

Committees of the Board

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Summary

The Digest provides an activity update from the nine committees of the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) 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 OHPB 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).

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Health Care Cost Growth Target (CGT) Implementation Committee

Lead Committee Staff:

- Sarah Bartelmann

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- Revised committee charter
- Developing process and criteria for identifying and prioritizing strategies to mitigate cost growth
- Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee (HPQMC) recommended quality measures for cost growth target monitoring

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- Continue developing process for identifying and prioritizing strategies to mitigate cost growth
- Begin developing process for performance improvement plans
- Considerations for successor committee

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- N/A

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- Accountability legislation (HB 2081) passed and was signed into law; temporary rules for cost growth target data submission filed in early June; data submission template and manual will be published June 30th, 2021.

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.

OHPB Liaison

Kirsten Isaacson

Most recent meeting

May 24, 2021

Q3 meetings

July 26 and Sept. 29

Committee website [link](#)

Email [CGT](#)

Health Care Workforce Committee (HCWF)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Marc Overbeck

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- Continued development of the HCWF's Health Equity Framework

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- Completing work on Health Equity Framework
- Developing recommendations for allocation of Health Care Provider Incentive Fund for 2021-2023 biennium
- Developing structure for implementation of additional funds for the behavioral health workforce

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- The health equity report is now anticipated to be finalized after August 2021; HCWF plans to present the report at OHPB's August meeting.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- HCWF Committee members have participated in Listening Engagements with approximately ten community-based organizations and advocacy groups since May 2021.
- HB 2949 was passed by the 2021 Legislature; the bill allocates an additional \$80 of Federal Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the diversification and expansion of the behavioral health workforce. The HCWF Committee will be prepared to discuss this with the Board in October.
- Committee members will engage in panel discussions around provider resilience and expanding student clinical practice opportunities at its July 7 meeting.

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.

OHPB Liaison

Brenda Johnson

Most recent meeting

May 5, 2021

Q3 meetings

July 7 and Sept. 8

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HCWF](#)

Health Equity Committee (HEC)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Maria Elena Castro

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- Provided feedback to the Healthcare Workforce (HCWF) Committee's community engagement plans to advance its work to develop a health equity framework and action plan.
- Established an ad-hoc workgroup to fulfill OHPB's request for HEC to assist on OHA's 1115 Waiver Renewal:
 - Interpret community feedback and review OHA's summaries of public and community input that has informed the direction of the waiver.
 - Review policies across the waiver and any health equity assessments done by OHA to provide feedback, additional guidance, and support.
 - Advise OHPB on the HEC's support for the general direction of the application in terms of its progress towards eliminating health inequities overall.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- The HEC will dedicate its Q3 meetings to support the work of the Health Equity Committee ad-hoc workgroup working on the 1115 waiver. The workgroup will bring the following areas to HEC for review and endorsement:
 - How community feedback informed the concept areas and policy strategies – both the 2-3 years of cumulative, historical community input as well as current input provided.
 - Overall OHA work on a Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA) of the waiver process (macro-level – how we've done so far and what we're going to change going forward).
 - Findings of OHA HEIA of policy options.
 - Accountability of how OHA is reporting back/has incorporated community feedback into policy concepts that become part of the waiver.
- HEC will continue to provide feedback to the Cost Growth Target Implementation Committee.
- Anticipating update on measure 110 or Drug Addiction and Recovery Act work. The measure's goal is to establish a more health-based, equitable and effective approach to drug addiction in Oregon by shifting the response to drug possession from criminalization to treatment and recovery.

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- N/A

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- During Q3, HEC will work to solicit interest on three membership positions that have been vacant since early 2021 (four additional seats are expected to be open by the end of 2021). The HEC plans to bring a proposed membership slate before OHPB in September.

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.

OHPB Liaison

David Bangsberg (Interim)

Most recent meeting

June 10, 2021

Q3 meetings

July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 8

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HEC](#)

Health IT Technology Oversight Committee (HITOC)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Marta Makarushka
- Hope Peskin-Shepherd

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- Began exploring their role in telehealth and broadband efforts and considering how the changing health care and health IT landscape has impacted upcoming Strategic Plan Update priorities.
- New member recruitment to fill priority gaps continued intensively throughout Quarter 2; new members identified to fill most gaps.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- Bring a proposed slate of new and renewing members to the July OHPB meeting.
- Present to OHPB on upcoming Strategic Planning work and obtain input on priorities in late summer/early fall.
- Restart work to update Oregon’s Strategic Plan for Health IT for 2022-2027, to help ensure health IT supports health system transformation and health equity. This work will involve significant stakeholder engagement and input.
- Consider impact of legislative session, COVID-19, and federal interoperability final rules on Strategic Plan Update.

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- N/A.

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 coordinates Oregon's public and private statewide efforts in electronic health records adoption and the development of a statewide network of electronic health information exchange tools.

OHPB Liaison Kirsten Isaacson

Most recent meeting

April 1, 2021

Q3 meetings

Aug. 5

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HITOC](#)

Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee (HPQMC)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Kate Lonborg

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- TBD Updated measure menu to add:
 - Health Aspects of Kindergarten Readiness:
 - Social Emotional Health
 - Dental Quality Alliance sealants measures (on deck)
- Recommended measure set for Cost Growth Target Program

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- Developing health equity components for HPQMC measure selection criteria
- Reviewing a subset of current menu measures

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- N/A

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.

