**Marketplace Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, Apr. 22, 2021 - 9 a.m. to noon**

**Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Committee members:** Kraig Anderson, Dan Field (chairperson), Jim Houser, Sean McAnulty, Ken Provencher, Shanon Saldivar (vice-chairperson), Sandy Sampson, Linzay Shirahama, Andrew Stolfi (ex-officio), and Jeremy Vandehey (ex-officio)

**Members not present**: Shonna Butler, Kathleen Johnathan, and Jenn Welander

**Other presenters:** Vicky Heppner and Stephanie Kennan

**Marketplace staff:** Chiqui Flowers, administrator; Anthony Behrens, senior policy advisor; Victor Garcia, operations development specialist; Cable Hogue, implementation analyst and federal liaison; Nina Remple, COFA premium assistance program manager; Katie Button, plan management analyst; Amy Coven, communications specialist; and Dawn Shaw, division support coordinator

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| **Agenda item and**  **time stamp\*** | **Discussion** |
| **Welcome and introductions, committee housekeeping**  0:0:00\* | Minutes from Jan. 28, 2021, meeting approved.  *See Pages 3-4 of handout package for a copy of the minutes.*  Introduced new members: Linzay Shirahama from Project Access NOW, who was in attendance, and Kathleen Johnson our Compact of Free Association (COFA) committee member, who was unable to attend. |
| **Federal health policy movement**  0:05:05 | Stephanie Kennan from McGuire Woods Consulting called in from Washington, D.C., to present information about current legislation and cases that involve the Affordable Care Act (ACA).   * Into President Biden’s first 100 days and there is work to unwind some regulations the previous administration enacted that impacted Medicaid. * Deciding to do a small or big healthcare package. They have started some changes with the American Rescue Plan. Main roadblocks are the lack of appointed leadership for Office of Management and Budget (OMB), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). There have been some issues with nominees. * HHS has $80 million in grants available for navigators and federally facilitated marketplaces for fiscal year 2022. Really wanting to get more people enrolled in the marketplace. More to come on this as it likely won’t apply to us as we are a state-based marketplace on the federal platform (SBM-FP). * The social/human portion of the infrastructure bill may be separated out. It is unclear at this time and will know more soon. Will likely include drug pricing reform. * Possible changes to Medicare including adding hearing, dental, and vision. There is talk about moving the eligible age to 60 and others are wanting 50 to get more healthy people into the pool so it will help lower the cost.   + Medicare E – an employer option sold on the exchange.   + Medicare X – creating a public option. * Some do not want changes included in a budget reconciliation package, which is a way to get around needing 60 votes and needing a majority vote. * There was a question on if the family glitch is likely to be addressed, but it is unknown when. |
| **Meet-and-greet: Mary Moller, DCBS Deputy Director**  0:27:17 | Mary Moller is the new Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Deputy Director as of December 15, 2020. In the governor’s office, she took care of executive appointments and has sent appointment letters to many in this committee. Is supportive of a move to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) if the legislation passes. |
| **The American Rescue Plan: Data**  0:33:04 | Cable Hogue presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), COVID-19 special enrollment period (SEP), and open enrollment period (OEP) enrollment data received from CMS.  *See Pages 7-11 of the handout package for slides.*   * The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) state continuation plan premium subsidies will not have an impact on us. The Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) will have the control. * Enhanced advanced premium tax credit (APTC) amounts for unemployed people is not yet operationalized for people who enroll through HealthCare.gov. Those additional savings will be available this summer. |
| **Window shopping tool: ARP updates**  01:03:36 | Katie Button presented the updates to the Window Shopping tool due to ARP.  *See Pages 13-14 of the handout package for slides.*   * The Window Shopping Tool helps to off-ramp people who may be eligible for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) sooner in the process. * Demo of the tool is at 1:06:20 to 1:08:08 in the recording. * The usage of the tool is up two to five times more from last year. |
| **Public comment and break**  01:13:00 | No public comments |
