

The Task Force on School Nursing

Approved by the Task Force on April 1, 2016

I. Authority

Per Senate Bill 698 (2015), the Task Force on School Nursing is established. The Department of Education (ODE) shall coordinate with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide staff support to the task force.

All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

II. Scope

The Task Force is charged with providing recommendations for the future funding of health services in schools. As indicated in SB 698, the Task Force shall:

1. Examine other health care funding sources, including the billing of students' health insurance for the costs of school health services provided at school, for the purpose of determining if schools may transition from using moneys received for education purposes to using moneys from the other health care funding sources to pay for school health services.
2. Recommend sustainable funding sources for school health services that could be used to fund required school health screenings and to achieve the level of school nursing services described in ORS 336.201.
3. Recommend standards of school nursing practices that include outcome measures related to health transformation and academic performance.
4. Recommend ways to create a coordinated school health services model and to foster and promote a noncompetitive strategy that is collaborative and that directs an appropriate level of funding to school nursing and school-based health centers.

OHA/ODE staff will provide Task Force members materials in advance of scheduled meetings in order to ensure adequate review time and meaningful input.

A majority of the voting members of the Task Force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business during Task Force meetings.

The Task Force will be asked to approve the final recommendations to the Legislature. This official action by the Task Force requires the approval of a majority of all the voting members of the Task Force.

III. Deliverables

The Task Force shall submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education or health care no later than September 15, 2016. This report may include recommendations for legislation.

IV. Timing/Schedule/Expectations

The Task Force shall submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education or health care no later than September 15, 2016; it will meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the Task Force.

Agendas will be created by the Chair working with agency support staff. Agenda items should be added by contacting the chair.

Meeting minutes will be approved at subsequent meetings after review by agency staff and Chair/Vice-Chair.

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Oregon's Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610-192.710) and Public Records Law (ORS 192.001-192.505).

V. Chairs and Staff Resources

The Task Force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson. A vice-chair can also be elected per Task Force recommendation.

Chair: Nina Fekaris, School Nurse, Beaverton School District

Vice-Chair: Margo Lalich, Director of Health Services, Multnomah Education Service District

Executive Sponsor: Tim Noe, Administrator, Center for Prevention and Health Promotion, OHA

OHA, Public Health Division: Jamie Smith, State School Nurse Consultant; Melanie Potter, Administrative Specialist

ODE, School Health: Ely Sanders, School Health Specialist, Cynthia Garton, Office Specialist

The Chair's responsibilities include running Task Force meetings and working with agency staff to create agendas and arrange expert presentations.

The Vice Chair performs the Chair's duties when the Chair is unavailable. The Vice Chair will also be asked to be involved in the review of meeting minutes.

VI. Task Force Membership

Task Force Slot	Name	Organization
LEGISLATORS		
Representative	Gene Whisnant	Sunriver
Senator	Laurie Monnes Anderson	Gresham
GOVERNOR APPOINTEES		
ESD that provides health services	Margo Lalich	MESD
Urban SD	Yousef Awwad	PPS
Rural SD	Pamela Palmer	Bend/Lapine SD
OHA – school health	Rhonda Busek	OHA
ODE – school health	Mitch Kruska	ODE
Statewide non-profit for School Nurses	Nina Fekaris	OSNA
Statewide non-profit that represents nurses	Thomas Sincic	ONA
Classified school employees rep	Soren Metzger	OSEA
Non-profit that represents SBHC	Maureen Hinman	OSBHA
CCO rep	Jeremiah Rigsby	CareOregon
Local public health official	Rebecca Austen	Lincoln County Public Health
Private insurer	Marian Blankenship	PacificSource Health Plans

Appointed members shall serve until December 31, 2016, or later if needed. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor’s office shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

