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is currently handled across health care settings. HISPC will also craft a plan for increasing the privacy and security literacy of both health care professionals and consumers. Governor Kulongoski has appointed a steering committee to guide this process. Meetings will be open to the public, and Oregonians are encouraged to participate. The project is administered by the Office for Oregon Health Policy & Research in partnership with the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation. For more information, contact Dr. Jody Pettit, Oregon's Health Information Technology Coordinator, 503-731-7504.

Work in Progress

Improving Health Care Quality & Transparency

Together with the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, the Commission's Quality and Transparency Workgroup published Oregon's first publicly reported [hospital quality information](#) in July 2005. The workgroup is co-chaired by OHPC commissioners Vickie Gates and Jonathan Ater. Some specific areas of focus include:

- Partnering with hospitals to develop a surgical quality improvement project
- Refining, updating, and adding to the hospital quality information, including a consumer friendly product. * New 2005 data to be released soon.
- Reaching out to the health care purchasers, consumers, and other parties to encourage the use of available quality information for decision making.
- Advising the OHPC on the quality and transparency component of its reform plan

**Next Meeting: August 14, 2-4 p.m., State Office Building, Room 120A
800 Oregon St, Portland**

Agenda: Discuss health care quality and transparency recommendations to the OHPC.

Supporting Community-Created Health Care Solutions

Localities around the state are working to align resources and form partnerships to improve access to health care for their communities. The Commission's Local Delivery System Models Workgroup, chaired by commissioners Vanetta Abdellatif and Dr. Rick Wopat, released a [report](#) in January highlighting community-created health care access projects in Oregon and how these efforts can inform statewide health policy.

**Next Meeting: August 15, 1-3 p.m., State Office Building, Room 140,
800 NE Oregon St, Portland**

Agenda: Finalize recommendations to the OHPC in the areas of metrics for community health care access, payment system reform, and support for local community access projects.

Community Health Priorities: A Resource for Action in Oregon

What are Oregon's real public health needs? How can we effectively build consensus around Oregonian's health priorities? The Oregon Office of Public Health, the Northwest Health Foundation, and the Oregon Health Policy Commission are working together to answer these questions. The goal is to understand what communities and policymakers care about regarding "health", link these concerns with data, and create a resource and momentum to address Oregonian's health priorities. This summer, project managers are evaluating past and current projects to learn why some efforts have worked better than others in inspiring change, and talking with the community and community leaders about their priorities for the future. Stay tuned for next steps; a detailed progress report will be out this fall.