

OREGON HEALTH FUND BOARD (OHFB) – FINANCE COMMITTEE  
EXCHANGE WORKGROUP

November 29, 2007  
2:00 PM (Digitally recorded)

CCC-Wilsonville Training Center, Room 111  
Wilsonville, OR

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Denise Honzel, Chair  
Laura Etherton, Vice-Chair  
Kerry Barnett  
Damian Brayko  
Terry Coplin  
Lynn-Marie Crider  
Steve Doty  
Chris Ellertson  
Jack Friedman  
Jon Jurevic  
Kelsey Wood (by phone)  
Nina Stratton

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Ken Provencher

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nora Leibowitz, Policy Analyst  
Barney Speight, Executive Director, OHFB  
Alyssa Holmgren, Policy Analyst  
Susan Otter, Policy Analyst  
Zarie Haverkate, Communications Coordinator

**ISSUES HEARD:**

- Introduction of Workgroup Members
- Introduction to the work of the committee and this workgroup's task, deliverable and timelines
- Nomination and election of workgroup of Chair and Vice Chair
- OHFB guiding assumptions
- Discussion: Market reform and issue identification
- Public Testimony

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Nora Leibowitz

**I. Call to order / Introductions**

There is quorum. Introductions made.

**II. Introduction to the work of the Finance Committee and this workgroup's task, deliverable and timelines**

Nora discussed overall scope of work of the various OHFB committees. The charge of the Exchange Workgroup is to address how the individual market should change based on the design assumptions for reform and look at the role an Exchange could play. A report about the issues surrounding development of an

exchange in Oregon will be provided for review by the Finance Committee in late January.

Nora Leibowitz

### III. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee unanimously approved Denise Honzel to serve as chair. Group agreed to have a vice-chair and Laura Etherton was unanimously approved to serve in that position.

### IV. OHFB guiding assumptions

Overview was given regarding design principles and assumptions document.

### V. Market reform and issue identification

Barney Speight stated that the Board strengthened language around delivery system reform and transformation, containing cost increases over time, with a strategic emphasis on early intervention and wellness, and aggressive disease management for chronic diseases. System has to be affordable to those who can not afford health coverage. Workgroup will think about what Board assumptions imply for how the system will or should change. Need to discuss if there should be an Exchange and, if so, what would it look like.

Staff distributed a draft "Issue Identification" document that served as a starting point for discussion. The workgroup went through the draft list and identified additional items for discussion. Staff will revise the document based on workgroup input. Next meeting will focus primarily on a discussion of the market reform issues identified on the list and through discussion at this meeting. Some of the discussion points included:

### VI. Public Testimony

**Doug Barber**, a lobbyist for the Oregon Association of Health Underwriters stated that the chronically uninsured are a relatively small group. The largest group of uninsured is people who move in and out of the individual and small market, especially when they change jobs. Portability needs to be built into the new system in order allow people to not only obtain but keep their insurance.

**Oregon Association of Health Underwriters, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors – Oregon, and Professional Insurance Agents of Oregon/Idaho** submitted written testimony in the form of a memo from the to the Exchange Workgroup regarding agent participation in the Oregon Health Fund. They urged the workgroup to seek the active participation of Oregon's professional health insurance agenda in formulating the new exchange recommendations and offered their assistance.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** TBD. Additional meetings to be scheduled in January and February.

**Submitted by:**  
Zarie Haverkate  
Communications Coordinator

**Reviewed by:**  
Nora Leibowitz  
Acting Director, OHPC

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

1. Draft Agenda
2. Presentation on Market Reforms and Health Insurance Exchange (Presented at 11/6 Board meeting and 11/19 Finance Committee meeting)

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