

Committees of the Board

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2021 – Quarter 1

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Summary

The Digest provides an activity update from the nine committees of the Oregon Health Policy Board each quarter. The Digest will summarize key work accomplished in the most recent quarter and highlight decisions and activities planned for the next quarter.

Committee information included in the Digest is provided by lead committee staff and will be distributed to the Oregon Health Policy Board members the first month following each quarter (e.g., the 2021 Quarter 1 Digest will be distributed in April 2021 and the Quarter 2 Digest in July 2021).

For additional information or questions, please contact [Tara Chetock](#), Project Manger

Health Care Cost Growth Target Implementation Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

N/A

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

- Review and discuss data, including hospital price comparison report and cost growth trend report
- Review and inform development of Framework for Monitoring

Anything else to share with OHPB?

The House Health Care committee advanced [HB 2018 on March 9](#), by a vote of 7-2. This bill authorizes OHA to implement accountability mechanisms for payers and providers who exceed the cost growth target.

Cost Growth Target Technical Advisory Group (TAG) launched in February and will be meeting monthly to develop the data submission template and specifications for the program.

Overview

The Oregon Legislature through Senate Bill 889 (2019 Laws) established the Sustainable Health Care Cost Growth Target Program within the OHA. The idea for a health care cost growth target in Oregon came from Senate Bill 419 (2017) Task Force recommendations.

Most recent meeting

January 12, 2021

Next meeting

March 29, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/HP/Pages/Sustainable-Health-Care-Cost-Growth-Target.aspx>

Health Care Workforce Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

Since the Board retreat, more than half of the Committee members, along with OHA staff, participated in a training called Dynamics of Difference, and a training and practice around Constructivist Listening, in advance of a series of listening engagements this spring.

A presentation was held on OHA's work regarding telehealth policy at its meeting on March 4, as was an update on workforce-related legislation pending in the 2021 Legislature.

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

The Committee plans to advance its work to develop its health equity framework and action plan, with listening engagements planned in April and May. A draft report is anticipated by June and a full presentation to the Board in August.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

The Committee is excited by the addition of 6 new members and the reappointment of members whose terms expired at the end of the year.

The Committee plans to use the listening engagements to inform its recommendations to the Board on deliverables for the 2021-22 period.

Overview

The Health Care Workforce Committee was established in 2010 by House Bill 2009 and reports directly to the Oregon Health Policy Board. The Health Care Workforce Committee coordinates efforts to recruit and educate health care professionals and retain a quality workforce.

Most recent meeting

March 3, 2021

Next meeting

May 5, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/hp-hcw/pages/index.aspx>

Health Equity Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

N/A

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

- Work with OHPB, its Committees and OHA staff to provide a health equity framework on OHA's 1115 waiver application and the Cost Growth Target Program.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- Held elections for 2021 Co-Chairs. Derick Duvivier, MD, and Kate Wells will continue for another year as HEC Co-Chairs. They look forward to continuing the work alongside OHPB and other board committees to support OHA in eliminating health inequities by 2030.
- After several discussions and feedback from other committees of the board and public comments, the HEC voted to add age to the health equity definition adopted by OHPB and OHA in October 2019. The update will be presented to OHPB for approval at their April 2021 meeting.

Overview

HEC was established by the Oregon Health Policy Board to coordinate and develop policy that proactively promotes the elimination of health disparities and the achievement of health equity for all people in Oregon.

Most recent meeting

March 11, 2021

Next meeting

April 8, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/Health-Equity-Committee.aspx>

Health IT Technology Oversight Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

Started member recruitment on March 22, 2021.

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

- Coordinate with OHA telehealth lead and Oregon Broadband Office and explore HITOC's role
- Consider impact of legislative session and COVID-19 on Strategic Plan Update
- Incorporate federal interoperability final rules into Strategic Plan Update work
- Complete HITOC recruitment – bring proposed slate to OHPB in June
- Present to OHPB on upcoming Strategic Planning work and obtain input on priorities

Anything else to share with OHPB?

N/A

Overview

HITOC is tasked with setting goals and developing a strategic health information technology plan for the state, as well as monitoring progress in achieving those goals and providing oversight for the implementation of the plan. HITOC is currently coordinating Oregon's public and private statewide efforts in electronic health records adoption and the development of a statewide system for electronic health information exchange.

Most recent meeting

February 4, 2021

Next meeting

April 1, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/ohit-hitoc/Pages/index.aspx>

Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

Working toward upcoming decision points on updates to aligned measure menu and selection of initial health care quality measures for Health Care Cost Growth Target Program

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

- Decide on any updates to aligned measures menu for use in 2022 (April)
- Select initial health care quality measures for Health Care Cost Growth Target Program (May)
- Develop new criteria for equity impact of measures

Anything else to share with OHPB?

