

# JOINT TASK FORCE ON REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY

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Date: October 25, 2024  
Name: Task Force member  
Re: Needs and Opportunities Questionnaire

Dear Task Force member:

Thank you for your participation in the Joint Task Force on Regional Behavioral Health Accountability. This form is to collect information to assist the Task Force chair and staff in developing upcoming meeting agendas and materials.

**Your response is requested by 5pm on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 using this form.**

**Please send your response to [JTFBHA.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:JTFBHA.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov).** If you need this document in an alternate format or need other assistance, contact LPRO staff:

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**A summary of responses will be shared for discussion at the Task Force's second meeting.** Staff do not plan to present information that identifies individual members with specific responses. However, your responses are not confidential and may be disclosed. You are welcome to skip any questions you prefer not to answer and to consult with others as you prepare your response.

Best regards,

Staff, Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)





## About You

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Please answer the following questions and send any responses or questions about this form to the Legislative Policy and Research Office at [JTFBHA.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:JTFBHA.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov).

- 1) **Name of Task Force Member:**
- 2) **Is there anything staff should know about the best way to communicate with you?**

## Vision and Goals

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The Joint Task Force on Regional Behavioral Health Accountability was established by [House Bill 4002](#) (2024) to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly to improve the governance of behavioral health systems and strengthen evidence-based and equitable funding decisions and accountability of behavioral health systems.

The purpose of this survey is to help develop a shared understanding of the key terms and ideas in HB 4002 relevant to the work of the Task Force. Survey responses will also help staff as they work with the Chair to develop the work plan for the Task Force.

Please share your thoughts on the questions below about the work of the Task Force.  
*(Suggested response length is one paragraph. Please provide a response length that works for you.)*

- 3) **Given what you know about the purpose and timeline of this Task Force, what are the most important priorities for this group to work on?**
  
- 4) **What will “success” look like for this Task Force? How will you know if this group is on track to meet its goals?**

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# Scoping, Needs and Opportunities

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The next questions in this survey ask you to share your thoughts on the key terms and ideas from HB 4002 that are relevant to the work of the Task Force. Developing a shared understanding of key terms may help the Task Force develop recommendations. You are also asked to share information on the needs and opportunities you see in the four recommendation areas (described below).

House Bill 4002 charges the Task Force with developing recommendations in four areas:

1. **Improving collaboration and accountability** across federal, state, and local behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment programs and funding;
2. **Ensuring equitable outcomes** in publicly supported treatment settings across Oregon communities;
3. **Providing greater cost efficiencies** in the continuum of care of Oregon's behavioral health system; and
4. **Establishing broad access to methadone and other opioid use disorder medications** through mobile devices, telehealth, and pharmacy-based services to measurably increase the engagement statewide of individuals with opioid use disorder treatment.

## Collaboration and Accountability

HB 4002 charges the Task Force with developing recommendations to **improve collaboration and accountability** across federal, state, and local behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment programs and funding.

- 5) What does **collaboration** mean to you in this context?
  - a. What needs and/or opportunities do you see related to improving **collaboration** across programs and funding?



- b. What should the Task Force consider for measuring whether **collaboration** across programs and funding is being improved?
  
- c. What would help the Task Force develop recommendations in this area? *Please share any reports, organizations/groups, or other resources that might help inform the Task Force.*

**6) What does **accountability** mean to you in this context?**

- a. What needs and/or opportunities do you see related to improving **accountability** across programs and funding?
  
- b. What should the Task Force consider for measuring whether **accountability** across programs and funding is being improved?
  
- c. What would help the Task Force develop recommendations in this area? *Please share any reports, organizations/groups, or other resources that might help inform the Task Force.*

## **Equitable Outcomes**

HB 4002 charges the Task Force with developing recommendations to **ensure equitable outcomes** in publicly supported treatment settings across Oregon communities.



7) What does **equitable outcomes** mean to you in this context?

- a. Whose outcomes should the Task Force consider when developing recommendations in this area? What treatment outcomes should be included?
- b. What needs and/or opportunities do you see related to ensuring equitable outcomes?
- c. What should the Task Force consider for measuring whether outcomes in publicly supported treatment settings are becoming more equitable?
- d. What would help the Task Force develop recommendations in this area? *Please share any reports, organizations/groups, or other resources that might help inform the Task Force.*

## Cost Efficiencies

HB 4002 charges the Task Force with developing recommendations to **provide greater cost efficiencies** in the continuum of care of Oregon's behavioral health system.

8) What does **cost efficiencies** mean to you in this context?

- a. What and/or whose costs should be costs?



- b. What should the Task Force consider for measuring whether cost efficiencies have been achieved?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. What would help the Task Force develop recommendations in this area? *Please share any reports, organizations/groups, or other resources that might help inform the Task Force.*

## **Establishing Broad Access to Opioid Use Disorder**

### **Medications**

The Task Force is charged with developing recommendations to **establish broad access to methadone and other opioid use disorder medications** [MOUD] through mobile devices, telehealth, and pharmacy-based services to measurably increase the engagement statewide of individuals with opioid use disorder treatment.

#### **9) What factors are currently limiting access to MOUD?**

- a. What needs and/or opportunities do you see related to improving access to MOUD?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. What would help the Task Force develop recommendations in this area? *Please share any reports, organizations/groups, or other resources that might help inform the Task Force.*



*End of questionnaire.*

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