

Oregon Public Health Association Board Meeting  
May 18, 2012  
Portland State Office Building, first floor meeting room

The meeting followed Metropolitan Group training.

**Attendees:**

Tom Eversole	Jan Wallinder	Chris Kabel	Charles Fautin
Josie Henderson			
Jessia Nischik	Carla Waring	Kate Moore	Tom Engle
Alissa Leavitt	Brian Johnson	Joe Pfeifer	Dianna Pickett
Lesa Dixon-Gray	Vicki Brown	Tosha Zaback	Andrew Epstein
Ken Rosenberg	Pat Crozier		Robina Ingram-Rich

**Attending by telephone:**

Marie Harvey Renee Hackenmiller-Paradis Kathleen Carlson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:47 by Chris Kabel.

**Minutes:** Review of April meeting minutes was deferred to June meeting

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Jan Wallinder

Notes to the April Profit & Loss Budget report

- The grant spending is on track
- The grant from the Northwest Health Foundation to the Medical Section is finished. OPHA now owns “UNNatural Causes.”
- APHA grant funds were moved from materials to trainer expenses

Taxes were due on May 15. The report is on Form 990 Easy. An extension was requested and the new due date is August 15.

Comment: Please note the availability of “UnNatural Causes” in OPHA Notes.

**Committee Reports**

**Policy Committee:**

Tom Eversole reported on advocacy to the rules committee related to Coordinated Care Organizations [CCOs]

There are two areas of advocacy for OPHA

1. CCO boards should have public announcements of their meetings, public comment periods and public observation
2. There should be a local health representative member of the local or regional CCO board
  1. Per PHAW - the local health representative should and could be in the 51% of CCO board that is not a public member

- Electronic input due in July.
- PHAW is taking information to their members and asking for electronic advocacy
- This is now the Public Comment period on the HRSA Medicaid waiver. There is a 30 day comment period.

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- This is now the wait time for July input, advocacy to the Oregon Health Authority and letters to the editor about CCOs
- Groups are coming together as CCOs are new alliances. However, these meetings are private.

Further Discussion:

Is this the type of issue that OPHA should be behind?

**Development Committee**

Sponsorships for the Annual Meeting/Conference  
During this week, there have been 3 commitments for \$11,000  
\$5,000: OHSU & CHLO  
\$1,000: Sale Hospital

Kaiser Permanente has decreased its support from \$5,000 to \$2,500.  
The sponsorship from Northwest Health Foundation is being followed by Kerri Lopez.  
OnPoint Credit Union has declined.

**Program Committee**

Marie Harvey reported that:

- The Planning committee approved the registration fees would be the same in 2012 as in 2011. Fees were increased by 10% in 2011
- Q: What is the maximum capacity of the meeting site?
- A: There were 450 attendees last year (435 paid) and there was room for a couple hundred more people
- Comment: Some sessions were quite crowded [Patricia Crozier]

**Health Care for All - Oregon Coalition**

Ken Rosenberg reporting.

OPHA liaisons to HCA-O. Five weeks ago there was a large organizational meeting at HCA-O. Many labor union representatives and health activists. The Oregon Physicians for a National Health Plan are present with labor unions. The former's issue is "single payor" health and the latter's issues are re-elect the president and loss of health care coverage due to contract negotiations. Shared focus is "Health care is a human right."

HCA-O is requesting support from coalition organizations. Labor unions are promising \$2,500 - 3,000.

Discussion: Donation should be made to the 501(c)3 part of the organization, not to the 501(c)4 side of HCA-O. Desire for more information about the HCA-O bylaws and leadership.

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Jan Wallinder: There are no discretionary funds or a budget line for this expense. Past "gives" to other organizations include a table at the OPHI Genius Award event and affiliate support to APHA.

MOTION by \_\_\_\_\_: OPHA will give HCA-O \$100 in good faith now and revisit the donation after the OPHA fall conference when the board has a better understanding of the OPHA fiscal status. Second: Kate Moore

Discussion:

- Charles Fautin: Proposed increasing the donation to \$500. This is an investment in the coalition and who is in the group. The alliance provides access to new partners and sponsors. Lesa Dixon-Gray concurred.
- Question from Jan Wallinder: Is HCA-O truly in line with public health?
- Andrew Epstein: Should OPHA membership vote on how to allocate monies to coalitions and other organizations?

MOTION: Jan Wallinder made a motion to table the original motion until the next board meeting. Jessica Nischik seconded.

Additional information for the board prior to the next vote:

- Is there a board of directors in place at HCA-O?
- Who/what other alliance members have contributed to HCA-O?
- Will the OPHA 501(c)3 be giving money to the HCA-O 501(c)3
- Other questions should be forwarded to Ken Rosenberg

### **New Business**

Jessica Nischik announce that the Healthy Environment section has set up "Drive Less Connect" to the annual meeting/conference. This is an on-line free tool to get folks to the same event. It assists with matching shared rides, etc

A University of Wisconsin student is looking for an internship in Spring 2013 that can be unpaid. The student will need 400 hours.

Tom Engle: APHA is behind a memorandum of understanding between state associations allowing students to transfer their memberships between state affiliates

The meeting adjourned.

Recorder: Robina Ingram-Rich