

Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Healthcare Incidents Charter

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Purpose

This Charter provides information on the Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Healthcare Incident's ("Task Force") mandate, as defined in Oregon Laws 2013 Chapter 5.

Composition

The 14-member Task Force includes:

- 10 voting members that are appointed by the Governor to fill specified seats (Oregon Laws 2013 Chapter 5, Section 17), which include a patient safety advocate, a hospital industry representative, physicians, trial lawyers and at-large.
- Four non-voting members that represent the Legislative Assembly and are appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Legislative members serve in an advisory capacity.

Appointments are to a four-year term. Members may be reappointed for a second term. All appointees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Responsibilities

The Task Force provides program evaluation for Oregon's Early Discussion and Resolution (EDR) process. The mandate of the Task Force is defined in Oregon Laws 2013 Chapter 5.

The Task Force **must**:

- **Evaluate the implementation and effects of EDR (i.e., sections 1 to 10 of Oregon Laws 2013 Chapter 5)**

The Task Force is responsible for program evaluation of EDR. The Oregon Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors ("OPSC Board") is responsible for oversight and implementation of EDR.

The Task Force *shall* provide information on evaluation and effects of EDR to the OPSC Board annually, or as needed.

- **Before December 31 of each year, report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on the implementation and effects of EDR**

The Task Force *shall* provide a *draft* of each annual report to the OPSC Board for review before submitting the report to the Legislature.

The Task Force **may**:

- **Recommend legislation to be introduced to improve the resolution of adverse health care incidents**

If the Task Force proposes to recommend legislation to be introduced, it *shall* seek endorsement from the OPSC Board *before* submitting any recommendations to the Legislature.

The Task Force *shall* coordinate with the OPSC Board on the development of any proposed recommendation affecting the implementation of EDR.

Staff

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission provides staff support to the Task Force.

Meeting Frequency

The Task Force holds standing meetings quarterly, on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December unless otherwise announced. Additional meetings may be called on an as-needed basis to conduct Task Force business.

For meeting agendas and materials, visit <https://oregonpatientsafety.org/governance/#publicmeeting>