

## **OGEC Complaint - OHA Immunization Department**

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To Whom it May Concern:

Complaint: OHA Director Patrick Allen Complaint: OHA Immunization Manager Aaron Dunn Complaint: OHA Jonathan Modie Complaint: OHA Stacy D. Matthews

## I am sending via email as the online report portal is not enough space to file my report.

After months of finding violations of state laws and duties on the part of the Oregon Immunization Department and also reporting these issues to Patrick Allen of OHA last month and not getting a response I am officially filing a complaint.

1. In the 2017 session I submitted a bill SB869 which was called the "Informed Consent" bill which would require doctors provide more understanding before administering a vaccine to a baby/child to the parent. Aaron Dunn came and personally urge a no vote on my bill. Oregon Health Authority is supposed to remain neutral on these issues, he was most definitely not. Here's his testimony (tune into to 51 mins). http://oregon.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php? clip\_id=23048

2. Following this, I noticed the Oregon School flier did not include the fact that exemptions were available which is required per the law on this. I wrote to the Oregon Immunization's Manager and was able to get this fixed but he made a point to keep that line very small, obviously a benefit to Pharmaceutical companies and not a benefit to informed consent. I appreciate him making the effort but this shouldn't be my job as a citizen to notice these violations in state laws.

3. Following that I also reported to Aaron the OHA Education module has many inaccuracies. Myself and others parents reported the false stats and the incorrect information to the OHA Immunization Dept and were told that at some point it would be updated but it's too expensive to do at this time. This was 1.5 years ago. Still not done.

4. I did a records request regarding OHA last year. I paid \$500 to get those records to find out who OHA was working with on the mandating of vaccines or handling "vaccine hesitant parents". I was able to get information that not only is GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer, Kaiser Permanente heavily invested in Oregon's vaccines, they are also part of a program to push vaccines through OHSU, Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward, the Oregon Nurses Association and a new non-profit called Boost Oregon.

4A. Boost Oregon (non profit started in 2015) has received grant money from OHA and OHA got money through CDC Cooperative Fund. Boost, despite me reporting this to Oregon Health Authority has not disclosed that it has received funds to push vaccines and states on its website that it's a "parent driven organization". One of the Doctors used to "educate parents" of Boost Oregon also testified against my bill to properly inform patients of full risks/benefits of

vaccinations. This same Doctor was behind removing exemptions for those parents who have had a child with a vaccine injury or religious beliefs. Boost Oregon founder has also been in touch with Sen. Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward.

4B. I also learned through that records request that with urging from I believe Sen. Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward, new benchmarks were added to Coordinated Care Organizations from Medicaid Dollars that gave a bonus to doctors who get 78% of their kids in their practice fully vaccinated on the CDC schedule. A schedule that has never been tested for safety (52 doses by age 6 or 72 doses by age 18). Separately, Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward also lead a bill SB442 that would remove all exemptions to vaccines. Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward I've learned has a huge conflict of interest as her own family is connected to Pharma, she has received funds to her campaign from individuals who are heavily invested in Pharma and she's part of many committees within OHA to push vaccinations including a new pilot project to start doing home visitations. Conflicts of interest.

4C. Kaiser Permanent, Oregon Nurses Association and other entities are also part of this endeavor. Again, all entities that receive grants or funds from Pharmaceutical companies have been very invested in mandating or pushing new vaccines onto the current schedule.

5. Last year Oregon State University with OHA sent out a Memo to all students stating that they would not be allowed to attend school unless they got the MenB vaccines. Not at any point on those memos from OHA or OSU did it state exemptions were available. They were also not available on the website. I reported this to OHA and OSU and after 2 weeks of heavily pushing the vaccine, they added a link where exemptions could be gotten and also included it on OHA's website. While I applaud the agency and OSU for fixing that, it took me and many other parents making a stink for this to be done.

Separately, I reached out to several students who reported getting very sick after the MenB vaccine and I asked them if at any time they were told that they were allowed to get an exemption. They said no. The students that got sick said they still needed to get another vaccine, never informed them that they could get the exemption. Again, another violation to the state laws on exemptions.

\*I also alerted Aaron Dunn that the memo going out is very alarming since a Pilot Study at U of O after the biggest vaccination drive ever to be done there confirmed that the MenB vaccine was absolutely not effective in protecting against MenB. The push still was done making the risk much higher than the reward of assumed protection. Study here: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/28968661/

Despite OHA knowing this, they still pushed the vaccine.

