

Senate Health Care Committee

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Chair Monnes-Anderson and other members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to come before you today.

I am MaryKaye Brady, Director Strategic Initiatives for Women's HealthCare Associates and Immediate Past President for the Oregon Medical Group Management Association.

I am here to testify in support of the efforts and accomplishments of the legislature and the Oregon Health Authority to transform care. I also am supportive of the great plans being made across the state. We are also very interested in the exciting work we think is being accomplished the TriCounty Medicaid Collaborative.

We know and believe that transformation requires change at the policy and legislative level, at organizational levels (CCOs) and at the operational levels within service delivery organizations.

Women and children are the primary recipients of the services expected/required by the legislation we're addressing today. Women's HealthCare Associates is a major provider of services and perhaps an even larger 'purchasing agent' of care to women and children in the Portland area.

We support the following principles

1. Any local organization have physicians from private organizations on the meaningful governance level of any CCO
2. Private physician organizations be afforded the opportunity to, not only develop effective care models, but to determine quality measures/metrics, and financing mechanisms.
3. Legislation enacting CCOs also provide the protection for physicians as anticipated in the language being proposed. This is a critical component of the effective implementation of this program.
4. There be the opportunity for multiple CCOs in the Portland area. We do not see the inherent strategic need or demand for a single CCO.

It is imperative primary care physicians be involved and engaged in the process of defining the process of providing cost effective, patient-centered, integrated care. Access to primary care delivery system for each patient will not happen without the involvement of independent providers in the formation, operations, and governance of the CCO's. Grassroots improvement efforts with provider and patient engagement will enable the success of transformation.

We believe in an equitable governing from both public and private systems. We will actively participate in CCO's that involve providers within all levels of the organization, including governance and evaluation.