

Tina Kotek, Governor

Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

When: Thursday, December 5, 2024 – 9 to 11 a.m.

Where: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Committee members:

Gladys Boutwell, Paul Harmon, Ali Hassoun, Lindsey Hopper (chair), Shannon Lee, Kathleen Orrick, Andrew Stolfi, Om Sukheenai, Nashoba Temperly (vice chair)

Members not present: Stacy Carmichael, Charlie Fisher, Ron Gallinat

Other presenters: Stephanie Kennan, Dorocida Martushev, Sean McAnulty, Tim Sweeney

Marketplace staff: Katie Button, plan management and policy analyst; Amy Coven, communications and public engagement analyst; Chiqui Flowers, director; Victor Garcia, operations development specialist; Cable Hogue, implementation analyst and federal liaison; Misty Rayas, outreach and education manager; Dawn Shaw, office support coordinator

| Agenda item and time stamp* | Discussion |
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| Welcome, roll call, guidelines, approval of minutes, new HPA director introduction | <p>Roll call of Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC) members, review of meeting guidelines, and approval of the Oct 13 meeting minutes. (See the handout packet pages 1-2 for a copy of the agenda, pages 3-6 for the October minutes, and pages 7-8 and 14-15 for meeting protocols)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Public Meeting Law guidelines are to do roll call voting for any motions requiring a vote. Approved October 13, 2024, minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First motion to approve – Paul Harmon Second motion to approve – Nashoba Temperly Ayes – Gladys Boutwell, Ali Hassoun, Lindsey Hopper, Shannon Lee, Kathleen Orrick, Andrew Stolfi Nays – none Om Sukheenai joined the meeting later and was not in the meeting during the voting period. Introduced the new HPA (Health Policy and Analytics) Director, Clare Pierce-Wrobel. |
| Federal health policy updates 10:46 | <p>Stephanie Kennan from McGuire Woods Consulting joined us from Washington, D.C. to present information about current legislation and cases that involve the Affordable Care Act (ACA). (See page 8 for a copy of the slide deck)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen requested clarification on what the term “bloom” meant. Stephanie clarified that the incoming administration will likely push associated health plans. Some people in Congress think that all Medicaid and Medicare enrollees should have a health savings account (HSA). |

- Lindsey asked if Stephanie had any idea of the provisions that may happen quickly in order to make it through the process or if any will not go through. Stephanie responded that 22 Republican Senators are up for reelection in two years and thinks that reducing the open enrollment period and outreach will happen quickly. Other provisions will take time.
- Andrew informed about the state's efforts on short-term plans that will shield us from changes to short-term plans and any issues if there are any lawsuits.
- Stephanie added that overall, there is a push to reduce the federal workforce and that could lead to delays in responding to issues.

SBM project updates
27:38

Victor Garcia, Marketplace Operations Development Specialist, and Dorocida Martushev, SBM Project Manager went over SBM (State-based Marketplace) Project updates.
(See pages 8-9 of the handout packet for a copy of the slides.)

- Paul was wondering how behind are we, with the restart of the RFP (request for proposals). Victor informed that we did have some time built into the timeline. But instead of an 18-month implementation period, it will be 14 to 16 months and it is unlikely that will cause us to not make the November 2026 go-live date.
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Public comment & break
37:08

No public comments received.

OHP Bridge updates
54:29

Tim Sweeney and Sean McAnulty presented updates on the OHP (Oregon Health Plan) Bridge program.
(See pages 10-11 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

- Om discussed what she has been hearing from her clients that some people do not want to go from Marketplace to OHP Bridge due to network issues.
- Kathleen expressed concern on the blob graphic being suggestive of obesity. Sean replied that they did some market research on different logos and this was the one that was more well liked.

2025 open enrollment progress report
1:17:41

Cable Hogue, Marketplace Implementation Analyst and Federal Liaison presented updates on the progress of the 2025 open enrollment.
(See page 11 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

- Om asked for clarification on the date of the auto enrollments. Cable confirmed the date to be December 16.

2025 open enrollment notes from the field
1:24:45

Misty Rayas, Marketplace Outreach and Education Manager and Amy Coven, Marketplace Communications and Public Engagement Analyst, reviewed updates on how the open enrollment is going so far.
(See page 12 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

- Lindsey provided feedback from the PacificSource perspective that there are concerns about the post-election impacts and confusion on the OHP Bridge program. Amy thanked Lindsey for her feedback.

Public comment,

See pages 13-15 of the slide deck for a copy of the meeting guidelines and the new grievance process)

**committee
business,
wrap up and
closing**
1:40:35

- No public comments received.
- Reviewed the new grievance process.
- Next meeting will be January 16, 2025.

*These minutes include timestamps from the meeting recording in an hour: minutes: seconds format. Meeting materials and recording are found on the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee [website](#) under 2024 Meetings, Dec.5.