

Oregon Healthcare Workforce Committee
July 22nd 2015 from 9:30-12:30
At Oregon Institute of Technology
Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:	Pat Brunett Jeff Clark Robyn Dreibelbis Annette Fletcher	David Nardone David Pollack Daniel Saucy
Committee Members Not in Attendance	Jordana Barclay Lita Colligan Michael Delgado	Josie Henderson John Osborne Jeff Papke
OHA staff, OHWI, OCN	Cathryn Cushing, OHA Margie Fernando, OHA Pam Martin, OHA	Jo Isgrigg, OHWI Jana Bitton, OCN
Others	Carla McKelvey, Oregon Health Policy Board member liaison, Maria Lynn Kessler, OIT	

1	Welcome
2	Approval: May 6th meeting summary
	Meeting Summary was approved, with the correction that Jeff Clark was not in attendance on May 6th.
	<i>Action Steps:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cathryn will edit, finalize and file the summary.</i>
3	Election of Chair
	The Committee elected David Pollack to take Ann Buchele's place as the Chair of the Committee. Although several suggestions were made for Vice-Chair, the group decided to wait on electing a Vice-Chair until the new members were on board.
4	Updates
	Graduate Medical Education Project – The project is moving forward with several hospitals from Eastern Oregon interested in signing Letters of Intent to participate in Consortium planning. The planning group has decided to hire an Executive Director and will continue working closely with consultants TrippUmbach.

Clinical Standards for Health Profession Students – A Rules Advisory Committee convened in April and suggested revisions to the OARs 409-030. Final rules were posted on July 1st. Committee members expressed concern that the rules may not be serving the intended purpose of making the process of fulfilling administrative requirements easier on students. Members would like the Committee to continue to monitor the rules and the possibility of unintended effects.

National Student Loan Refinancing Act, HR 649 – Dan Saucy let the Committee know that this bill is not moving forward.

Nurse Faculty Report – Jana Bitton from OCN provided the Committee with a brief description of the Nurse Faculty Report, which finds a shortage of nurse faculty in Oregon with the potential of becoming more acute as current faculty members approach retirement. Another issue is that there are few advanced programs available to train professors. Jana and Committee members are wondering if there are any meaningful incentives that the state could offer to reverse this trend. The report can be found [here](#).

Legislative update – There was a great deal of legislative activity this legislative session affecting the healthcare workforce. Of particular importance were **SB 144**, allowing reimbursement for telehealth services regardless of the patient’s location and **SB 230** which expanded the number of licensing Boards required to report workforce data to OHA from seven to seventeen. **HB3396** asks for a comprehensive study of the effectiveness of the state’s provider incentives and research into other ways to encourage providers to work in rural or underserved communities. The Healthcare Workforce Committee is named in HB3396 as a group with which the Oregon Health Policy Board might consult to develop recommendations on incentives.

Dan Saucy reported that **HB2972** passed. This bill requires that all children under seven years have a dental screening before entering school. **SB660**, requiring the availability of dental sealant for children who need it also passed.

Jo Isgrigg reported on the Oregon Talent Council bill, **HB2728**. The bill passed, and allocated \$6,112,818 to create a yearly talent plan and provide funding to increasing training opportunities to fill any gaps. Although the Healthcare Workforce Committee had been suggested as a resource for the Talent Council members, the Committee was not explicitly called out in the enrolled version of the bill.

Two bills important for naturopaths passed, as reported by Jeff Clark. **HB2468** requiring adequate networks of care available to members if a system is going to offer a plan, also includes a non-discrimination clause, meaning that if a naturopath, or other provider, is working within the scope of his or her license, the plan may not discriminate against them. **HB3301** also passed, giving naturopaths a pathway to becoming primary care providers, rather than specialists.

	<p>SB832 passed, requiring that OHA set standards for achieving behavioral health integration. This bill will be important for upcoming Committee work on the behavioral health deliverables.</p> <p>Please see the written update here.</p>
5	<p>Oregon’s Licensed Behavioral/Mental Health Workforce</p> <p>Jo Isgrigg and Jana Bitton presented the results of an analysis OHWI and OCN completed using licensing data from the behavioral and mental health workforce. Although the data was limited since the three, main behavioral health licensing Boards were reporting voluntarily resulting in low response rates, this analysis provides a baseline for future analyses. The report divides the workforce into those with and without prescriptive authority.</p> <p>A copy of the report and the presentation can be found here.</p>
6	<p>Behavioral Health/Primary Care Integration – a Primer</p> <p>David Pollack shared a presentation on the progress of behavioral health and primary care integration. The presentation stressed the importance of integration due to the prevalence of behavioral health issues, the burden of behavioral health needs on primary care, the high cost of unmet behavioral health needs, and in meeting the triple aim of better health, and better care at lower cost. Using the chronic care model and understanding the importance of trauma-informed care will assist with this integration as will providing collaborative care that is appropriately staffed.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation can be found here.</p>
7	<p>Charter Revision</p> <p>The Committee agreed with the direction of the revised charter and asked Cathryn to revise it one more time by adding in the deliverable required by HB3396. Cathryn will then circulate it to members one more time before providing it to OHA leadership and to the OHPB.</p> <p><i>Cathryn will revise charter and send it out to the Committee.</i></p>
8	<p>Public Comment</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Give members of the public time to share with the Committee. <i>There was no public comment at this meeting.</i></p>