

Committees of the Board

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Summary

The Digest provides an activity update from the 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 distributed in April 2021, the 2021 Quarter 2 Digest distributed July 2021, etc.).

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

Recruiting New Members!

The Health Equity Committee and the Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee are actively recruiting new members. Please share these opportunities with your networks. See each Committee's section in the Digest below for additional information and application materials.

Cost Growth Target Implementation Committee

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Members (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|------------------|---|-------------|------------------|
| Sarah Bartelmann | Jack Friedman, Chair Kevin Ewanchyna, Vice-Chair | 20 | 0 |

Membership Recruitment:

The Implementation Committee sunsets in December 2021 and will be replaced by the new Advisory Committee. The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Health Policy Board are seeking members for the Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee, the new governance committee for the Sustainable Health Care Cost Growth Target Program beginning in 2022. More information about the Advisory Committee is available in the [draft charter](#).

To apply, please complete Part 1 and Part 2 of the application and email to HealthCare.CostTarget@dhsosha.state.or.us by October 15, 2021.

- [Advisory Committee recruitment announcement](#)
- [Advisory Committee Application Part 1 – interest form](#)
- [Advisory Committee Application Part 2 – demographic form](#)

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

Adopted process and criteria for identifying and prioritizing strategies to mitigate cost growth.
Reviewed charter for new Advisory Committee.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- TBD Planning for initial Cost Growth Target public hearing.

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (No)

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

Bill Kramer

Most recent meeting

July 26, 2021
(Link to [notes](#) & [recording](#))

Q4 meetings

Oct (date TBD) and Nov. 22

Committee website [link](#)

Email [CGT](#)

Health Care Workforce Committee (HCWF)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Members (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|---------------|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Marc Overbeck | Curt Stilp, Chair Laura McKeane, Vice-Chair | 18 | N/A (no minimum #) |

Membership Recruitment:

The Committee plans to solicit new members at the beginning of 2022, using the new guidelines from the Committee Membership Project, and allow existing members to remain in place during this time

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- Adopted the Equity Framework Report, with the intention of sharing with the Board at its October meeting.
- Approved recommendations for the allocations of money from the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund (approximately \$19.5 million) for the 2021-23 biennium.
- Approved the formation of a subcommittee on clinical placement and practice, primarily oriented around physical and oral health.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- The Committee will share its work with the Board at its October meeting. November’s committee meeting will feature presentations and discussion related to oral, physical and behavioral health, and an update on the formulation of the subcommittee on clinical placement and practice.

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (No)

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

Sept. 8, 2021 (Link to [notes](#))

Q4 meetings

Nov. 3

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HCWF](#)

Health Equity Committee (HEC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Members (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|--------------------|---|-------------|------------------|
| Maria Elena Castro | Kate Wells, Co-Chair Derick Duvivier, Co-Chair | 12 | 3 |

Membership Recruitment:

HEC opened recruitment to fill current and future vacancies (five members end their second and final term in December 2021) on September 21, 2021. The application deadline is October 8. Application materials are attached. Due to delays in the application's development and its translation, a new member slate will be voted at the November HEC meeting and presented to OHPB at their December 2021 meeting for confirmation.

If you are interested, please read the letter ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) from Leann Johnson, Direction of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and fill out the membership application (following letter) and submit by 5:00 p.m. October 8, 2021. If you need this information in an alternate format (such as Braille, large print, audio or other formats) or in another language, please contact Maria Elena Castro, HEC staff at maria.castro@dhsosha.state.or.us, or you call/text at (503) 884-4448.

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- During Q3, HEC guided the Healthcare Workforce Committee in the development of its health equity framework and action plan. HCWFC presented the final draft to the HEC in September 2021.
- In Q2, HEC established an ad-hoc workgroup that will fulfill the OHPB ask on the 1115 waiver. During Q3, the HEC workgroup provided guidance and feedback to the OHA 1115 waiver team in many areas and provided hands on support in developing the Health Equity Impact Assessment tool.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- The HEC will be dedicating Q4 meetings to continue supporting the Health Equity Committee ad-hoc workgroup working on the 1115 waiver. In Q4, the workgroup will guide the OHA waiver team on equity informed feedback processes that will guide the development of public comment during December 2021. In addition, the HEC and HEC 1115 waiver workgroup will continue to guide the OHA 1115 waiver team on applying the Health Equity Impact Assessment tool to 1115 waiver policy options. HEC will continue to provide feedback to the Cost Growth Target workgroup as necessary.
- The HEC plans to continue the work started in Q3, to open dialogue and foster collaboration with the Equi Institute and Pride Northwest in their efforts to develop an LGBTQI2S+ Oregon needs assessment.

- The HEC will be dedicating their October 2021 meeting to hear from Steve Allen, OHA Behavioral Health Director, on the 2021-2023 Behavioral Health Transformation Initiatives.
- The HEC plans to connect with the OHA/ODHS Covid-19 Response and Recovery Unit Accessibility team and invite them to present some of the work they have done with serving people with disabilities during the response and their work on inclusive meetings.

