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Oral Health Forum Charter

Purpose

The Oral Health Forum (OHF) is a forum for Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to collaborate with Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), dental subcontractors, and other oral health delivery system partners. Attendees may share input on proposed and implemented oral health policies related to the health of all Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members, discuss experiences, and share best practices. All may use this venue for bidirectional communication between OHA and oral health system partners.

- OHA can vet new policy proposals, strategic direction, etc.
- Oral health system partners can share system-level concerns, bring recommendations, raise barriers for problem solving, etc.

Guiding Principles

- Transparent and bidirectional information sharing is a pillar for this workgroup.
- Direct, accountable communication between oral health system partners and the OHA
- Collaboration and Appreciative Inquiry
- Improve oral health system and access statewide
- Proactive strategy and goal setting rather than a reactive approach
- All participants (OHA and OHF members) will attend meetings prepared to speak to and respectfully hear differing perspectives on the scheduled agenda topics.
- Meeting discussions will be followed up, as needed, in reciprocity by all parties.
- Conversations regarding topics such as rate-setting process (for example, with the Office of Actuarial and Financial Analytics (OFA)), systems

changes and testing, and Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) work products (specific coverage decisions) primarily occur in other forums. However, insights and recommendations are welcome in this forum.

Membership

Membership is open to OHA team members, CCOs and their dental subcontractors in addition to other oral health delivery system partners (Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), dental associations, advocates, etc.). CCOs can be represented either by a direct employee or by delegation. Such delegation should be sent to the OHA oral health team or the OHF chair(s) in writing.

Logistics and Agenda Setting

- OHA will host the meetings, whether virtual or in person. The meetings will be hosted in Salem if in person, and virtual attendance will also be available.
- The meetings will be monthly on the Fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:05–2:55 p.m. Flexible schedule around public holidays will be noted and advertised to the group.
- The agenda will be posted on the OHF page on the OHA website and emailed by OHA staff to all OHF members in advance of the meetings.
- Meetings are recorded.
- The chair(s), the OHF meeting facilitation staff, and OHA dental director or current OHA dental lead will meet monthly to draft the agendas.
 - Potential co-chairs may self-nominate; OHF members will confirm co-chairs at an OHF meeting, and the election will be posted on the website with nominations listed.
 - Co-chairs will serve for a calendar year and can be reelected.
 - The co-chairs' primary roles are ensuring an agenda for each meeting is drafted and assisting OHA with follow-up to all OHF members after meetings.
 - The co-chairs will not represent the perspective of OHF members in other forums.
 - If a majority of OHF membership decides to develop a position statement, individual organizations will be invited to sign on, and the chairs may email it to the desired audience.

- The co-chairs (and other OHF members) may state recent and upcoming agenda topics in other meetings as information sharing.
- The agenda-setting meeting may be made open to all OHF partners.
- Agenda items may be suggested by OHF members at any time directly to OHF staff.
- Each meeting includes an opportunity for the group to add additional agenda items as needed.

Standing agenda items:

- OHA potential and confirmed rule, statute, and contract updates
- OHA oral health system ideas, concepts, and plans
- Updates from other workgroups, in particular the HERC, Oral Health Advisory Panel (OHAP)
- Policy discussions
- Challenges and best practices

Connecting to Other Groups

OHA staff will share updates from, and the OHF will identify a liaison to, the following groups:

- Quality and Health Outcomes Committee (QHOC)
- Metrics and Scoring Committee
- CCO Operations Collaborative (CCO Ops)
- CCO Contracts and Compliance Workgroup
- Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
- Health Care Workforce Committee
- Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC)
- Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB)

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