

Moving from Principles to a DRAFT Legislative Concept: Next Steps

THE DRAFTING PROCESS

As we move from a set of principles to a draft legislative concept, we are engaging several groups of people to think through the various components of a draft legislative concept. We have started with six groups; knowing that there are many others who must be engaged as we move forward (e.g. nurses, pharmacists, mental health, dentists, information technology (IT), pharmaceutical manufacturers, vulnerable populations, alternative care providers, the legal profession, etc.).

The general public will continue to be directly involved through the website, in community meetings and in AM chapters that are forming in communities around the state. We are asking people to participate from:

- Hospitals
- Physicians
- Insurers/Health Plans
- Employers/labor
- Consumers
- Consumers on Medicare (as a subset of consumer)

Each group will be asked to discuss the draft legislative concept, *NOT a detailed implementation plan*, which will achieve the Archimedes Movement Vision:

To maximize the health of the population by creating a sustainable system which uses the public resources spent on health care to ensure that everyone has access to a defined set of effective health services.

This vision statement says that when the dust clears, we want a system we can afford, that includes all of us and that helps keep us healthy. The purpose of the discussion is to focus on the *means* by which to achieve the objective in the Vision Statement, rather than on the *ends*. That is, we are starting with the objective and then trying to figure out the best way to get there. We are asking participants to engage in three ways: (1) *as community members*; (2) *as stakeholders*; and (3) *as both*.

The **Consumer Committee** will be composed of a number of people from around Oregon who can speak as users within the current system.

1. Engaging as a Community Members

This requires that participants be willing to take off their stakeholder hats and engage in the process as *community members* not as “stakeholders.” We are asking you to assume that we have received all of the necessary federal waivers and that we have \$6.3 billion dollars at our disposal and that we can use these resources in any way we choose.

Participants are not acting as Democrats or Republicans, old or young, insured or not, urban or rural, but *as members of the community who have an understanding of how the health system functions today and impacts communities on many levels*. It requires that you be willing and able to separate what is good for Oregon (i.e. how best to achieve the objective) from what is good for the economic interests of whatever group you might be affiliated with. The idea is to envision the best system we can, through which we can allocate these resources in a way that achieves our objective.

2. Engaging as a Stakeholder

We want to make the economics and politics **explicit** and get them on the table. This involves reviewing the components of the draft Legislative Concept from any stakeholder standpoint that holds true for you:

- What does the draft Legislative Concept include and/or what has been omitted – that would raise concerns within your group/affiliation?
- What are the economic and/or political issues involved here?

3. Engaging as a Community Member and as a Stakeholder

This involves asking how the economic/political concerns identified in the second step might be addressed. Assuming we have permission to implement the system outlined in this bill draft, what kind of *transition plan* would be needed to move from where we are today to the new system? How could such a transition plan help mitigate or minimize the economic/political concerns?

THE ARCHIMEDES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Collectively the members of these six groups will form an ad hoc “Advisory Committee” for the Archimedes Movement and will provide ongoing input into the development of the legislative concept; the drafting of the request to

Congress for the statutory and administrative waivers needed to create a new system should the legislation pass in 2007; and in drafting the actual implementation legislation should Congress grant the waivers.

THE ARCHIMEDES COUNCIL

Each of the six groups mentioned above (hospitals, insurers, employers, consumers, etc.) will have a leader. The leaders plus one other member from the group will also serve on the **Archimedes Council** which will meet on some regular basis so that the groups can share their thoughts with one another and integrate the ideas that emerge from the six groups into a single proposal.

THE DRAFT LEGISLATIVE CONCEPT

The Draft Legislative Concept is now posted on the Archimedes Movement website [[put link here](#)]. It is not intended to anything other than provide a means to organize our thinking, and begin to organize feedback from stakeholders into the process. **It is intended only as a starting point for discussion.**