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (No)

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- During Q4, HEC will be recruiting to fill out all open positions. It is important to note that HEC is piloting the recruitment form developed by the OHA Committee Diversity workgroup.

Overview

HEC was established by OHPB and is responsible for reviewing health policy and leading efforts to develop best-practice policies which improve health equity in the State. It is actively working to support OHA's strategic goal of eliminating health inequities by 2030.

OHPB Liaison

David Bangsberg

Most recent meeting

Sept. 9, 2021

Q4 meetings

Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HEC](#)

Health Information Technology Oversight Committee (HITOC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Members (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|-----------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Ashley Ashworth | Erick Doolan, Chair Amy Henninger, Vice-Chair | 14 | 1 (soon to be 2) |

Membership Recruitment:

- Aims to recruit for two new members.

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- TBD HITOC held Chair and Vice-chair elections, unanimously approving the current chairs to continue in their roles.
- Oriented five new members to HITOC.
- Kicked off Oregon’s Strategic Plan for Health IT for 2022-2027.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- TBD HITOC has begun 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.
- If a charter is approved by HITOC, launch a Community Information Exchange workgroup.

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (No)

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| <p>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.</p> <p>OHPB Liaison John Santa</p> | <p>Most recent meeting Aug. 5 (Link to notes & recording)</p> <p>Q4 meetings Oct. 7 and Dec. 2</p> <p>Committee website Email HITOC</p> |
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Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HI-MAC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Membership (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
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| Chiqui Flowers | Dan Field, Chair Shanon Saldivar, Vice-Chair | 11 | 4 |

Membership Recruitment:

The Governor’s Office is seeking applications from the consumer advocate community and health insurance consumers to fill some vacant positions on the board that advises the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. The position is appointed by Gov. Kate Brown and confirmed by the Senate for a term of two years.

The committee advises the Marketplace about outreach, customer feedback, and insurance plan affordability. The committee also develops policy recommendations at the request of the governor, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and the Oregon Health Authority. These functions are vital to the Marketplace, which helps Oregonians enroll in and use health insurance through [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) and other programs.

For more information on how to apply for executive membership, please visit the [Governor's Office website](#). Please note - starting October 1, 2021 executive membership application process will be completed through Workday.

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3): (no updates to share)

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)? (no updates to share)

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (no updates to share)

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| <p>Overview HI-MAC consists of 15 governor appointed, Senate confirmed, members representing insurers, insurance producers, navigators, health care providers, businesses, consumer advocacy groups, enrollees in health plans, and medical assistance agencies.</p> <p>OHPB Liaison (vacant)</p> | <p>Most recent meeting Jul. 24 (Link to notes & recording)</p> <p>Q4 meetings Oct. 14 and Dec. 9</p> <p>Committee website Email HI-MAC</p> |
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Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee (HPQMC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Membership (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|--------------|---|----------------|------------------|
| Kate Lonborg | Shaun Parkman, Chair Maggie Bennington-Davis, Vice-Chair | 13 | 2 |

Membership Recruitment:

The committee will solicit new members in October and November, review applications in late November and early December, and bring a proposed slate with 5 new members and 10 continuing members to OHPB in January 2022.

The two current vacancies are for the following seats:

- An individual representing the Department of Consumer and Business Services and
- One individual representing insurers, large employers, or multiple employer welfare arrangements

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- Elected chair and vice chair
- Had robust discussions of Equity Impact Assessment Report and findings

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- The October 15th meeting will be a joint meeting between HPQMC and M&SC
- Developing health equity components for HPQMC measure selection criteria
- Reviewing a subset of current menu measures

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (No)

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: Kirsten Isaacson

Most recent meeting

Jul. 27 (Link to [notes](#) & [recording](#))

Q4 meetings

Oct. 15 and Nov. 23

Committee website [link](#)

Email [HPQMC](#)

Metrics and Scoring Committee (M&SC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Membership (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|-------------------|--|--|------------------|
| Sara Kleinschmidt | Amit Shah, Chair Summer Prantl Nudelman, Vice-Chair | 7 (soon to be 13; 6 new members join in October) | 3 |

Membership Recruitment:

Recruitment is ongoing with an [application](#) available on the Committee’s webpage; however, due to recent vacancies (Committee members moving out-of-state and/or changing affiliation impacting ability to serve on Committee), a joint recruitment drive with the Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee will begin in October, with review of applications in late November.

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

Final 2021 benchmarks and draft 2022 benchmarks. At its September meeting the Metrics & Scoring Committee made reductions to the 2021 benchmarks of seven of the eight measures meeting its 2021 [pandemic related benchmark reopening protocol](#). In addition, it chose *draft* benchmarks for 2022 incentive measures. [This document](#) provides the specific benchmarks for each of the seven 2021 measures with benchmark reductions; it also includes draft 2022 benchmarks for all measures.

The Committee generally approved the [glide path staff put forward](#), though the Committee made amendments for three measures (well-child visits, preventive dental visits, and oral evaluation for members with diabetes) such that the glidepath is not as steep as the staff recommendation.

