

Task Force Recommendation for Governance

The Task Force on Universal Health Care recommends that the 2023 Legislature create the Founding Governance Board of the Universal Health Plan within the Department of Administrative Services, reporting to the Governor, 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 in alignment 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) Assess and maintain intergovernment relationships with Oregon counties

Recommend: The Founding Governance 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. Members will be subject to Oregon Ethics and Standards. Members will have an authentic community voice. The size of the Board will increase as implementation occurs to include a member from each Oregon region.

Recommend: Members will be state of Oregon employees. Members will 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 start up organization efforts, public reorganization, operations, finance, provider relationships, Medicare/Medicaid waivers, communication, actuarial analysis and population/public health. Four members will focus on engagement with Oregonians and providing advice and feedback on a continual basis to the Founding Board. They will bring the following experiences:

- 1) Experience as a Medicaid patient
- 2) Experience as a Medicare patient
- 3) Experience as an advocate for Children's health
- 4) Experience as an advocate for behavioral health
- 5) Experience as an uninsured person

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 will select 2 cochairs, one to come from members focused on engagement.

Recommend: All Oregonians of diverse cultural, linguistic, ethnicity, race, gender, healthcare providers, & professionals, community health & healthcare advocates, and activists, are encouraged to apply.