

## SUMMARY

### Health Care Personnel Shortage Task Force

Pierce College, Puyallup College Center, Multipurpose Room B

June 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Attendees: Michele Johnson, Chair, Pierce College; Dan Ferguson, Allied Health Center of Excellence; Dana Duzan, Allied Health Professionals; Juno Whittaker, WACMHC; Daryl Monear, Rochelle Wambach, HECB; Charissa Raynor, SEIU Healthcare NW Training Partnership; Marie Bruin, SBCTC; Linda Tieman, Washington Center for Nursing; Lauri St. Ours, Washington Health Care Association; John Hanson, Washington Rural Health Association; Bracken Killpack, Washington State Dental Association; Patti Rathbun, DOH; Sally Watkins, Washington State Nurses Association; Eleni Papadakis, Sonja Hallum, Darlene Bartlett, Kelsey Thompson, WTECB; Jim Morishima, Washington State House of Representatives; Mary Wood, Health Care Authority; Thea Mounts, Wei Yen, OFM; Sue Skillman, UW Center for Health Workforce Studies; and guests.

TOPIC	SUMMARY
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Michele Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She welcomed the Task Force to Pierce College. Introductions were made; Dana Duzan and Jordana Barclay participated by phone.
<b>Legislative Update</b>	Jim Morishima, Washington State House of Representatives, provided a Legislative update that addressed House Bill 2319. He explained the fairly complicated bill in seven sections including Powers of Duties of Exchange, Market Rules, Criteria for Qualified Health Plans, Essential Health Benefits, Basic Health Plan, Risk Leveling, Washington State Health Insurance Pool. Next year the Legislature will need to make possible technical adjustments, decisions about the basic health plan, and respond to the Supreme court's ruling. You can find more information about House Bill 2319 at: <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2319">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2319</a>
<b>Health Care Authority Medicaid Expansion &amp; Benefit Plan Update</b>	Mary Wood, Office of Medicaid, Medicare, Eligibility and Policy, Health Care Authority, presented a breakdown on changes made to Medicaid. Starting January 1, 2014, Medicaid will expand to include individuals between the ages of 19 up to 65 with income up to 133% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI). These changes will affect new members including children, pregnant women, and families. Eligibility requirements for aged, blind, and disabled will remain the same. By 2014 there is hope that the application process will be streamlined through a web portal. You can find more information about the changes happening in 2014 at: <a href="http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me">http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me</a>
<b>Office of Financial Management Provider Study Update</b>	Thea Mounts, Senior Forecast and Research Manager, and Wei Yen, Senior Forecast Analyst, Office of Financial Management, provided information on the status of the three health care provider surveys that have been conducted. The physician survey was completed in Fall 2011; surveys of nurse practitioners and physician assistants are expected to be completed soon. You can view the survey questions at: <a href="http://www.ofm.wa.gov/healthcare/datasources/">http://www.ofm.wa.gov/healthcare/datasources/</a>
<b>Online Health Care Provider Licenses Project</b>	Patti Rathbun, Health Policy Development Coordinator, Department of Health, presented information about the Online Health Care Provider Licenses Project. Health Systems Quality Assurance licenses 400,000 health care professionals in 80 plus professions. Online license renewals improve service and speed up the process; licenses originally took 5-14 business days to be renewed, but are now renewed immediately through the online system. Future plans include releasing additional professions for online renewals on a monthly basis over the course of the next year. By September 2012 they hope to offer automated checks as a payment option online. In March 2013 providers will be able to make addresses online.
<b>Data Needed to Understand Health Workforce Supply</b>	Sue Skillman, MS, Deputy Director, University of Washington, Rural Health Research Center, Center for Health Workforce Research, and Area Health Education Center presented information on the types of data needed to be able to plan for health care in Washington. Having useful state and sub-state data on the health workforce is needed in order to address key health care planning questions. She recommended that the Minimum Data Set (MDS) imitative should be assessed for possible adoption in Washington. For more information, visit: <a href="http://depts.washington.edu/uwchws/">http://depts.washington.edu/uwchws/</a> and <a href="http://depts.washington.edu/uwrhrc/">http://depts.washington.edu/uwrhrc/</a>
<b>Future Direction of the Task Force</b>	Future direction of the Task Force includes reviewing and making suggestions for updating the state plan; viewing the OFM forecasting report on the demographic projection for the future; promoting the notion of health care as an important industry; addressing medically underserved communities; and placing an emphasis on Allied Health Occupations and creating a minimum data set.  Next meeting to be scheduled for Fall 2012.