Final decisions on 2022 benchmarks will be made at the Committee’s 19 November meeting.

2022 Challenge Pool. The Committee also chose four measures for inclusion in the [2022 Challenge Pool](#). They are:

1. Kindergarten readiness: Well-care visits (ages 3-6)
2. Kindergarten readiness: Preventive dental and oral health services (ages 1-5 and 6-14)
3. Kindergarten readiness: CCO system-level social-emotional health
4. Meaningful language access to culturally responsive health care services

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- Finalize the 2022 benchmarks at its November 19 meeting

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| <p>Overview M&SC was established in 2012 by Senate Bill 1580 for the purpose of recommending outcomes and quality measures for CCOs.</p> <p>OHPB Liaison: Kirsten Isaacson</p> | <p>Most recent meeting Sept. 17 (Link to agenda & recording)</p> <p>Q4 meetings Oct. 15 and Nov. 19</p> <p>Committee website Email M&SC</p> |
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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Membership (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|---------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| Jackie Wetzel | Jeremiah Rigsby Co-Chair Leslee Huggins, Vice-Chair | 12 | 3 |

Membership Recruitment:

- Executive Three reappointments were confirmed on 9/30/21; there is one additional reappointment application in process.
- The executive appointments team is reviewing one new member application.

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- The consumer voice subcommittee report and recommendations were approved by the MAC during the 9/22/21 meeting.
- 1115 Waiver: review goals and concepts from a consumer perspective
- CCO 2.0: Monitor implementation through a consumer & community lens

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- The MAC will select a new co-chair on 10/27/21, for a 2-year term beginning in January 2022..

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan?

- Health Information Technology (HIT) Roadmap update removed from September committee meeting due to time constraints
- Waiver public comment forum will NOT take place in October as planned due to revised waiver timeline; new date is TBD.

Anything else to share with OHPB?

- The consumer voice subcommittee report and recommendations were approved by the MAC during the 9/22/21 meeting.

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.

OHPB Liaison: John Santa

Most recent meeting

Sept. 22 (Link to [agenda](#) & [recording](#))

Q4 meetings

Oct. 27 and Dec. 1

Committee website [link](#)

Email [MAC](#)

Primary Care Payment Reform Committee (PCPRC)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Membership (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|------------------|
| Summer Boslaugh | N/A | 41 | 1 |

Membership Recruitment:

PCPRC has ongoing open recruitment. The current vacant seat opening is for the consumer representative / consumer advocacy organization seat.

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- Reviewed and approved Collaborative Scope of Work through mid-2022 to focus on coordination with the VBP Compact Workgroup and recommendations to incorporate equity into primary care payment reform (could include THW payment model, equity measures and monitoring for potential negative impacts of VBP on equity).
- Learned about CCO Traditional Health Workers (THW) payment models.
- Discussed opportunities to support THWs in primary care through payment reform to improve health equity.
- Received an update on the Valued-Based Payments (VBP) Compact Workgroup.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- Submit memo detailing recommendations for primary care VBP to the VBP Compact Workgroup.
- Finalize white paper with evidence of THW impact in primary care and payment reform options to support integration.

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan? (No)

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| <p>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.</p> <p>OHPB Liaison: (vacant)</p> | <p>Most recent meeting Jun. 9 (Link to materials)</p> <p>Next meeting Oct. 6</p> <p>Committee website link</p> <p>Email PCPRC</p> |
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Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)

| Lead Staff | Chairs | Membership (#) | Vacant Seats (#) |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cara Biddlecom | Veronica Irvin, Chair | 15 | 2 |

Membership Recruitment:

- Open recruitment for Public Health Metrics Expert (other vacant seat, Local Public Health Administrator, is awaiting appointment)
 - For more information on how to apply for executive membership, please visit the Governor’s Office website: https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How_To_Apply.aspx. Please note - starting October 1, 2021 the executive membership application process will be completed through Workday. Information and instructions will be populated on the Governor’s [executive appointments website](#).

Committee Work (2021 – Quarter 3):

- Convened Accountability Metrics and Strategic Data Plan subcommittees. Expanded membership to include community partners in addition to PHAB members.
- Adopted recommendations for 2021-23 public health modernization funding to local public health authorities.
- Identified health equity capacity building training priorities and began first health equity capacity building training on September 16.

Upcoming work and decisions (2021 – Quarter 4)?

- Identify actions that PHAB and OHA will implement to support public health survey modernization.
- Complete three additional health equity capacity building sessions.

Updates or changes to Committee’s workplan?

- Strategic Data Plan subcommittee paused its work until public health survey modernization partners completed final reports and recommendations, which will be reviewed at the October 21 PHAB meeting. The Strategic Data Plan subcommittee will reconvene after that meeting.

Anything else to share with OHPB? (No)

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

Sept. 16 (Link to [materials](#) & [recording](#))

Q4 meetings

Oct. 21 and Nov. 18

[Committee website link](#)

Email [PHAB](#)