N/A

Overview

HPQMC was established by Senate Bill 440 (2015) to identify health outcome and quality measures that may be applied to services provided by CCOs or paid for by health benefit plans sold through the health insurance exchange or offered by PEBB/OEBB.

Most recent meeting

February 23, 2021

Next meeting

March 30, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/Pages/Quality-Metrics-Committee.aspx>

Metrics and Scoring Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

N/A

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

Over the next quarter the Committee will focus on its statutory requirement to select the 2022 CCO incentive measure set. At the same time, the Committee will have discussions about goals for health system transformation and health equity, and the role of the incentive program in achieving these goals. This conversation continues on what was presented at the OHPB retreat in terms of what is meant by transformation and how the incentive program furthers transformative work. To support this work, meeting agendas are as follows:

March. No meeting, but complete survey designed to get everyone thinking/talking broadly about the incentive measure set in general, and to assess concordance between different understandings of transformation amongst Committee members and what is included in the set overall. John Santa, OHPB liaison to the committee, will also complete the survey.

April. Meeting will focus on the comments in this survey; it will also guide long-term strategic thinking regarding the incentive program and health system transformation.

May. Presentation on health equity impact assessment being prepared for Committee (also to be shared with Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee, and other committees more broadly); presentation on social-emotional health kindergarten readiness measure proposed for inclusion in incentive program beginning 2022; begin selecting 2022 measure set.

June. Continue selecting penultimate 2022 incentive measure set. A month-long consultation period will follow, before the Committee finalizes the 2022 measure set in July and begins selecting benchmarks.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

Given the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the health system, the Metrics & Scoring Committee made these decisions regarding 2021 benchmarks and targets: (1) use 2019 as a baseline for assessing quality improvement in 2021 (as 2020 can't be meaningfully used to assess quality improvement); (2) roll forward the original 2020 benchmarks into 2021, rather than increasing; and (3) remove floor requirements for improvement targets (reduces level of improvement needed to meet a measure for this single year).

In addition, the Committee chose to formally note that the benchmarks for individual measures may be further reassessed if predetermined criteria related to extenuating external factors are met. The criteria chosen by the Committee are available [here](#).

OHA is tasked with operationalizing the high-level criteria agreed upon by the Committee. This includes looking at which factors are linked with individual measures, and indicator thresholds for each criterion. This must be done by June.

At its November meeting the Committee will then make decisions on whether and how much to reduce the benchmarks for the individual measures linked to the high-level criteria.

Overview

M&SC was established in 2012 by Senate Bill 1580 for the purpose of recommending outcomes and quality measures for CCOs.

Most recent meeting

February 19, 2021

Next meeting

April 16, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HPA/ANALYTICS/Pages/Metrics-Scoring-Committee.aspx>

Medicaid Advisory Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

No significant changes; minor updates to the work plan to reflect additional details about the Medicaid Advisory Committee's (MAC) role in the 1115 waiver and key CCO deliverables that provide visibility into consumer experience (CX).

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

During Q2 2021, the MAC will 1.) continue to monitor CCO 2.0 implementation from a consumer/community perspective 2.) bring a consumer perspective to the 1115 waiver development project, and 3.) continue its subcommittee work to improve CX for OHP members and their families.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

N/A

Overview

MAC is a federally mandated body which advises the OHA State Medicaid Director and the Department of Human Services on the policies, procedures, and operation of Oregon's Medicaid program, through a consumer and community lens. The MAC develops policy recommendations at the request of the governor, the legislature and OHA.

Most recent meeting

February 24, 2021

Next meeting

April 28, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/HP-MAC/Pages/index.aspx>

Primary Care Payment Reform Committee

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

N/A

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

- Discuss opportunities to incorporate health equity into primary care payment reform and the Collaborative's work
- Review Collaborative recommendations on the payment model and behavioral health contracting and determine next steps

Anything else to share with OHPB?

N/A

Overview

Oregon is required by statute (Chapter 575 Oregon Laws) to convene a Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative to advise and assist in the implementation of a Primary Care Transformation Initiative.

Most recent meeting

January 13, 2021

Next meeting

April 14, 2021

Committee website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-tc/Pages/SB231-Primary-Care-Payment-Reform-Collaborative.aspx>

Public Health Advisory Board

Updates or changes since OHPB retreat?

N/A

Upcoming Committee work and decisions:

- Restart Accountability Metrics Subcommittee to update public health accountability metrics.
- Start Strategic Data Plan Subcommittee to begin developing plan for public health data collection, analysis, visualization and reporting.
- Continue discussions about COVID-19 response and public health legislative bills.
- Orient new members once appointed.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

N/A

Overview

The Public Health Advisory Board advises OHA on policy matters related to public health programs, provides a review of statewide public health issues, and participates in public health policy development.

Most recent meeting

March 18, 2021

Next meeting

April 15, 2021

Committee website

www.healthoregon.org/phab