

I very much appreciate the members of the Task Force on Universal Health Care volunteering to do this essential and historical work to bring health equity to all residing in Oregon. The "Purposes" to which all of you have committed could not have been better during this time of crisis:

- (1) Improving the health status of individuals, families, and communities;
- (2) Defending against threats to the health of the residents of this state;
- (3) Protecting individuals from the financial consequences of ill health;
- (4) Providing equitable access to person-centered care;
- (5) Removing cost as a barrier to accessing health care;
- (6) Removing any financial incentive for a health care practitioner to provide care to one patient rather than another;
- (7) Making it possible for individuals to participate in decisions affecting their health and the health system;
- (8) Establishing measurable health care goals and guidelines that align with other state and federal health standards; and
- (9) Promoting continuous quality improvement and fostering inter-organizational collaboration.

As many of you know I am from Portland, Oregon and have served as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the jail and school-based clinics where the health care needs were high. Especially for mental health. In the jail and juvenile home I saw the health inequities and other social determinants of health that brought many to those places. In the school setting I saw the inequities that were one day going to take some of those kids to some life tragedy including incarceration. Thank you for taking us on a path to addressing these issues with the establishment of a real health care system and freeing Oregon from the burdens and complexities of the insurance system.

Again, I thank each and every one of you for your commitment.

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