

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

January 18, 2005 Hearing Room D
3:00 P.M. Tapes 1 - 3

Corrected 10/25/2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bill Morrisette, Chair
Sen. Rick Metsger
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson
Sen. Charles Starr

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator
Brittany Kenison, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD & WITNESSES:

Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting
Introduction of Committee Members - Organizational Meeting
Discussion of Committee Work Plan - Organizational Meeting
Rural Health Care Issues, Overview of - Informational Meeting
Karen Whitaker, OHSU Center for Rural Health
Ed Patterson, Oregon Rural Health Association
Dr. Bruce Goldberg, Office of Oregon Health Policy & Research

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
003	Chair Morrisette	Opens the committee to order at 3:07 PM. Opens an organizational meeting.
<u>ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u>		
005	Chair Morrisette	Asks for motion to adopt proposed Committee Rules (EXHIBIT A).
007	Sen. C. Starr	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/18/05.
010		VOTE: 4-0- 1 EXCUSED: 1 - Kruse Chair Morrisette Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u>		
012	Chair Morrisette	Introduces himself and background. Expresses interest in human services.
020	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Introduces herself and background.
030	Sen. Starr, C.	Introduces himself and background.
035	Sen. Metsger	Introduces himself and background.
<u>DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE WORK PLAN - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u>		
045	Chair Morrisette	Goes over committee work plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural health.

- Prescription drug plan.
- Long term care.
- Services of Children and Family

085 Chair Morrisette Closes organizational meeting. Opens information meeting on rural health care. Invites Karen Whitaker, for testimony.

RURAL HEALTH CARE ISSUES, OVERVIEW OF - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

090 Karen Whitaker Oregon Health and Science University Center for Rural Health (OHSU). Introduces herself and gives background.

100 Chair Morrisette Asks why she went to work at OHSU in 1989.

110 Whitaker Explains history and reason.

115 Whitaker Submits written PowerPoint presentation for testimony
(EXHIBIT B)

- Reviews map of rural districts in Oregon.

- Reviews Oregon population by county.

145 Whitaker Explains differences of health care in rural areas.

155 Whitaker Reviews charts of population, unemployment, income, uninsured in rural counties.

180 Chair Morrisette Makes comment on percentage of uninsured Oregonians and his interest in providing health care.

200 Whitaker Comments on the ability to get an accurate percentage. Continues to review charts for unintentional injury (death) rates and tobacco-related deaths.

245 Whitaker Summarizes rural health clinics and where they are in Oregon.

280 Rick Berkobien Committee Administrator. Asks if there is a significant turn over in health clinics in rural counties.

285 Whitaker Confirms that there is a high rate but adds that it is getting better and that it varies clinic to clinic.

300 Chair Morrisette Asks if clinics have a funding cycle and the longevity

305 Whitaker Believes that grants are received and are renewable on yearly basis. Refers to Dr. Bruce Goldberg for clarification.

315 Chair Morrisette Asks if grants will continue to be funded and federal will not close the grants.

320 Whitaker Confirms that it will continue and adds that most clinics can not survive off of grant money alone..

335 Whitaker Reviews chart for the 2004 Rural Health Care (RHC) report findings & top concerns.

385 Whitaker Reviews Oregon map of location of rural hospitals.

415 Chair Morrisette Comments that a public hearing will be held at the Newport Hospital on February 4, 2005.

TAPE 2, A

010 Whitaker Presents photos of rural hospitals around Oregon.

025 Whitaker Reviews chart for occupancy rate for Oregon hospitals by percentage.

040 Whitaker Reports on rural physicians conducted by University of North Carolina.

050 Whitaker Discusses issues with rural health.

060 Whitaker Shares success stories in rural health.

085 Whitaker Gives overview of duties of the State Office of Rural Health.

090 Whitaker Explains map of Emergency Medical Services Grants in rural communities, however the program is no longer available.