6. In May while I was at the Capitol, I learned through a Pharmaceutical Lobbyist that works in Lane County that there was a meeting happening by OHA to add MenB to the K-12 schedule. He tried to show me where it was on the calendar, he couldn't find it. He tried to show me where it was on website, he couldn't find it. He showed me an email he got from Stacy DeAssis Mathews where it stated the meeting time/date. I called and emailed OHA and the OHA Director's office to this and asked them why are lobbyists fully informed and aware of this meeting but the public was not when this is a public meeting?

\*Please note that I called and emailed Director's office and never heard back ONCE. I was told that it would be looked into by one person who answered the phone and then silence despite multiple follow up emails and calls.

\* We were finally notified about a week before the meeting was to happen. What I then learned was that there was the same meeting conducted in February. No public was ever alerted and the only way we know it happened was the minutes put on OHA's website. This is a gross violation.

When the meeting did happen, were were allowed to conference in if we lived too far. Myself and other members of our coalition were on the call. I was told roughly 20 people were on the phone waiting for public comment. Jonathan Modie was apparently on duty to make sure our public comment was taken. When Aaron asked for our comment the committee couldn't hear us at all. We were all yelling into the phone. I emailed Aaron to fix the phone. Aaron responded a day later that this was new for them and was probably an honest error. It's hard for me to believe that. So only several of our coalition members were able to provide public comment.

7. This April OHA sent out a glowing review on OHA's increase in immunization stats to the Governor showing easily

94 % statewide vaccination, with majority being 98%. Then all of a sudden Jonathan Modie of OHA decided to send out a press release weeks later that the Oregon exemption rates are sky-rocketing. The Press Release pushed incorrect statistics and made huge alarming statements. What this press release didn't disclose is that the exemption stat applies to someone who has had 21 of the 22 vaccines or 0 of the 22 vaccines, OHA also changed how the stat is calculated making the exemption rates look high. I then pushed OHA to give the true stats and the true information. After reaching out to a legislator due to not getting these stats in a timely fashion, I finally got the proper stats from OHA several weeks later. I had to write to every newspaper telling them this information was not correct and supplied them with the true information. OHA has yet to make any corrections to this alarming Press Release and when I asked who asked them to push this out, I never heard back. Truth is, Oregon has high vaccination rates. The attempt by OHA was to assume the vaccination rates were low which they were not.

Here's an article written as a result of the OHA's bogus press release which includes all the documentation and truth vs what OHA pushed out: https://jbhandleyblog.com/home/ohapanic

8. When I met with Aaron in the fall, I asked him about Pharmaceutical conflicts of interest. He assured me there wasn't. I asked him why there were so many Pharma backed entities at OHA meetings, Health drives and not our group? That I felt this was a conflict of interest. He said it's not easy to get on these committees and not all people were invited.

9. I was alerted that Aaron is an Executive Member of a group called Association for Immunization Managers. It's only funding comes from Pharmaceutical companies who manufacture vaccines and drugs. This is a serious conflict of interest. And confirms all along what I have believed which is that OHA has colluded with Pharmaceutical lobbyists and companies to push their products or to go against legislation that allow full informed consent for Pharma made products.

AIM website: https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/page/AllianceMembers AIM Executive Team: https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/page/Officers

10. I also learned that Oregon Health Authority stopped sending out it's reports to interested parties on stats of those who reported vaccine injuries or deaths in Oregon to the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System. This should be put back in and has not been.

I would like a full investigation into OHA and their practices and I believe there should be an investigation into whether there have been any vacations, donations of money, salary or any other incentives given to OHA Immunization division or executives for their pushing to add vaccines to an already overwhelming CDC schedule.

I would like an investigation done into why Medicaid dollars have been pushed to bonus Doctors or CCO groups for fully vaccinating the children at 78% of their practice. I thought this was taboo to bonus Doctors or incentivize them. Clear conflicts of interest.

I would also like an investigation done into why so many Medicaid dollars are paid out to put our young children on Psychiatric drugs (ages 0-8), big percentage being foster children some younger than 2 years of age. Interestingly enough, that was a new benchmark added as well, number of psychiatric evaluations done on foster children within 24 hours of custody which increased **128 % last year**. I was informed by a Representative in the House that it's the #1 pay out of Medicaid dollars: psychiatric drugs.

But more importantly Oregon ranks at #3 in the nation of the most vaccines required for school. It's well past time to separate out the conflicts of interest between Pharma and OHA and make sure OHA is an unbiased entity, is not being infiltrated and is able to make decisions that are focused on the HEALTH OUTCOMES of our citizens, not on how many drugs or vaccines it can pump into our kids bodies.

I have asked OHA why their benchmark bonuses do not include HEALTHY OUTCOMES? Why always a product that benefits Pharmaceutical companies?

\*\*I have many documents to support the above information. Please let me know what other information you need to support my emails, documents, reports etc.

Best regards,

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