



APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

Senate Bill 4 and Senate Joint Resolution 24

In 2007, the Oregon State Legislature recognized OHWI as a leader in addressing Oregon's health care workforce shortage and designated OHWI as a workforce advisory entity to state agencies, including the Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the Joint Boards of Education. The Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) shares this distinction and as partners, OHWI and OCN collaborate in a mutual commitment to improve the present and future healthcare workforce in Oregon.

Legislative Testimony

OHWI provides information to state legislative committees on the workforce shortage.

Staff to the Oregon Health Care Workforce Committee

In partnership with the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, OHWI staffs the Health Care Workforce Committee under the Oregon Health Policy Board to provide support and expertise toward recruiting, educating and retaining health care professionals.

Portland Metro Area Health Education Center

In 2009, OHWI became the home of the Portland Metro AHEC, a program to improve the education, training and distribution of health care professionals in Oregon. OHWI collaborates with the state's program office and fellow Oregon AHECs by fulfilling data requests, conducting program evaluations and in addressing barriers to health care workforce quality and growth.

Licensed Health Profession Data Collection Development Committee

As requested by the Senate Subcommittee on Health Care Reform, OHWI convened the directors of 19 health profession licensing boards and other key stakeholders to develop a plan to collect workforce data, leading to the process outlined in HB 2009.

Rural Health Care Workforce Committee

As requested by the Office of the Governor, OHWI convened and facilitated a high-level group to develop recommendations for rural health care workforce policies.

Wyden Health Care Workforce Group

As requested by U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, OHWI joined a task force on health care education funding and workforce development to inform national health care reform efforts. Several of these recommendations were reflected in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590).

Task Forces and Advisory Councils

From presentations to memberships on task forces and advisory councils, OHWI supports efforts across the state that address health care shortage issues.