| **ARP outreach and marketing**  01:23:04 | Amy Coven presented ARP outreach and marketing plans.  *See Pages 15-17 of the handout package for slides.*   * The updated federal poverty level (FPL) chart includes the tribal and Citizen Alien Waived Emergent Medical (CAWEM) information. The 400% column was removed because it is no longer applicable to eligibility guidelines. * The state paid advertising campaign is piloting new strategies for targeted outreach. First wave is general information. Second wave concentrates on specific demographics (single, couple with no kids, families) and has different images. * Sean was wondering if information about the sliding scales at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and hospital financial aid could be included on the chart. Those factors could impact plan selection. Amy is going to follow up with Sean to see what can be made into a brochure or flyer. * Shannon wanted to know if there has been any coordination with getting information out to the unemployed. The Marketplace has an agreement with the Oregon Employment Department to send our rack cards in the mailings that go out. * Sean wondered about outreach materials for CAWEM, Amy will follow up on this as well. |
| **2020 Omnibus COVID relief bill and impact to COFA**  01:39:48 | Nina Remple presented updates about the impact to the COFA premium assistance program due to the 2020 Omnibus COVID-19 relief bill.  *See Pages 19-20 of the handout package for slides.*   * Last December, the Consolidated Appropriations Act reinstated Medicaid eligibility to COFA citizens. * Going back to April, due to the OHP transition, we were able to save the program $13,000 a month in premiums. * Will continue to send out messaging. * Some are hesitant to change plans if in the middle of treatments. |
| **Possible future topics**  01:50:50 | Dan inquired if there are any future topics. Kraig wondered how to get over the hurdles to get the uninsured enrolled in the Marketplace. Chiqui stated that in a lot of ways we are data blind because HealthCare.gov does not give us the data. We have been trying to target specific groups. Happy for any suggestions and will be taking this topic back to the outreach team. |
| **2021 Legislative Season**  02:03:32 | Anthony Behrens and Jeremy Vandehey reviewed the 2021 legislative bills we are working on or watching.  *See Pages 21-26 and supplemental handouts packages for slides.*   * SB 65   + Sent to Ways & Means on March 1. No hearings scheduled.   + An amendment is needed to fix a legislative counsel drafting error related to assessing off-exchange dental carriers for which we certify plans. We certify almost five times as many off-exchanges plans as on.   + The change in operative date for the move to OHA is to accommodate for OEP. * SB 557/HB 2557   + HB 2557 is dead, it was a place holder on the House side.   + SB 557 was sent to Ways & Means on March 17. * SB 706   + Sent to Ways & Means on March 17. * SB 2010 (was not in the presentation)   + Calls on DCBS and OHA to design a public option. Report will need to be done by the beginning of 2022. Will need to report on how a state platform would be beneficial.   + 4/16 passed out of House Health to joint Ways & Means. * HB 2041 – Dead * HB 2042 – Dead   + Federal law obviated the need for this bill. * HB 2044   + DCBS access to all-payer all-claims database part of this bill was amended into 2046. * HB 2046   + Third reading on 4/13 was rescheduled due to a COVID outbreak. * HB 2081   + Not a DCBS bill.   + On 4/16 it was heard and has been passed on to the Senate.   + Passed 52 to 5 in the House. * HB 2492 – Dead * SB 5510   + Work session to be scheduled around the first or second weeks in May. * SJR 12   + 4/19 to House Health Care committee. No meetings or hearings scheduled currently. * HJR 14 – Dead   + Was a placeholder, House version of SJR 12. * There was a value-based payment bill that did not go through. * HB 3353 – Cover All People bill, going towards universal payment. |
| **OHIM to OHA Project**  02:23:07 | Victor Garcia and Vicky Heppner, OHA Project Manager presented on the planning phase of the potential move of the Marketplace to OHA  *See page 27 of the handout package for slide.*   * The move to OHA will bring the Marketplace closer to OHP. A big opportunity to align goals and marketing. * There shouldn’t be a problem in maintaining a connection to DFR. The connection between OHA and DCBS is good. * Feel free to contact Vicky or Victor if there are any questions or concerns. * IT & phones transitions will be the next step after the financial portion is ironed out. * The team will come over to OHA in one unit, working on the shared services. * The MAC will move to be under Oregon Health Policy Board. * Eligibility for FQHCs to request reimbursements for Marketplace enrollments will most likely require a rule change to address issues changing from DCBS to OHA. |
| **Public comment, wrap up, and closing**  02:48:12 | Had to delay submission of the Marketplace Annual Report due to a delay in CMS releasing the public use data file. Close to completing the MAC Annual Report, should be done by the end of the week. Will be emailing them out for your review.  Next meeting is scheduled to be virtual on Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 9 a.m. to noon. Hopefully the October meeting can be a hybrid. |

\*These minutes include timestamps from the meeting audio in an hour: minutes: seconds format. Meeting materials and audio are found on the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee [website](http://healthcare.oregon.gov/marketplace/gov/Pages/him-committee.aspx) under 2021 Meetings, April 22, 2021.