Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB)
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November 3, 2026 | Microsoft Teams Meeting
8:30am to 12:00pm

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0:10	**1. Welcome, Minutes Approval & OHPB Business** **OHPB members present**: Kirsten Isaacson, Dr. Rosemarie Hemmings, Bess Jayme, Bill Kramer, Tony Germann, Hayden Rooke-Ley **OHPB members absent:** Aaron Hines, Eve Gray, Peter Starkey Tony Germann read the OHA Health Equity Definition. Members unanimously voted to approve the draft September 1, 2026, and October 6, 2026, OHPB meeting minutes. **Materials:** 1. OHPB Sept. Minutes 1.1 OHPB Oct. Minutes 1.2 Conflict of interest
7:51	**2. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and OHPB: updates, conversation, and collaboration** Fariborz Pakseresht, Interim OHA Director and Clare Pierce-Wrobel, OHA Health Policy & Analytics Director gave updates on the following topics: - Oregon launched the state-operated Explore Health marketplace on November 1, with more than 1,000 new applications and nearly 100,000 people auto-enrolled. - CMS delayed the remaining announcement for Oregon's second-year Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) award because of additional federal administrative requirements. Oregon has confirmation of $100 million in baseline year-two funding, compared

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	with $197.3 million in year one; first-year funds can carry over, so grant work involving more than 300 organizations continues. - Governor Kotek's October 13 executive order directs agencies to protect healthcare access and lower costs in response to federal changes. OHA is working on stabilizing individual and small-group insurance markets, enforcing timely provider payments, optimizing prescription-drug purchasing, tracking coverage losses, removing unnecessary barriers, and strengthening accountability. ○ OHPB requests OHA to share quarterly reports tracking federal coverage losses (mandated by the Governor's EO) with OHPB in written or recorded form. - OHA sent notices to approximately 600,000 Oregon Health Plan members regarding federal changes. About 5,000 people who could no longer remain on Medicaid because of immigration-status rules were transitioned to Healthy Oregon, with the transition reported as uneventful. OHA is asking members to update contact information in the ONE system, monitor mail and notices, and use partner toolkits and assistance resources. More than 1,700 OHP assistors across roughly 400 community organizations have been trained on the new federal rules. Technology updates are being developed for automatic verification and exemption processes. For OHPB related questions or assistance, please visit the OHP find local help webpage. **Presenters:** - Fariborz Pakseresht, Interim OHA Director - Clare Pierce-Wrobel, OHA Health Policy & Analytics Director **Materials:** None
38:00	**3. OHPB Statutory Responsibilities** Claire Pierce-Wrobel presented a three-part breakdown of the board's statutory workload – distinguishing between the reports OHPB receives,

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	deliverables OHPB is directly responsible for acting on, and the board's governance duties across its 11 committees. Building on the broader ORS 413.011 duties reviewed at the October retreat (e.g., overall policy direction, cost containment, and OHA oversight), this presentation focused on specific statutory reports and workload assigned to OHPB. **Presenters:** - Clare Pierce-Wrobel, OHA Health Policy & Analytics Director **Materials:** 3. OHPB Statutory Responsibilities
1:10:42	**4. OHPB Values Discussion** Jackie Yerby facilitated a values discussion; this discussion was continued discussion from the October OHPB retreat. OHPB members and OHA Leadership identified equity, access, affordability, public accountability, inclusion, people-centeredness, transparency, and measurable impact as shared foundations for board work. OHA staff will synthesize the values discussion and will share with board members for their review at the December 1 OHPB meeting. **Presenters:** - Jackie Yerby, Community Synergy Manager for OHA's Office of Community Health & Engagement **Materials:** 4. OHPB Values
1:37:00	**BREAK**
1:48:27	**5. OHPB Draft Principles and Practices for Operations** Kirsten Isaacson and Tony Germann led discussion of a working document intended to establish shared expectations for OHPB's purpose, authority, relationship with OHA, committee coordination,

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	accountability, and meeting participation. Board members will send operating principles comments/edits to Tara by November 20. **Presenters:** - Kirsten Isaacson, OHPB Chair - Tony Germann, OHPB Vice Chair & PCSC Liaison **Materials:** 5. Principles & Practices
	6. Public Comment (name – topic) There were no requests made to provide public comments during this meeting.
2:43:34	**7. OHPB 2027 Priority Work** **Affordability** (with Chair Laura Johnson): Narrowed focus toward a menu of items: pharmacy/PBM costs (medical pharmacy, bulk purchasing, upper payment limits), administrative complexity, specialty physician service pricing, and individual market/Bridge Plan affordability. The draft recommendations for affordability-related priority work will be summarized and sent to the Affordability Committee for further narrowing. The Affordability Committee chairs will attend the December 1 OHPB meeting to share the committee's response to OHPB's draft recommendations. **Primary Care** (with Chairs Raffaella Betza & Betsy Boyd-Flynn): Discussed aligning quality metrics across payers to reduce administrative burden on clinics, evaluating value-based payment efficacy, and assessing primary care workforce gaps. There is interest on how the Primary Care Strategy Committee can support OHA with the Governor's October 13 executive order. **Facilitators:** - Kirsten Isaacson, OHPB Chair

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	- Tony Germann, OHPB Vice Chair & PCSC Liaison **Guest Participants:** - Laura Johnson, Affordability Committee Vice Chair - Betsy Boyd-Flynn, PCSC Chair - Raffaella Betza, PCSC Vice Chair **Meeting Materials:** 7. Summary Feedback 7.1 Member Responses
3:26:06	**8. Closing Comments & Meeting Adjourn** The next OHPB meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at 8:30am. This meeting will be held in-person at the Oregon City, Oregon Department of Human Services building, details about the meeting location can be found on the board's website. There will also be virtual participation via Teams available.

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