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Obesity task force meets Monday

A state task force to reduce obesity in Oregon meets for the first time on Monday in Portland.

The 13-member task force, chaired by Dr. Bruce Goldberg, director of the Oregon Department of Human Services, was created by the 2007 Legislature to study obesity prevention and treatment and to develop ways to decrease the number of obese people in Oregon.

The group includes Sens. Margaret Carter and Jeff Kruse and Reps. Tina Kotek and Scott Bruun as well as university experts and state health officials.

It meets from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, in Room 1D of the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland, Or.

Among items for discussion will be:

- A report to the Oregon Health Policy Commission,
- "Promoting Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Among Oregon's Children,"
- A report to the 2009 Oregon Legislature,
- "Turning off the Faucet of Obesity and Diabetes,"
- The Statewide Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan, 2007-2009.

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