

The Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services Charter

Approved by the Task Force on January XX, 2014

I. Authority

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), under the authority of HB 2348 (2013), is establishing The Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services to study the regionalization and consolidation of public health services and the future of public health services in Oregon and to endorse recommendations in a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2104.

The Task Force shall focus its work on governmental public health, which works to prevent disease and injury and promote and protect health. The charge of public health includes, but is not limited to, disease surveillance and evaluation; infectious disease control; outbreak response; immunizations; public health preparedness; regulation of healthcare facilities, restaurants and water systems; and promotion of healthy environments and behaviors.

The goal of the Task Force is to make recommendations which create a public health system for the future, including an exploration of the regionalization and consolidation of public health services. If the task force determines that legislation is necessary, the report shall include recommendations for legislative concepts.

This work is collaborative and carried out through federal, state, local, private and community partners. A strong partnership between Oregon's 34 county health departments and health districts is critical to the effectiveness of the public health system.

This charter shall expire on the date of the convening of the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.

II. Scope

The Task Force is charged with providing recommendations for the consideration of the future of public health. As indicated in HB 2348, the Task Force shall focus on recommendations that:

- Create a public health system for the future.
- Explore the creation of regional structures to provide public health services that are consistent with the distribution of population and established patterns of delivery of health care services.
- Enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of public health services.
- Allow for appropriate partnerships with regional health care services providers and community organizations.
- Consider cultural and historical appropriateness.
- Are supported by best practices.

Recommendations put forth will focus on achieving sustainable and measureable improvements in population health delivered through governmental public health across Oregon. Collaboration and possible integration with Oregon's health care transformation should be considered, and recommendations should promote the goals of Oregon's Triple Aim: better health, better care, and lower costs.

OHA staff will provide Task Force members materials in advance of scheduled meetings in order to ensure adequate review time and meaningful input.

The Task Force will be asked to approve the final recommendations to the Legislature. Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the Task Force.

III. Deliverables

The Task Force will submit recommendations to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health before October 1, 2014 in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.

IV. Timing/Schedule

The Task Force will submit or endorse a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health before October 1, 2014; it will meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the Task Force.

V. Chairs and Staff Resources

Chair: Tammy Baney, County Commissioner, Deschutes County

Vice-Chair: Liz Baxter, Executive Director, Oregon Public Health Institute

Executive Sponsor: Lillian Shirley, Director, Oregon Public Health Division

Staff:

OHA, Director's Office: Jeff Scroggin

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VI. Task Force Membership

GOVERNOR APPOINTEES		
Tammy Baney	Commissioner	Deschutes County
Charlie Fautin	Public Health Administrator	Benton County
Carrie Brogoitti	Public Health Administrator	Union County
John Sattenspiel, MD	Chief Medical Officer	Trillium Community Health Plan
Liz Baxter	Director	Oregon Public Health Institute
Nichole Maher	President	Northwest Health Foundation
Carlos Crespo	Director and Professor of Community Health	School of Community Health, Portland State University
AT-LARGE MEMBERS		
Gary Oxman	Former Public Health Officer	Multnomah County
Alejandro Qeral	Director of Systems Planning and Performance	United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
Jennifer Mead	Coordinator of Healthy Aging	Department of Human Services
Pending Member	(In Process)	
LEGISLATORS		
Mitch Greenlick	Representative	D-Portland
Jason Conger	Representative	R-Bend
Laurie Monnes Anderson	Senator	D-Gresham
Bill Hansell	Senator	R-Pendleton