

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Jeremiah Rigsby	Pam (Palmer) Carlson (phone)	Thomas Sincic
Margo Lalich	Rebecca Austen (phone)	Ed Edwards for Tricia Smith
Maureen Hinman	Representative Gene Whisnant	Yousef Awwad
Mitch Kruska	Rhonda J Busek (phone)	
Nina Fekaris	Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson	

Task Force Members Not in Attendance:


Support Staff in Attendance:

Jamie Smith – OHA	Jessica Duke – OHA	Melanie Potter – OHA
Ely Sanders – ODE	Rosa Klein – OHA	

*Meeting Summary:*

## Welcome Introduction of Task Force Members

Members shared:

- Name and organization;
- Organization’s interest in school nursing;
- Personal interest in serving on the task force;
- A school health experience (personal or other).

Conflict of Interest Forms were collected.

Common Language for the Task Force on School Nursing handout reviewed.

- Representative Gene Whisnant suggested adding Nurse Assistant and School Health Assistant.

## Task Force establishment

- Margo Lalich nominated Nina R. Fekaris as Task Force Chair. Representative Monnes Anderson seconded. Nina Fekaris was elected as Chair of the Task Force by unanimous vote.

- Representative Whisnant nominated Margo Lalich as Task Force Co-Chair. Yousef Awwad seconded. Margo Lalich was elected as Vice-Chair of the Task Force by unanimous vote.
- Discussion on meeting times
  - Location
    - Videoconferencing was requested by Tom Sincic so remote participants can be seen and see other members. There will always be a call in option.
    - Members agreed to have alternating meetings in Portland and Salem.
  - Timing
    - Meetings will be on the first Friday of each month from 12:30-3:30pm.
    - The next meeting will be April 1st in Salem.
- There will be a website where meeting minutes and other information will be shared.

## Review and discussion of DRAFT Task Force Charter

- Jamie Smith described the Task Force Charter and referenced the work plan.
  - Charter
    - Mitch Kruska suggested prioritizing items in charter scope and determine if/when any future legislative bills need to be introduced.
    - Jeremiah Rigsby suggest we start with establishing the need and mapping out current resources.
    - Mitch Kruska proposed that not all the funding comes from the state.
      - He also suggested we look into billing Medicaid and other insurance plans.
  - Workplan
    - Representative Gene Whisnant briefly reviewed the legislative schedule in relation to introducing bills in the next session and mentioned there will be a very limited budget available. He suggested mapping out a plan to stagger financial asks.
    - Thomas Sincic suggested starting with the HB2693 report which suggested 1 nurse per 750 students and establishing a plan to address this.
    - Jeremiah Rigsby would like to know the background of the suggested 1:750 ratio.

## Discussion on Task Force needs

### Future agenda items

- Current school nurse model/scope

- Thomas Sincic suggested as agenda item.
- Yousef Awwad agreed brainstorming about the current school nursing setup would be helpful and looking into other successful school nursing models from around the country and world.
- Vice Chair Margo Lalich offered to speak about the MESD model as a service delivery system that services a large number of students.
- Current school nurse funding sources and budget
  - Maureen Hinman would like to see where current funding is coming from and what the requirements and options are around the funding.
  - Chair Nina Fekaris would like to understand how school nurses are currently being funded and where private insurance company's fit in.
  - Rebecca Austen added that this might be a numbers issue especially around attracting and keeping rural school nurses.
  - Vice Chair Lalich noted that there is no infrastructure to support school nurses.
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- HIPAA/FERPA
  - Jamie Smith mentioned HIPAA/FERPA and SBHCs as future agenda items.
- Data collection
  - Vice Chair Margo Lalich mentioned the need for data in order to make decisions.
  - Thomas Sincic suggested data collection as a future agenda item.
  - Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson agreed that we need more data. She suggested that we find out how many students are covered by CCOs.
- Potential funding sources
  - Thomas Sincic suggested potential funding sources as a future agenda item.
  - Representative Gene Whisnant proposes taking \$50 million out of the \$250 million going to schools (related to poverty) and using it to fund school nurses.
    - Yousef Awwad said removing \$50 million from the school fund would be a hardship for schools. He is interested in billing Medicaid if the process of billing could be simplified.
  - Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson mentioned that we want to get away from fee-for-service.
  - Mitch Kruska mentioned Medicaid dollars directed to school health services.
  - Maureen Hinman suggested community benefits from hospital systems as a potential funding source.
  - Chair Fekaris suggested private insurers paying for school nursing services.
- CCOs
  - Jeremiah Rigsby noted that CCO models are different throughout the state and how they support school nursing will be different.

### Suggested topics

- Workforce
  - Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson mentioned needing to understand more about the current school health workforce and how one becomes a school nurse
  - Rebecca Austen mentioned that the role of a school nurse is so independent that it is difficult for a new nurse to take on a school nurse role.
- Key informants
  - Thomas Sincic asked the Task Force to establish other key informants.
- Telehealth
  - Thomas Sincic mentioned the need to explore technological options including telehealth.
- School-Based Health Centers
  - Rhonda Busek asked if there is an intersection between School-Based Health Centers and school nursing. Nina Fekaris answered yes, SBHCs are part of the school health system. Maureen Hinman is representing SBHCs on the Task Force.
  - Thomas Sincic said a good number of SBHCs are being reimbursed for immunizations and other services that may or already are being provided by school nurses.
- Other State's School Nursing Systems
  - Yousef Awwad asked to learn from what other states are doing to support school nurses.

### Next Steps

- Jamie Smith mentioned that the Task Force can bring in other necessary contacts/informants as needed. He suggested the Task Force members contact him with ideas.
- He also asked the Task Force for permission to work with the Chair, Vice Chair to develop a prioritization exercise for the Task Force scope before the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Jamie will post other state school nursing information on the website.

### School Nursing in Oregon 101 – Introduction

- Nicky Zimmerman RN, MSN, Oregon School Nurses' Association President: School Nursing 101, A Snapshot.
  - Rep Whisnant asked about marijuana edibles in schools
  - Tom Sincic asked about paper shuffling and the time consuming aspect

- Ely Sanders, Oregon Department of Education, presented on Oregon laws around school nursing. His position at ODE. Half of his position covers school nursing the other covers school sexual health.
  - Yousef Awwad asked for further clarification on the ODE data and the mandated ratios
  - Maureen Hinman asked about Medicaid billing and whether it was only Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)
  - Tom Sincic commented about the preventive services that school nurses provide and the system should look to avoid duplication
  - Vice Chair Margo Lalich mentioned school nurses have online forums where they ask other nurses for advice on medically challenging students because there is not a formal infrastructure setup for them to reference.
    - Ely agreed there is not a formal infrastructure for school nurse support setup.

### Public Comment

- Kelly Barnett, North Bend School District 13, asked what the reality of funding and hiring school nurses in districts with inadequate or no nurses.
  - Ely Sanders responded stating retention, salary and rural areas attracting nurses are issues.

### Meeting Wrap-Up

- Members to send Jamie Smith any comments on the charter/work plan.
- Chair Nina Fekaris, would like to look into current funding and prioritizing the charter/work plan at the next meeting.
- Rebecca Austen suggested the SBHC Status Report be sent to the Task Force members. The SBHC Status Report will be sent to members.

### Meeting adjourned