

House Interim Committee on Health Care
Monday, September 15, 2014
Hearing Room E, Oregon State Capitol

Members Present: Rep. Mitch Greenlick, Chair; Rep. Jim Thompson, Vice-Chair; Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair; Rep. Brian Clem, Rep. Jason Conger, Rep. Chris Harker, Rep. Bill Kennemer, Rep. John Lively, Rep. Rob Nosse, Rep. Jim Weidner

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Update on Cover Oregon

Technology Transition Update

Tina Edlund, Director, Transition Project presented a [PowerPoint](#) and update on the project goals: 1) commercial coverage and tax credits can apply, shop and choose a plan at healthcare.gov; and 2) Medicaid-eligible Oregonians will have a more streamlined online application process through healthcare.gov. Ms. Edlund highlighted that the private sector enrollment is a permanent shift to the federal system, while the Medicaid enrollment is a shift to the federal system for one year, noting that both transitions are on track to meet the November 15, 2014 enrollment date. She reviewed the key components of moving the commercial enrollment to healthcare.gov and the status of qualified health plans (QHP) and the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) transition.

Committee members questioned current staffing for the transition project, the Medicaid transition timeline, challenges moving from Oracle to the state data systems, recertification and reapplication process, and contingency plans.

Aaron Patnode, Executive Director, Cover Oregon provided the committee with an update on 2014 enrollment statistics, progress and challenges, and recent developments pertaining to the advanced premium tax credit ([PowerPoint](#)). Mr. Patnode explained the advanced premium tax credit issues and reviewed the scope of the problem, impact on households', current and future steps (testimony). He discussed the upcoming November 15, 2014 – February 15, 2015 open enrollment, status of the supported, state-based marketplace, comparison of 2014 and 2015 marketplace functions, and 2015 funding and budget process.

The committee discussed and questioned advanced tax credit error, current per member per month administrative fee calculations, 2015 estimated covered population, and Cover Oregon 2015 budget and sustainability concerns.

Update on Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)

Suzanne Hoffman, Interim Director, OHA and Cathy Kaufmann, Director, Transformation Center presented a [PowerPoint](#) on the CCOs first-year, statewide performance measures, incentive measures, and the CCOs performance and the quality pool distribution. Ms. Kaufmann explained that the next steps will be “raising the bar” to receive incentive payments and that the performance measures will be revised. Ms. Hoffman presented the Oregon Health Plan current enrollment numbers, outreach and education efforts, and partnership with Cover Oregon. Ms.

Kaufmann provided an [overview](#) on Transformation Center, the Transformation Fund Project, and multiple examples of innovations being used by CCOs.

2015 Rate Review Process

Laura Cali, Commissioner, Insurance Division, Department of Consumer and Business Services provided an update on the 2015 rate review process, noting that there were 41 filings for review. Ms. Cali highlighted that their role is to make sure that the premium rates are adequate, not too high or not too low, they need to be sustainable. She noted the premium example [document](#) and reminded the committee of the resources that are available on their web page:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/insurance/gethelp/Pages/answers-and-action.aspx?gclid=CNWYwp7tosECFQqCfgod3A4AXw>

Bridges to Health Initiative, Columbia Gorge Health Council

Coco Yackley, Operations Manager, Columbia Gorge Health Council presented a [PowerPoint](#) on the Columbia Gorge CCO Model, overview of the projects and activities of the Community Advisory Council (CAC), payment for outcomes, challenges, and community health improvement process.

State of Palliative Care

Woody English, MD, Advanced Care Planning Work Group, Oregon Health Leadership Council provided the committee with an overview of the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and advanced directive forms. Adie Goldberg, Program Manager, Choosing Options, Honoring Options (COHO) discussed the scope of palliative care, successes of the POLST and advanced directives, and noted that individuals and families can experience end-of-life decisions unexpectedly. Dr. English proposed working with the legislature to update/revise the current POLST/advanced directive system during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Hepatitis C Epidemiology Study and Current Treatment Policies

Lillian Shirley, Director, Public Health Division, OHA presented a [PowerPoint](#) on the background on Hepatitis C, the illness timeline, acute versus chronic, and Oregon Hepatitis C statistics. Tom Burns, Director of Pharmacy Programs, OHA presented the current treatment options, the cost of the treatments, role of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T), Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC), public health issue, and curing the disease.

The committee discussed the cost to the state, current rebate process and amounts, economic impact and costs of Hepatitis C patients, and how the state will pay for treatment.

Basic Health Plan Study Progress Report

John Mullin, Oregon Law Center, Inclusion, Affordability, and Innovation Coalition, submitted written [testimony](#) noting that the Coalition and OHA are actively engaged with the Urban Institute and Wakely contractors. Jeanene Smith, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, OHA submitted written [testimony](#) outlining the study timeline, the Medicaid Advisory's Committee's 2014 churn report, and purpose of the Basic Health Plan study.