

Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB)
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026 | Microsoft Teams Meeting
8:30am to 12:00pm

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00:06 Video part 1	<p>1. Welcome, Minutes Approval & OHPB Business</p> <p>OHPB members present: Kirsten Isaacson, Dr. Rosemarie Hemmings, Eve Gray, Bess Jayme, Bill Kramer, Tony Germann, Aaron Hines, Hayden Rooke-Ley, Peter Starkey</p> <p>Eve Gray read the OHA Health Equity Definition and disclosed her role as acting CEO of a federally qualified health center subject to the Cost Growth Target Program.</p> <p>The Board approved the August 4, 2026, meeting minutes following a motion by Eve Gray. Hayden Rooke-Ley abstained because he was not present at the August meeting.</p> <p>Materials:</p> <p>1. OHPB August minutes</p>
7:25 Video part 1	<p>2. Cost Growth Target Annual Public Hearing</p> <p>OHPB has adopted a tradition to host the annual Cost Growth Target public hearing to promote transparency and awareness of health care costs. This meeting was the annual public hearing. Presentations were made on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Health Care Costs in Oregon, 2023-2024b. Medical Pharmacy Use, Spending, and Utilization Management Trendsc. Physician-Administered Drugs in Commercial and Medicare Populationsd. Prescription Drug Affordability Board & Drug Price Transparency Program

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	<p>e. Public Comment</p> <p>Presenters reported that Oregon's healthcare cost growth reached 6.7% in 2024, exceeding the state's 3.4% cost growth target. Total healthcare expenditures were approximately \$43.2 billion. Presentations highlighted medical pharmacy spending, hospital outpatient services, and prescription drug costs as significant contributors to healthcare spending growth.</p> <p>OHPB members discussed opportunities to translate the information presented into actionable policy recommendations. Dr. Hemmings emphasized the importance of clarifying the Board's role in addressing healthcare cost growth beyond receiving informational presentations. Bill Kramer suggested exploring potential prescription drug affordability policies and referring relevant issues to the Committee on Health Care Affordability.</p> <p>Chair Isaacson clarified that no formal OHPB action was anticipated during the annual hearing and that the information would help inform discussions at the October OHPB strategic planning retreat. OHA staff indicated they would organize public comments and feedback for consideration by the Board and appropriate committees as part of future policy and priority-setting discussions.</p> <p>OHPB members also expressed interest in continued collaboration with the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to explore opportunities for addressing prescription drug costs, including consideration of policies being evaluated in other states.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sam Smith, Actuary, OHA Cost Growth Target Program & Office of Actuarial and Financial Analytics- Dr. Kelly Anderson, Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Jessica Chang, Associate Director of Research, Health Care Cost Institute - Sarah Young, Executive Director, Oregon Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) & Drug Price Transparency (DPT) Program <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sean Kolmer-Hospital Association comments for CGT public hearing (written comment) - Melissa Damm-Providence comments on CGT public hearing (written comment) - Lawrence Yaggi-Strategies to slow cost growth (written comment) - Keith Ericson-Suggestions for reporting cost growth target data (written comment) - Becky Hultberg-Hospital Assoc. opposes referenced-based pricing (written comment) <p>Materials:</p> <p>2a. Health Care Costs</p> <p>2b. Medical Pharmacy Use</p> <p>2c. Physician Admin. Drugs</p> <p>2d. Board & Program</p> <p>2e. Public Comment</p>
2:01:32 Video part 1	Break
2:10:00 Video part 1	<p>3. Oregon Health Authority and OHPB: Updates, Conversation, and Collaboration</p> <p>OHA Director Pakseresht discussed implementation of federal HR1 requirements, including anticipated changes to Oregon Health Plan</p>

