

May 16th Meeting of the Universal Health Plan Governance Board



Universal Health Plan
Governance Board

May 16th Agenda

- Welcome Remarks
- Approve Meeting Minutes – April 16th, 2024
- Executive Director’s Report
- Recruitment for Executive Director’s Evaluation Committee
- UHPGB Policies and Procedures
- Oregon’s Health Care Coverage Efforts
- Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care Recommendations
- ***Break***
- Ethical Framework for Universal Health Care
- Values and Principles
- UHP Workplan Development Update
- Public Comment

Welcome Remarks – Chair Bellanca

- Tech Check
- Introductions
- Agenda Review
- Adoption of 4.16.24 Minutes

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Cowling

Recruitment for Executive Director Evaluation Committee

- *Chair Bellanca*

Resolution II – Oversight & Evaluation

Whereas the Executive Director serves at the pleasure of The Board,

And whereas The Board has a desire to promote a collaborative relationship with its Executive Director, and promote a clear working environment for its Executive Director., The Board shall appoint from its members, an Evaluation Subcommittee of no less than three members whose duties shall consist of:

1. No less than 90 days after passage of this resolution shall draft an Outline of Expectations for the Executive Director consisting of short sentence and compatible with state law, to be approved by the entire board in regular session.
2. Shall meet no less frequently than annually for the purposes of preparing an Evaluation of Performance of the Executive Director in respect of the Outline of Expectation, and for the purpose of meeting with the Executive Director to convey and discuss the Evaluation of Performance to the Executive Director.

UHPGB Policies and Procedures

- Director Cowling

Fist to Five Voting



No way.



We need to talk about this.



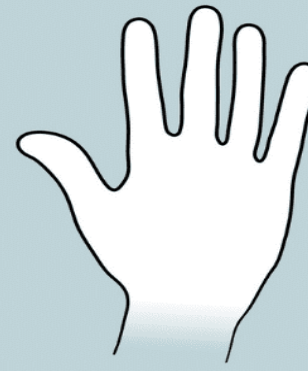
I have reservations.



I'm okay with it.



Sounds good.



Total agreement.

Health Coverage in Oregon Overview

Universal Health Plan Governance Board

Devlin Prince, Senior Policy Analyst

Laurel Swerdlow, Health Coverage Lead

Oregon Health Authority – Office of Health Policy

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Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care

**Presentation to:
Universal Health Plan Governance Board**

**Bruce Goldberg, MD
May 16, 2024**

Break

We will reconvene at 11:00 am

There is a “grab ‘n go” café located on the basement level

Ethical Framework for Universal Health Care

- *Chunhuei Chi*

Values and Principles

- *Chair Bellanca*

Health care is a right in Oregon

Measure 111 amended Article I of the state constitution in 2022.

SECTION 47. (1) It is the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.

(2) The obligation of the state described in subsection (1) of this section must be balanced against the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services, and any remedy arising from an action brought against the state to enforce the provisions of this section may not interfere with the balance described in this subsection. [8]

Vales and Principles Articulated in SB 1089:

SECTION 1. (1) The Universal Health Plan Governance Board is established in the Department of Consumer and Business Services, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor who must:

(b) Support the values and principles expressed in section 2 (3)(a) and (b) of this 2023 Act

2(3) In developing the comprehensive plan and the recommendations to the Legislative Assembly under subsection (4) of this section, the board shall:

(a) Consider, at a minimum, the following values:

(A) Health care, as a **fundamental element of a just society**, must be secured for all individuals on an equitable basis by public means, similar to public education, public safety and public infrastructure;

(B) Race, color, national origin, age, disability, wealth, income, citizenship status, primary language, genetic conditions, previous or existing medical conditions, religion or sex, including sex stereotyping, gender identity, sexual orientation and pregnancy and pregnancy-related medical conditions **may not create barriers to health care nor result in disparities** in health outcomes due to the lack of access to care;

(C) The components of the Universal Health Plan must **be accountable and fully transparent** to the public regarding information, decision-making and management through meaningful public participation; and

(D) Funding for the Universal Health Plan is a **public trust** and any savings or excess revenue must be returned to the public trust;

Vales and Principles Articulated in SB 1089:

(b) Consider, at a minimum, the following principles:

(A) A participant in the Universal Health Plan may **choose any individual provider** who is licensed, certified or registered in this state or may choose any group practice;

(B) The plan may **not discriminate against any individual health care provider** who is licensed, certified or registered in this state to provide services covered by the plan and who is acting within the provider's scope of practice;

(C) A participant in the plan and the participant's health care provider shall determine, within the scope of services covered within each category of care and within the plan's parameters for standards of care and requirements for prior authorization, whether a service or good is **medically necessary** or medically appropriate for the participant; and

(D) The plan shall cover health care services and goods from **birth to death**, based on **evidence informed decisions** as determined by the board;

Discussion Questions to Consider:

1. Are there any missing principles the board would like to add?
2. *Ethical Priority Setting for Universal Health Coverage: Challenges in Deciding Upon Fair Distribution of Health Services* by Ole Norheim includes three principles: Should any or all of these be considered?
 - Promote health maximization
 - Fair distribution of resources
 - Protection against poverty
3. Should there be an additional principle addressing cost?
4. Should there be an additional principle addressing quality of care?
5. Should there be a principle around local administration of health care?
6. Others?

UHP Workplan Development Update

- Executive Director Cowling

June -August Meeting Topics

1. Approve principles as recommended by the workgroup
2. Provide more background information on specific topics so that we as a board can make effective decisions, including
 - Health care financing, revenue, costs
 - Health Coverage in Oregon
 - Community engagement
 - Update from Other States on Universal Health Care efforts
 - Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974
 - Federal waivers
3. Discuss and approve work plan (or partial work plan)

Workgroup Needed -

1. Help develop the two and a half year workplan to recommend to the board at the July meeting.
2. Define the scope of work for a finance committee – participants, charter, time, etc

Public Comment

Adjourn

“No ray of sunshine is ever lost, but the green which it awakens into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted for the sower to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith.”

- Albert Schweitzer