

**SB 931 – Obesity Task Force**  
**August 18, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Task Force Members present: Katherine Bradley, DHS/Office of Family Health; Senator Margaret Carter, Oregon State Senate; Bruce Goldberg, DHS (chair); Mary Lou Hennrich, Community Health Partnership; Mel Kohn, DHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; Representative Tina Kotek, Oregon State House; Senator Jeff Kruse, Oregon State Senate; Melinda Manore, Oregon State University; Jonathan Purnell, Oregon Health and Science University; Adriana Voss-Andreae, Oregon Health and Science University; Yvonne Williams, Links, Incorporated

Task Force Members absent: Carlos Crespo, Portland State University; Representative Scott Bruun, Oregon State House; Stephanie Bernell, Oregon State University

Task Force Staff: Theresa Fogg, Karen Girard

Observers: Nancy Becker, Oregon Nutrition Policy Alliance; Kimberly Gustafson, Portland VA Medical Center; Katy King, DHS; Connie Kirby, Northwest Food Processors Association; Pat O'Neill, DHS; Paige Parker, Oregonian; John Pelkey, DHS/DMAP; Alejandro Queral, American Heart Association of Oregon; Joan Randall, OHSU; David Rebanal, Northwest Health Foundation; Pete Springer, OPB; Jill Thompson, DHS; Dana Tierney, Regence; Sue Woodbury, DHS/WIC; Jennifer Young, DHS/WIC

1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Bruce Goldberg, the chair of the SB 931 Obesity Task Force, welcomed everyone to the first meeting. Dr. Goldberg recognized Senator Margaret Carter and Myrna-Yvonne Williams as being responsible for introducing Senate Bill 931 in the 2007 Oregon Legislature and working to get it passed.

SB931 created the Task Force for a Comprehensive Obesity Prevention Initiative, otherwise known as the Obesity Task Force. SB931 charges the Obesity Task Force to study obesity prevention and treatment and utilize current research to develop a plan to implement and fund initiatives that will result in decreasing obesity and obesity-related diseases within Oregon.

The members of the Obesity Task Force and observers of the meeting introduced themselves. Senator Carter spoke briefly about her reasons for introducing SB 931. Senator Carter has met with children from elementary school to 9<sup>th</sup> grade who are overweight, with high cholesterol and high blood pressure. It is evident that Oregon must come up with a sound approach to address this serious problem.

2. Charge to the group

Dr. Goldberg led a discussion about the groundrules the Obesity Task Force would use to operate. The Obesity Task Force members agreed on the following:

- A majority of the members of the Task Force constitutes a quorum
- The Task Force will make decisions using a majority vote. It was decided that a minimum of 2/3 of the Task Force members must be present to have an official vote, either in person or via telephone
- The Task Force should be productive
- The Task Force is to be seen as a public voice

### 3. Consensus about charge to the group

The Task Force agreed that a substantial amount of work on defining the obesity epidemic has been done to date by other committees. Background information from these committees was sent to Task Force members in preparation for today's meeting. These documents will be used as a stepping off point for developing the Task Force's recommendations. The documents the Task Force will use to develop recommendations include:

- Promoting Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Among Oregon's Children – A Report to the Oregon Health Policy Commission (January 2007)
- HB 3486 – Strategic Plan to Slow the Rate of Diabetes in Oregon – “Turning off the Faucet of Obesity and Diabetes” – A Report to the 2009 Oregon Legislature
- A Healthy Active Oregon – Statewide Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan 2007-2012

The Task Force agreed that a series of at least three meetings are necessary to develop the Task Force's recommendations.

### 4. Overviews of existing work

Karen Girard, Health Promotion Manager for the Public Health Division, presented information about obesity in Oregon, and background on the documents provided to the Task Force.

The Task Force discussed the outcomes and recommendations identified in the HB3486 Strategic Plan: Turn off the Faucet of Diabetes in Oregon, the Childhood Obesity Study, and A Healthy Active Oregon: Physical Activity & Nutrition Plan 2007 – 2012. A comparison of the recommendations from these existing reports was provided to the Task Force.

Members of the Task Force agreed that the recommendations must be strategic and realistic. The Task Force members concurred that the recommendations must identify clear outcomes and be concrete about who is responsible for what.

### 5. Task Force workplan

The Task Force agreed to set two additional meetings to develop recommendations for an obesity legislative or policy agenda. The Public Health Division staff will synthesize the information provided to the Task Force and develop a draft report the Task Force can work from.

Next meetings for the Task Force:

Monday, September 8, 2008

11:00 – 2:00

State Office Building in Portland

Monday, September 29, 2008

11:00 – 2:00

State Office Building in Portland