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	<p>(OHP) eligibility, renewal processes, and coverage. He emphasized OHA's efforts to minimize coverage disruptions through community partnerships, accessible communications, and coordination with the Oregon Department of Human Services.</p> <p>OHPB members raised concerns about provider network adequacy associated with the transition of Healthier Oregon members to OHP Open Card coverage. Chair Isaacson requested information on OHA's efforts to expand the fee-for-service provider network. Director Pakseresht acknowledged the challenges and committed to providing additional information regarding provider recruitment efforts.</p> <p>Eve Gray emphasized the importance of monitoring whether affected members can access appropriate and trusted providers, including identifying barriers to care. Dr. Hemmings raised concerns about behavioral health provider participation and the effects of recent policy changes on provider availability.</p> <p>Chair Isaacson expressed interest in continued updates regarding OHA's implementation efforts, operational capacity, and resource needs.</p> <p>Director Pakseresht posed the following questions for future discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information does the Board need from OHA to exercise its oversight role effectively? • Where would earlier Board engagement improve the quality of policy development or implementation? • And where can this Board use its collective experience and public platform to help Oregon confront the tension between affordability, access, quality, and innovation? <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fariborz Pakseresht, Interim Director, Oregon Health Authority

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2:38:20 Video part 1	4. Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC): Proposed Membership Kristina Martin and Laurel Moffat presented HITOC's proposed membership slate, detailing recruitment priorities, applicant backgrounds, and representation gaps. During discussion of the proposed membership slate, Dr. Hemmings raised questions regarding HITOC's recruitment and selection criteria, including how health information technology expertise is evaluated alongside community representation, educational background, and diversity of experience. Staff described the recruitment process and efforts to broaden representation, including outreach to community-based applicants. Staff also clarified that HITOC does not currently have term limits and identified remaining representation gaps that will inform future recruitment efforts Recommended new members: Provider (Physician Assistant): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barbara Martin, Central City Concern, Medical Director, Health Informatics Rural and immigrant/migrant health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Cox, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Vice President of Information Systems Behavioral health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tim Callahan, Albertina Kerr, Head of Information Technology

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	<p>Consumer/consumer advocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wemimo Ayannubi, NW PTTC (Northwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center) Substance Use Prevention Fellow, with Washington State University <p>Recommended renewing members:</p> <p>Research/academic; hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Dorr, Oregon Health & Science University, Chief Research Information Officer <p>Rural health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristina Martin, Curry Health Network, Chief Information Officer <p>Health system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maili Boynay, Legacy Health, Vice President of Information Systems Applications <p>Following a motion from Vice Chair Germann, OHPB voted to approve the proposed HITOC membership slate. The following members voted to approve the slate: Kirsten Isaacson, Eve Gray, Bess Jayme, Bill Kramer, Tony Germann, Aaron Hines, Hayden Rooke-Ley, Peter Starkey. Dr. Hemmings voted in opposition of the proposed slate.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kristina Martin, HITOC Chair - Laurel Moffat, HITOC Lead Analyst <p>Materials:</p> <p>4. HITOC membership</p>
1:05 Video part 2	<p>5. Contract Year 2027 Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) Capitation Rates</p>

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	<p>OHA presented preliminary CY2027 CCO capitation rates, reflecting a 6.1% statewide increase excluding maternity payments. Presenters discussed factors influencing rate development, including anticipated membership reductions, changes in member acuity associated with federal eligibility requirements, medical cost trends, and actuarial soundness.</p> <p>OHA explained that the presentation and supporting materials fulfilled the preliminary rate determination reporting requirement established by HB 4039. Staff highlighted efforts to improve transparency and stakeholder engagement throughout the rate-setting process, including expanded opportunities for CCO feedback and additional supporting data.</p> <p>Board members asked questions regarding equitable engagement across CCOs, how stakeholder feedback influenced rate development, and the potential effects of financial pressures on provider network adequacy and access to care. OHA staff discussed ongoing efforts to incorporate feedback into current and future rate-setting processes.</p> <p>OHA identified next steps, including final actuarial certification, federal review, and issuance of CY2027 CCO contracts.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chelsea Guest, OHA CCO Finance Director - Rochelle Layton, OHA Chief Financial Officer <p>Materials:</p> <p>5. CCO Capitation Rates</p>
25:18 Video part 2	<p>6. Closing Comments & Meeting Adjourn</p> <p>Our next meeting will be our annual strategic planning retreat on Tuesday, October 6. We'll meet in person at the Portland State Office Building (PSOB) and have online participation via Teams available.</p>

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