

# Meeting Summary

Joint Task Force on Hospital Discharge Challenges

DATE: October 11, 2023

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Meeting Details	
Date/Time	September 21, 9-12 am ( <a href="#">Meeting Recording</a> )
Attendees	Sen. Deb Patterson Rep. Christine Goodwin Phil Bentley Elizabeth Burns Rachel Currans Henry Daniel Davis Jeff Davis Jonathan Eames Trilby de Jung Eve Gray Felisa Hagins Jimmy Jones Jesse Kennedy Kathleen LeVee Alice Miller Leah Mitchell Raymond Moreno Joe Ness Jane-Ellen Weidanz Dawn Wipf Jonathan Weedman Absent: Sarah Ray
Agenda Item	Highlights
Informational Presentation:  HB 3396 Overview ( <a href="#">link</a> to slides)	Staff from the Legislative Policy & Research Office provided an introduction to the history of HB 3396 and the Task Force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of House Bill 3396 (<a href="#">link</a> to <a href="#">measure</a>)</li><li>• History of legislation, votes</li><li>• Senate Health Care and House Health Care informational hearings (<a href="#">link</a> to Sept. 2022 hearing; <a href="#">link</a> to Dec. 2022 hearing)</li><li>• Deliverables December 15, 2023, if practicable Final Report in November 2024</li></ul>
Organizational Meeting	Members made introductions  Members adopted Task Force Rules and Operating Procedures ( <a href="#">link</a> to approved Rules and Operating Procedures)
Informational Presentation:  Long Term/Post Acute Care and Oregon	This presentation from ODHS included information about known hospital discharge challenges and Oregon's post-acute care system capacity. Key points from the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Functions of agencies involved in long term care: Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority</li></ul>

<p>Department of Human Services Survey Overview (<a href="#">link</a> to slides)</p> <p>Invited Speaker:</p> <p>Jane-ellen Weidanz, Oregon Department of Human Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among people with Oregon Health Plan coverage who receive Medicaid-paid post-acute services, 12% receive services in nursing facilities, 36% in community-based care; 52% at home.</li> <li>• Aging and People with Disabilities licenses 130 nursing facilities, 560 assisted living and residential care facilities, and 1,400 adult foster homes.</li> <li>• APD serves individuals who are financially eligible for Medicaid and who are functionally eligible for long term services and supports.</li> <li>• During COVID, loss of staff in local offices delayed discharges.</li> <li>• Crisis response strategies included covid recovery units and hospital decompression, unified command, and a post-crisis stabilization operation.</li> <li>• Initiatives to assist with discharge included discharge assessment teams, discharge incentive programs, distressed provider relief grants, and clinical staffing supports, and support for Shelter Plus to provide post-acute respite sheltering.</li> <li>• Post-acute care providers were surveyed to test assumptions about hospital discharge delays. The survey indicated that post-acute care beds were available in all regions, including Medicaid beds. Reasons for denials of referrals to these beds include specific needs of individuals, and lack of plans for step down care. Top reasons for designating a referral as inappropriate included patient behaviors and substance use. Facilities identified workforce barriers as a major problem. Facilities lacked staff to meet the needs of high acuity patients.</li> <li>• APD continuing work on ongoing initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation, members noted additional challenges and opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal funds (ARPA, enhanced match) no longer available.</li> <li>• Would be helpful to learn more about Shelter Plus.</li> <li>• Redetermination will result in some individuals being found ineligible for services.</li> <li>• Silos of funding and delivery systems.</li> <li>• Nurses leaving profession.</li> <li>• Limitations of regulatory environment.</li> </ul>
<p>Introduction to Needs Assessment</p>	<p>LPRO staff presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of Needs Assessment Questionnaire (<a href="#">link</a>)</li> <li>• The process for sharing back summary of member responses</li> <li>• The timeline and process for providing responses</li> </ul>
<p>Organizational Meeting</p>	<p>Jimmy Jones elected as Task Force Chair</p> <p>Elizabeth Burns elected as Task Force Vice-Chair</p>
<p>Meeting Materials</p>	
<p>Materials posted to OLIS: <a href="#">Link</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome letter and video (<a href="#">link</a>)</li> <li>• House Bill 3396 Overview (<a href="#">link</a> to staff slides)</li> <li>• ODHS Presentation (<a href="#">link</a> to slides)</li> </ul>



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