OHPB Liaison

John Santa

Most recent meeting

June 22, 2021

Q3 meetings

July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HPQMC](#)

Metrics and Scoring Committee (M&SC)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Sara Kleinschmit

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

Over the past quarter the Committee has reviewed current and proposed measures as part of its statutory requirement to choose the 2022 CCO incentive measures. The Committee has also taken a step back to evaluate how it and the incentive program can best meet Oregon’s goals for health system transformation and eliminating health inequities. This has included:

Identifying a working definition of transformation for use in reviewing individual measures as well as the measure set (below).

Given the definition of health equity adopted by the Oregon Health Policy Board, the Metrics and Scoring Committee survey done to align the Committee's views/definition on transformation, discussions at the April and May Committee meetings, and the strategic goal to eliminate health inequities by 2030, the Committee's draft working definition of transformation is:

Measures, a measure set, and an incentive program which advance health equity by recognizing, reconciling, and rectifying historical and contemporary injustices.

- This includes, but is not limited to, focusing on priority populations as identified in the health equity definition; addressing inequities in health care delivery, directly at the patient-provider level, as well as structural and systemic bias in the healthcare system itself; addressing the full spectrum of the healthcare delivery system, including physical, behavioral, social, and oral health; and, addressing inequities outside the healthcare system that impact health outcomes, including the social determinants of health and equity.
- Furthermore, this means understanding the measure selection process is not singularly focused and acknowledges the dynamic, orchestrated effort needed to achieve transformation, both for individual measures, as well as the intersectionality of measures across the measure set.

Working with staff from OHA’s Equity & Inclusion Division and Health Policy & Analytics Division’s Office of Health Analytics on a [Health Equity Impact Assessment](#) of the Committee’s work. The Impact Assessment is the necessary first step to ensure the Committee’s work and the Quality Incentive Program advances health equity. The findings of this report, coupled with the foundation of the health equity definition, provide a path by which the Committee can check its assumptions moving forward, and ensure that health equity principles are included in measure selection and retirement and that the incentive program can be leveraged to meet the goal of eliminating health inequities by 2030.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- TBD Over the next quarter the Committee will focus on its statutory requirement to choose the benchmarks for the 2022 incentive measures by October 1, 2021.
- In addition, the Committee will continue to discuss learnings from the Equity Impact Assessment. The Committee will also discuss the vision for the incentive program included in the new Medicaid Demonstration waiver agreement with CMS.
- As above, the Committee may shift decisions on any pandemic-related factors outside the control of CCOs from its November 2021 meeting to September 2021.

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- Decisions on any relaxation of 2021 benchmarks due to exogenous, pandemic-related factors outside the control of CCOs may shift from November 2021 to September 2021.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- N/A

Overview

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

OHPB Liaison

John Santa

Most recent meeting

June 18, 2021

Q3 meetings

July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17

Committee website [link](#)

Email [M&SC](#)

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Jackie Wetzel

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- OHA 1115 Waiver: review goals and concepts from a consumer perspective
- CCO 2.0: Monitor implementation through a consumer & community lens
- Subcommittee - Advancing Consumer Experience (next meeting: August 7)

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- Vote on subcommittee recommendations to advance OHP consumer experience in September.

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- Agency updates were removed from the June meeting to focus more time on the waiver concept paper discussion.

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

June 30, 2021

Q3 meetings

Sept. 22

Committee website [link](#)

Email [MAC](#)

Primary Care Payment Reform Committee (PCPRC)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Summer Boslaugh

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- Developed Scope of Work goals through mid-2022 on value-based payment reform models and incorporating equity in primary care VBP
- Discussed opportunities to incorporate health equity into primary care payment reform through learning about THW initiatives in Oregon

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- The Collaborative will convene a workgroup to develop and bring recommendations to the full Collaborative on three topics:
 - 1) payment models to support THWs;
 - 2) PCPCH standards to support equity; and
 - 3) opportunities to coordinate with the VBP Compact Workgroup.

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- TBD

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- TBD

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

June 9, 2021

Next meeting

October 6 (doesn't meet in Q3)

Committee website [link](#)

Email [PCPRC](#)

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)

Lead Committee Staff:

- Cara Biddlecom

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 2):

- Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant work plan.
- Convened Accountability Metrics and Strategic Data Plan subcommittees. Expanded membership to include community partners in addition to PHAB members.
- Met with two Tribal Health Directors to learn about the COVID-19 response and resulting changes for Tribal Health Departments.
- Met with community researchers funded through the Survey Modernization project to learn about engaging communities in public health surveillance.
- Provided feedback on 1115 Medicaid Waiver concept papers.
- Onboarded two new members in June

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 3)?

- Continue updating public health accountability metrics through the Accountability Metrics subcommittee.
- Continue to develop public health Strategic Data Plan through the Strategic Data Plan subcommittee. This plan directs public health data collection, analysis, visualization and reporting in ways that center equity, community values and experiences.
- Provide direction for use of new investments in public health modernization investments.
- Plan to participate in trainings and capacity-building that support members in implementing PHAB’s health equity framework as described in the [Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure](#).
- Continued discussions about COVID-19 response, impacts on the public health system, and learning from the pandemic to strengthen the public health system.

Updates or changes to Workplan since OHPB retreat?

- N/A

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.

OHPB Liaison

David Bangsberg

Most recent meeting

June 17, 2021

Q3 meetings

July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16

Committee website [link](#)

Email [PHAB](#)