

Transition Plan ODE: Founder Governance Board

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I. Draft Recommendation: Founder Governance Board

The Task Force on Universal Health Care recommends that the 2023 Legislature create the Founding Governing Board of the Universal Health Plan within the Department of Administrative Services and provide the authority and funding to:

- 1) Develop, in collaboration with a representative health care delivery advisory committee, a plan to organize Oregon's health care system to deliver care in a single payer system which is aligned with the Purposes, Values, and Principles of SB 770 of 2019.
- 2) Organize and draft Medicaid, Medicare and ACA waivers as needed
- 3) Complete a macroeconomic analysis of the implementation approaches suggested by the Task Force.
- 4) Organize a continuous engagement process with Oregon communities
- 5) Initiate and maintain a government to government relationship with Oregon tribes.
- 6) Prepares bill draft for 2025 Legislature implementing the Universal Health Plan

II. Founding Governing Board—Description

Recommend: The Founding Governing Board of the Universal Health Plan be composed of 9 members, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. The membership will reflect the diversity of Oregon's population. All members will be free of conflict of interest, have experience with public service, a commitment to full transparency and each have an authentic community voice. The size of the Board will increase as implementation occurs to include a member from each Oregon region.

Recommend: Five members be employed full time, four half time. The fully employed members be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the startup phase of the Universal Health Plan. Their collective education and experience will reflect expertise in:

- 1) Organizational start up
- 2) Operations
- 3) Finance
- 4) Provider relationships
- 5) Medicare/Medicaid waivers
- 6) Communication
- 7) Actuarial analysis

The 4 part time members should focus on engagement with Oregonians and providing advice and feedback on a continual basis to the Founding Board. They should bring the following experiences:

- 1) Experience as a Medicaid patient
- 2) Experience as a Medicare patient

- 3) Experience as an advocate for children
- 4) Experience as an advocate for behavioral health

Recommend: The Founding Governance Board report to the Department of Administrative Services.

Recommend: The main objective of the Founding Governance Board is to report to the 2025 Legislature on progress made towards a single payer health system with specific recommendations for next steps towards implementation in the 2025-2027 timeframe.

Recommend: The Founding Governance Board select a full time member as co chair and a part time member as co chair.

Recommend: Current and former Oregonians involved in health care administration and delivery will be encouraged to apply.

III. Draft Governance Summary for the Final Report

[Staff note: The following language has been drafted by members for inclusion in the Final Report. It is included here to provide additional context for members' proposal to establish a Founding Governance Board.]

It is recommended that the 2023 Legislature establishes Founding Governance Board and governance approach to guide the establishment of the Universal Health Plan. The Task Force recommends that the Founding Governance Board of the Universal Health Plan be created in statute and members appointed in 2023. The Founding Governance Board should reflect the values and structure of the Universal Health Plan as described in SB 770 of 2019 and the body of this JTFUHC report including materials considered in its development. That should include regional diversity and Board members who each have an authentic community voice. Initial activities should prioritize collaborative implementation planning discussions with all elements of the Oregon health delivery system, organization and drafting of Medicaid, Medicare and other federal waivers felt needed, a macroeconomic analysis of the implementation approaches to be pursued and a constant process of engagement with Oregon communities. A government to government relationship with Oregon tribes must be initiated. Planning should prioritize health equity, community investment and equitable distribution of resources with individuals and communities in mind in order to improve the health status of individuals, families and communities. The Board will work with state agencies through this period identifying transition issues and collaborative opportunities. Planning should take place with each region identifying workforce, community assets, other resources and next steps needed to organize regional entities that will advise the Board and shape the delivery of care in each region and the distribution of resources needed to implement. The Founding Governance Board will have a bill draft for the 2025 Legislature giving the Board the authorities needed to begin implementation of the Universal Health Plan in the 2025-2027 period and creation of the non profit public corporation. The Board should include a recommendation regarding an increase in board membership as implementation approaches. All the Board's work should be transparent. Decision making should occur in public with input from the public sought in a timely fashion.