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MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
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Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

TASK FORCE ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Task Force on Universal Health Care subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Glendora Claybrooks of Tualatin, New Appointment
Dwight Dill of La Grande, New Appointment
Bruce Goldberg of Portland, New Appointment
Zeena Junkeer of Portland, New Appointment
Edward Junkins of Corvallis, New Appointment
Samuel Metz of Portland, New Appointment
Deborah Riddick of Wilsonville, New Appointment
Kelly Rowe of Grand Ronde, New Appointment
John Santa of Portland, New Appointment
Alan Charles Sheketoff of Silverton, New Appointment
Sharon Stanphill of Sutherlin, New Appointment

Term

All appointees: February 14, 2020 – January 2, 2022

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[Senate Bill 770 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The task force consists of 20 members.⁴ In making appointments, the Governor must ensure that there is no disproportionate influence by any individual, organization, government, industry, business, or profession in any decision-making by the task force and no actual or potential conflicts of interest. Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only. Members of

¹ See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562](#), [ORS 171.565](#).

² See [ORS 244.050](#).

³ See [ORS 182.100](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [Senate Bill 770 \(2019\)](#).

the task force are entitled to compensation and actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by the members in the performance of official duties in the manner and amount as provided in ORS 292.495. Members must be appointed no later than May 31, 2020.

The President of the Senate must appoint two members from among members of the Senate, including one member from the majority party (**MANNING**) and one member from the minority party.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives must appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.

The Governor must appoint 13 members, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Gubernatorial appointees must be residents of this state who represent diverse social identities and areas of expertise, including:

- Rural health (**JUNKINS**);
- Quality assurance and health care accountability (**SANTA**);
- Fiscal management and change management (**ROWE**);
- Social services (**DILL**);
- Public health services (**STANPHILL**);
- Medical and surgical services (**METZ**);
- Alternative therapy services (**JUNKEER**);
- Services for persons with disabilities; and
- Nursing services (**RIDDICK**).

The task force must include at least one member who:

- Has an active license to provide health care in this state (**GOLDBERG**);
- Has an active license to provide mental or behavioral health care in this state;
- Has expertise, based on knowledge and experience, in advocating for health care equity (**CLAYBROOKS**, **SHEKETOFF**); and,
- Has personal experience in seeking and receiving health care in this state to treat complex or multiple chronic illnesses or disabilities.

There are three nonvoting members of the task force:

- The director of the Oregon Health Authority, or the director's designee (**ALLEN**);
- The director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, or the director's designee (**SAVAGE**); and,
- A member of the Association of Oregon Counties, selected by the association (**HALL**).

Duties and Authority

The task force must:⁵

⁵ [Senate Bill 770 \(2019\)](#).

- Recommend the design of the Health Care for All Oregon Plan, a universal health care system, administered by the Health Care for All Oregon Board, that is equitable, affordable and comprehensive, provides high quality health care and is publicly funded and available to every individual residing in Oregon;
- Elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and one to serve as vice chairperson;
- Establish an advisory committee to provide input from a consumer perspective and that includes specified qualifications;
- Adhere to the values and principles established by the Legislative Assembly;
- Develop cost estimates for the plan;
- Consider how the plan will impact the structure of existing state and local boards and commissions, counties, cities and special service districts, as well as the United States Government, other states and Indian tribes;
- Consider the issues raised in the report entitled “A Comprehensive Assessment of Four Options for Financing Health Care Delivery in Oregon”;
- Investigate other states’ attempts at providing universal coverage and using single payer health care financing systems, including the outcomes of the attempts;
- Take into account the work by existing health care professional boards and commissions to incorporate important aspects of the work of the health care professional boards and commissions into recommendations for the plan;
- Engage in a public process to solicit public input which includes input from rural and underserved communities, the solicitation of public comments statewide while providing to the public evidence-based information developed by the task force; and the solicitation of specified perspectives; and,
- Make findings and recommendations for the design of the plan and the Health Care for All Oregon Board and submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and other specified information to the 2021 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.

The task force may:⁶

- Adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force;
- Establish additional advisory or technical committees the task force considers necessary;
- Apply for public or private grants from nonprofit organizations for the costs of research; and,
- Explore other specified topics.

⁶ [Senate Bill 770 \(2019\)](#).