

Oregon Department of Education – Basement A
Meeting Summary

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Jeremiah Rigsby	Pam (Palmer) Carlson (phone) (Sean Reinhart joining her)	Thomas Sincic
Margo Lalich	Rebecca Austen	Soren Metzger for Tricia Smith
Maureen Hinman	Vicki Olson for Gene Whisnant	Yousef Awwad
Mitch Kruska	Rhonda J Busek (phone)	
Nina Fekaris	Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson	

Task Force Members Not in Attendance:

Support Staff in Attendance:

Jamie Smith – OHA	Jessica Duke – OHA	
Ely Sanders – ODE	Cynthia Garton - ODE	

Meeting Summary:

Welcome Introduction of Task Force Members

- Chair Nina Fekaris led with introductions. Members stated who they are and what they do.
- Soren Metzger is representing OSEA today and gave some of her background.
- Vicki Olson is fill-in for Representative Gene Whisnant.

Housekeeping

Approval of 3/8/2016 minutes

- Reminder, turn in Conflict of Interest Form.
- Minutes from 3/8/16 approved.

Common Language Form Update

- Added UAP definition.

Approve Task Force Charter

- Defines authority and scope of Task Force.

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- Chair Nina Fekaris outlined that to have a Quorum, 8 members need to be present. She also noted that to have a majority vote, there needs to be at least 5 voting same way.
- Vice Chair Margo Lalich asked for update on Private Insurer appointment. Senator Monnes Anderson discussed potential appointee from her connections. Staff will follow-up with Governor's office. Chair Fekaris will continue asking the Governor's office for updates.
- Charter approved.
- Pam (Palmer) Carlson resigning, will stay on until filled.

Behavioral guidelines

- Chair Fekaris went over some guidelines.
- If something needs to be explained, can be for everyone.
- Everyone's input valuable.
- There are no stupid questions.
- Introduced the idea of Bike Rack: give ideas during discussions to come back to.
- Will have reading homework to ease meetings.
- Emails can go to Jamie Smith, who can send to everyone else.

Approve Task Force Work Plan

- Chair Fekaris wants to be able to add things to the plan.
- Members should be able to give input into the plan.
- This will be a fluid, general direction, document that may need to be changed. May need to add to it.
- Chair Nina Fekaris went over what is currently in the Work Plan.
- Suggestion: school based health move to May and Reimbursement move to June.
- Work Plan with caveat that may change approved.
- Maureen Hinman had question about timeline.
 - Task Force was made in December 2015, started in March. Will see what charged with to see if will need to extend.

Schedule of meetings discussion (July 1, Sept. 2)

- July 1 is Friday before July 4, holiday weekend may cause problems. Chair Fekaris at conference end of June/start of July.
- Margo Lalich also not able to participate. Requested Electronic Health Records be moved to discuss with group. June picked.
- July 1 meeting move to July 8.
- Sept. 2 is Friday before Labor Day holiday.
 - Moved to Sept. 9.
- Yousef Awwad not available May. Funding discussion moved to June.

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- Task Force members were advised by staff that a surrogate could always be sent if a meeting conflict occurs.

Prioritization Activity for Scope of Work

- Looking at other health care funding sources, funding streams to help fund school nurse services. What are the avenues of funding?
- Recommend sustainable funding sources that could be used to fund required health screenings and achieve level of school nursing services described in ORS 336.201.
 - Ely Sanders and Jamie Smith working with SNAG to clarify medically fragile and complex students.
 - Ely Sanders and Mitch Kruska trying to clarify the Medically Fragile collection for the data submitters.
 - Have not met the goal of part e, on track for 1 to 4,000 nurse to student ratio, not 1 to 2,500.
 - Thomas Sincic brought up the question of if preschool students are submitted.
- Recommend standards of school nursing practice that include outcome measures related to health systems transformation and academic performance.
 - Need to try to capture the data.
- Recommend ways to create a coordinated school health services model that directs an appropriate level of funding to school nursing and school-based health centers.
- Mitch Kruska asked if language of legislation give priority?
 - No, we can determine the priority, what we can ask for additional time.
- Priority comments:
 - Mitch Kruska: 1 and 2 are priority. To him, they are one merged item. We need funding for more school nurses urgently. Coordination is a long term project. Sustainability also emphasized.
 - Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson suggested adding 4, has important components. Cannot implement standards without funding.
 - Vice Chair Margo Lalich believed the coordination part of 4 is important. The need to leverage resources that currently exist.
 - Jeremiah Rigsby sees infrastructure as component of 4, need to talk about how to build the infrastructure and what we are potentially funding.
 - Thomas Sincic feels that coordination is important – no need to triplicate services. Example given related to screenings by school nurse, SBHC practitioner, and primary care provider.
 - Mitch Kruska: triplication of services due to law. Need to identify and target and bring to legislature.



