

**Health Resources Commission
Mental Health/ASD subcommittee
Minutes from 2/1/2008**

Members Present: Dan L. Kennedy, RPh, Diane Lovell, David Conant-Norville M.D., Kathryn Weit, Mary Anne Seaton, Kathy Richards, Cathy Smith, Joyce Bernheim J.D, Eric Richards, Robin McCoy M.D

Members Absent: None

Guests: Representative Mitch Greenlick PhD, Chair of the House Health Care Committee; Marian McDonagh PharmD, Principal Investigator DERP project Oregon Evidence Based Practice Center; David Smith RPh PhD, Senior Investigator Center for Health Research, Kaiser Permanente.

Staff Present: David Pass M.D.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Dan Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Meeting was held in room 117bc of the Meridian Park Health Education Center, Tualatin, Oregon.

2. Introductions: Chair Kennedy asked the members to introduce themselves to the group.

3. Introductory Comments: Representative Greenlick discussed the legislative intent behind HB 2918 and discussed the history/background behind the charge to the Health Resources Commission from the legislature.

4. Evidence-based Medicine: Dr. Pass gave a presentation on the history and application of evidence-based medicine including the currently accepted definition. Discussion regarding perceptions of evidence-based medicine vs. real applications ensued and questions were answered.

5. HRC- A Historical Perspective: Dr. Pass gave a brief presentation on the history and mission of the Health Resources Commission.

6. Evaluating the Evidence: What's Involved: Marian McDonagh and David Smith presented an interactive discussion of what is actually involved in systematically reviewing the literature on a particular topic with attention given to key question generation, search strategies, evidence quality assessment, factors affecting introduction of bias, description of the hierarchy of evidence quality and other factors that are important in conducting an evaluation of a topic.

7. HB 2918 and Charge to the Subcommittee: Dan Kennedy and Dr. Pass reviewed HB2918 and the charge to the HRC from the legislature.

8. Update on “Med project” report: Dr. Pass gave an update on the Med Project and the report which the subcommittee would use as a starting point for its evaluation. A copy of the report was expected, barring unforeseen delays, by March 15th. Dr. Pass will disseminate the report as soon as he has clearance to do so from the MED project. A discussion of the proprietary nature of the MED project reports was undertaken and an initial discussion of what can be done to make the process as transparent as possible. Dr. Pass will have a discussion with the MED project governance group to determine whether an exception can be made in this case, and will report back to the group at the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting/Adjourn: Dan Kennedy surveyed the group and the next meeting will be on 3/21/2008 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at a location TBD.

Time was allotted for Public Testimony

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.