon as Jan. 1, 2019. At that time, the committee will finalize a work plan and timelines to continue to refine and maintain the measure set based on changes in measures, national clinical guidelines and state priorities.

The committee will provide routine updates to the OHPB throughout the process. It will send final recommendations to the OHPB for review and approval.



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