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- Maureen Hinman felt that #4 is critical and should be a priority. Cannot accomplish #2 without coordination.
- Mitch Kruska agreed, but feels an urgent need for school nurses now. Short term vs long term needs.
- Yousef Awwad feels that 3, standards, is important. Need to know the standards for school nursing practice and measured outcomes.
- Vice Chair Lalich: Cannot have this conversation without coordination. School Health Services: one side has an infrastructure, one side does not. We need to address the fact we have 1 nurse to 4,000 students. Fewer school nurses might actually cost more in un-needed EMS transport
- Mitch Kruska indicated that #4 is probably a huge bureaucratic undertaking. What will it take to get to 1:2,500 now? #4 could take years.
- Pam (Palmer) Carlson: as larger rural district, their priority is funding.
- Nina Fekaris does not want to lay this on Medicaid. Jeremiah Rigsby thinks CCO may be more involved; are they doing enough?
- Mitch Kruska: could do funding piece and could continue moving forward with other pieces after December if needed.
- Senator Monnes Anderson noted that we cannot rely on state general fund to fully support school nursing. What data would be helpful? Are grants available?
 - Vice Chair Lalich noted that school nurses are not maximally billing Medicaid.
- Mitch Kruska: there is a need for districts to realize cost-benefit of billing Medicaid and a need for technical assistance and support to maximize that benefit.
- Senator Monnes Anderson: discussion about the private insurer slot and a local public health department already being able to bill for services provided. CCO money should go to school health.
- Jeremiah Rigsby: CCOs could contribute to school services. CCOs are held responsible to meet measures. There were school health metrics on the table that have phased out.
- Maureen Hinman: stated that she spends all of her time trying to find more funding for SBHCs. We need to demonstrate to potential funders that we will benefit their outcomes.
- Jeremiah Rigsby: let's figure out the money we need now and work on the coordination long-term.

School Nurse Funding Review

- Jamie Smith reviewed the current funding models in Oregon (see presentation slides)

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- Vice Chair Lalich said that their 1-to-1 nurses are contracted.
- Mitch Kruska: supplanting vs supplementing.
- Yousef Awwad: Federal SPED funding is about 15% of what is spent. Taking anything from general fund affects everything.
- Vice Chair Lalich: why doesn't medical system take responsibility for around the clock care – example of a child needing 24 hour nursing – school becomes responsible as soon as they come in the door.
- Tom Sincic: why can't school nurses bill medically for the same services others bill for.
- Vice Chair Lalich: look at the school nurse Listserv – you will see the complexity of school nursing across the state.
- Senator Monnes Anderson: OSBA policies for everything except nursing practice.
- Vice Chair Lalich: State Board of Nursing reviewing some policies, ie. Delegation.

Data Related to Current Funding Model

- Ely Sanders presented preliminary information on Medicaid billing in schools. (see presentation slides)

Public Comment

- No public comment.

Bike Rack

- Address supporting nursing tasks through technology.
- Look at duplication of services, i.e., SBHC and SN and private providers all conduct screening.
- Create a list of possible funding streams.
- Tom Sincic asked 'how much would it cost to meet the ratio?' to which Jamie Smith gave a brief summary of \$58 million for 768 nurses to meet the ratio of 1:750 for 576,407 students currently in Oregon schools.
- Possible further legislative idea
 - Create a Task Force to look at MOU around coordinated care/whole child – whole school – whole community model.

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Next meeting May 6 in Portland.
- Look at adolescent health school funding via OHA.

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- Find out percent of Special Education kids on IEP that are also Medicaid.

Meeting adjourned