110 Whitaker Reviews area health education centers.

130 Whitaker Goes over the issues that need to be addressed, outcomes and

		economic impacts.
180	Whitaker	Summarizes and concludes.
185	Chair Morrisette	Comments on correlation of long term care.
195	Whitaker	Adds that she is gathering information and believes that it is a related issue.
210	Chair Morrisette	Recognizes issue and advises it will be addressed later.
215	Berkobien	Asks for data on the impact on physicians from HB 3603 (2003).
220	Whitaker	Says that it is too early to tell, but believes that it has had some impact.
240	Ed Patterson	Executive Director for Oregon Rural Health Association (ORHA). Introduces himself. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Begins review for rural health disparities and the rural health care safety net
290	Patterson	Reports on data and contributing factors regarding rural health disparities.
295	Patterson	Gives history and background on the ORHA.
325	Patterson	Begins overview of Sustaining the Rural Health Safety Net, submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer volunteers in rural communities and getting harder for the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to recruit. • Not enough staff in clinics, but no funding available. • Shortage of physicians willing to practice in rural areas due to funding.
380	Patterson	Describes the Type A and Type B rural hospitals.
410	Chair Morrisette	Explains that all issues will be looked at under during this session.
TAPE 1, B		
015	Patterson	Reviews cost trends of Median Operating Margins of Oregon Diagnostic Related Groups (DRG) hospitals.
030	Patterson	Reviews median operating margin trends for Type A and B rural hospitals
055	Patterson	Reviews statistics and charts for Legacy Emanuel Hospital.
080	Patterson	Reviews statistics and charts for OHSU Hospital.
090	Patterson	Reviews statistics and charts for Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, in Corvallis.
100	Patterson	Reviews statistics and charts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samaritan North Lincoln hospital • Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and • Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, in Newport Expresses concerns for each of the hospitals.
145	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks about comparisons of provider rate versus hospital rates and if any surveys have been conducted for rates comparing Type A, Type B, and DRG hospitals.
150	Patterson	Defers to Dr Bruce Goldberg.
160	Patterson	Discusses cost of procedures for smaller versus larger hospitals.
185	Chair Morrisette	Asks about medical technology being overused to defray costs of health equipment.
195	Patterson	Answers that newer equipment is more cost effective.
205	Chair Morrisette	Asks how are they paid for.
210	Patterson	Defers to Hospital Financial Management Association for precise answer.

230	Bruce Bishop	Oregon Association of Hospitals & Health Systems. Introduces himself.
245	Bishop	Gives overview of letter from Barney Speight. Submits as written testimony (EXHIBIT E).
290	Bishop	Summarizes and concludes.
295	Chair Morrisette	Invites Dr. Bruce Goldberg, Office of Oregon Health Policy & Research for testimony.
300	Bruce Goldberg	Introduces himself and submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT F).
320	Goldberg	Begins discussion of the Health Care Safety Net.
340	Goldberg	Refers to Notebook, submits for testimony (EXHIBIT G).
350	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net (EXHIBIT F):

- Access and Capacity

TAPE 2, B

005	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and Demand • Health Care Safety Net-Definition • Health Care Safety Net Patients
050	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Safety Net Providers • Health Care Safety Net Core • Health Care Safety Net Typical Services • Health Care Safety Net Funding Sources
105	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally Qualified Health Centers
160	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Health Clinics • School Based Health Centers • Indian and Tribal Clinics
185	Berkobien	Asks if tribal clinics serve patients other than tribal members.
195	Goldberg	Affirms.
200	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community clinics • Workforce Programs
270	Goldberg	Continues discussing Health Care Safety Net: <p>Gov. Health Care Safety Net Policy Team Recommendations.</p>
400	Goldberg	Continues Discussing Governor's Recommendations
475	Goldberg	Summarizes and Concludes

TAPE 3, A

005	Chair Morrisette	Asks how to document success for prevention.
010	Goldberg	Explains the need to gather data to support policy choices to properly fund policies instead of measuring the effects later.
020	Chair Morrisette	Emphasizes importance of anecdotal documentation.
030	Chair Morrisette	Closes informational meeting. Adjourns committee meeting at 5:05 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Rules, committee, staff, 3 pp**
- B. Rural Health Care Issues, overview of, Karen Whitaker, 12 pp**
- C. Rural Health Care Issues, overview of, Ed Patterson, 2 pp**
- D. Rural Health Care Issues, overview of, written testimony, Ed Patterson, 9 pp**
- E. Rural Health Care Issues, overview of, letter from Barney Speight, Bruce Bishop, 6 pp**
- F. Rural Health Care Issues, overview of, Slide Presentation “Oregon’s Health Care Safety Net,” Bruce Goldberg, 33 pp**
- G. Rural Health Care Issues, overview of, Report on Governor’s Health Care Safety Net Policy Team, Bruce Goldberg, 129 pp**