

**OREGON HEALTH FUND BOARD – Health Equities Committee Meeting**

March 4, 2008  
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Digitally Recorded

OHSU Biomedical Building  
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd.  
Portland, Oregon

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ella Booth, Ph.D., Chair  
Tricia Tillman, MPH, Co-Vice Chair  
Michelle Berlin, MD, MPH  
John Duke, MBA  
Maria Michalczyk, RN, MA (by phone)  
Melinda Muller, MD, FACP  
Noelle Wiggins, MSPH  
Yves Lefranc, MD (by phone)  
Laurie Powers, Ph.D., MSW

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Holden Leung, MSW  
Bruce Bliatout, Ph.D.  
Scott Ekblad  
Honora Englander, MD  
Jackie Mercer  
Ed Blackburn  
Joe Finkbonner, Co-Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:** Heidi Allen, Lead Staff  
Nate Hierlmaier, Policy Analyst

- ISSUES HEARD:**
- Call to Order/Approval of February 21 Minutes/Introductions
  - Approval of Medical Home Recommendations
  - Linguistic and Cultural Access Recommendations
  - Upstream Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities: Staff Review Panel on Financial Stability in the Context of Health Reform
  - Public Testimony
  - PATHWAYS model presentation

(Digitally Recorded), Note: Recording was cut-off mid-way into meeting.

**Chair**                    I.    **Call to order/Approval of February 21 minutes /Introductions (see exhibit B)**

Meeting was called to order. A quorum was reached after technical difficulties with the polycom were resolved.

**Motion to approve** minutes from February 21, 2008, is seconded.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Chair**                    II.   **Approval of Medical Home Recommendations (See Exhibit Materials E.)**

No discussion.

**Motion to approve** Medical Home Recommendations, is seconded.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

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Chair

**III. Approval of Linguistic and Cultural Access Recommendations (See Exhibit Materials F.)**

(Technical difficulties experienced with polycom).

Invited testimony on recommendations from Women with Disabilities Health Equities Coalition (WowDHEC)

***Discussion***

- Adopt WowDHEC recommendations to committee
- Adopt definition of cultural competence from OAR 415-056-005(5) and include in all future documents to the Board.
- Document title: Delete “and Cultural”
- Move number 5 to Final Workforce Recommendations
- Staff will update and return document with changes.

Presentations

**IV. Upstream interventions to Reduce Health Disparities: Staff Review Panel on Financial Stability in the context of Health Reform**

Grant Higginson, MD, MPH, presented. (See Power Point Presentation)

***Discussion and Questions***

- Asked to specifically link info with health equities. Information originally presented to the Delivery Systems Committee and related the need for healthcare through the state.
- Best practices and health equities.

Joel Young presented information from the Health Equities Committee Staff Review Panel. Broadly, the three approaches discussed so far have been either: 1) Community Focused; 2) Working with Health Systems on Population Based Intervention; and 3) Reimbursement for Prevention and Health Promotion Services.

- Presentation focused on the first approach: Community Focused
- Diagram linking ideas, basic descriptors; discussing primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. **(See handout.)**
- Various models built around aggressive health promotion exist and the need to obtain information from these.
- Proposal addresses role of communities and community groups in the process.
- Infrastructure at the community level using a lot of the existing community based organizations.
- Reducing disparity through prevention.

Chair

**V. Public Testimony**

Sherry Whitehead, Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute, conveyed support of the Committee’s recommendations. Written testimony submitted.

Onofre Contraras, Oregon Primary Care Association, testified briefly Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). He will coordinate with the Safety Net Advisory Council (SNAC) to address the special needs of FQHCs at the next meeting.

Presentation

**VI. PATHWAYS model**

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Laura Brennan, Pacific Source, Community Development and Policy Director, introduced Dr. Mark Redding of the Community Health Access program whose presentation "Changing the Focus to Outcomes" overviewed care coordination, care coordination contracts, the Alaska model, and using community hubs in care coordination. **(See Exhibit Materials 3.)**

- Ability to identify where individual is in the process or "pathway" with a coordinated approach to care.
- Breaking the process into steps.
- Paying for achieving steps and for outcomes.
- Navigating HIPAA across agencies and strategies for simplification including individual consents.
- Working toward a national network.

Chair

## VII. Adjourn

Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 pm.

**Next meeting is March 18, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at the Northwest Health Foundation.**

Submitted By: Paula Hird

Reviewed By: Heidi Allen

### EXHIBIT MATERIALS:

- A. Agenda
- B. February 21 Minutes
- C. Dr. Redding presentation: *Changing the Focus to Outcomes*
- D. Public Health & Health reform presentation
- E. Medical Homes Final Recommendations
- F. Linguistic and Cultural Access Recommendations
- G. Available at: <http://www.cjaonline.net/AnAmerican.htm>
- H. Available at: <http://www.aap.org/member/spotlight-redding.htm>