

- Public Meetings Laws, including:
 - Substantive discussions cannot be conducted through emails;
 - Meetings without a quorum do not need to be open to the public, although we may choose to make them open meetings.

Barney Speight IV. Introduction to SB 329 Reform Process and Assumptions for Reform

- Reviewed the Governor’s appointments to the Oregon Health Fund Board (OHFB) per SB 329 and the Board’s actions to date. OHFB will meet monthly, and anticipates meeting twice monthly in May and June.
- Described six committees. The chair of each committee serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member, and a full participant in the deliberations of the Board. Committees are being tasked by the OHFB through charters to be finalized in December and January.
- Described timeline. Deliverables are due to Governor and Legislative leadership by October 1, 2008. Draft recommendations from committees should be in framework by end of April. Board will draft a plan in May/early June for presentation to public for comment. Public comment is to be reviewed by the Board after Labor Day of 2008 and a final report will be prepared including formal recommendations. In January 2009, the focus of reform moves to legislature.
- Discussed the Board’s draft document: A Comprehensive Plan for Reform: Design Principles and Assumptions.

Barney Speight V. Review of Federal Laws Committee Charter, Timeline and Proposed Strategies

- Review of charter: SB 329 mandates Committee to examine federal laws that result in barriers to Oregon health care reform. Areas identified in law and by staff include:
 - Medicaid requirements;
 - Medicare policies including, reimbursement and effects on costs, quality, and access;
 - Federal Tax Code policies;
 - Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) regulations and waivers;
 - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
 - Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); and
 - Any other areas of federal policy that inhibit Oregon’s reform efforts.

Discussion

- Areas of federal policy to include:
 - Include State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) in Medicaid discussion.
 - Include Medicare Advantage plans in Medicare discussion, especially as Oregon has the highest Medicare Advantage penetration in the nation.
 - Shortage in workforce problem – Committee could address federal/state policies on reimbursement for health professionals’ education.

- Include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) under Medicaid law and the Public Health Service Act as part of Oregon's health safety net system.
- HIPAA discussion: HIPAA may impede coordination of mental and physical health care. One resource: Oregon's Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) looking at issues related to privacy and security. 42CFR and HIPAA deal with behavioral health privacy, including addiction treatment.
- Review proposed strategy and timeline: Barney presented the proposed strategy and draft letter seeking stakeholder input. The proposal is to gather findings and develop ideas for recommendations by soliciting written and in-person public input. This would include holding meetings on specific subjects to include panel discussions from a range of stakeholders. Discussion:
 - We should ask stakeholders to propose solutions;
 - Staff should provide an overview of the federal authority for making changes (e.g., waivers, policy/regulatory changes, acts of congress).
 - Staff should provide background information including reform efforts in other States (Anne Gauthier's presentation to the Board), Kaiser report on federal/state partnership, and John McConnell's presentation to the Board.
 - The Committee verbally endorsed the proposed strategy.
- Committee members should contact staff to identify additional stakeholders to send solicitation letter, and to relate thoughts on issues and approaches. Members are welcome to email the board at ohfb.info@state.or.us.

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VI. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- The Committee unanimously elected Dr. Frank Baumeister as Chair and Ellen Gradison as Vice Chair.
- Gavel was passed to Dr. Frank Baumeister for remainder of meeting.

Chair

VII. Future Meetings

- Discussion of scheduling January meeting, meeting locations and times.
- Next meeting will be scheduled for the week of January 21, 2008.

Chair

VIII. Public Testimony

- Liz Baxter, Executive Director of the Archimedes Movement, urges openness to all recommendations, even if not reasonable, as it may *"change level of debate"* and to include consumers in panels. Glad Committee will make recommendations and not just report findings.
- Scott Gallant, Oregon Medical Association, testifies regarding surveying providers and offers assistance to Committee.
- Jane Ellen Weidanz, Director of Public Policy for Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, urged the Committee to look at federal laws regarding publicly funded services for the mentally ill, specifically through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) funds, as well as federal laws that may not promote healthy lifestyles. She also offers assistance to the Committee.
- Beryl Fletcher, Director of Professional Affairs of the Oregon Dental Association, asks Committee to also focus on oral health care and periodontal issues considering their links to overall health.

- Jerry Cohen, State Director of AARP for Oregon, supports involving AARP members, and asks Committee to include issues around coordination of Medicare and Medicaid policies as well as coordination of long-term care and chronic care.
- Committee Member Tom Reardon recommends attending the health system change presentation by Dr. Paul Ginsberg, Health Economist, in mid-December.

Chair

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair Baumeister.

Submitted By:
Paula Hird

Reviewed By:
Susan Otter

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OHFB Committee Members List 2. OHFB Organizational Documents:
 Overview Timeline and Duties from SB 329 3. SB 329 & SB 329 Summary 4. Oregon Business Council Policy Playbook* 5. Description of OHPR Programs 6. Draft Charter of the Federal Laws Committee 7. Federal Laws Committee By-laws 8. OHFB Design Principles & Assumptions | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. OHFB Timeline 10. Draft Stakeholder Solicitation Letter 11. Citizen's Health Care Workgroup Report:
 Executive Summary (Will be given as a handout to board members and will be available at http://citizenhealthcare.gov for the general public.) |
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*Available at: http://www.oregonbusinessplan.org/pdf/OBP%20POLICY%20PLAYBOOK%202.5%20_FINAL_.pdf