Rural Health Coordinating Council
Approved Minutes
September 18, 2026

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter(s)
10:00 am – 10:12 am	1. Call to order (part one) A. Roll call Raymond Hino, chair, Oregon Hospital Association Deb Bartel, Health Service Area (HSA) #2 Dusti Linnell, HSA #1 Jon Cabrera, HAS #3 Nathan Hamm, Oregon Dental Association Brooke Pace, Representative of Communities Less than 3500 Yoona Koo, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy Dan Brattain, Oregon EMS Association Rebecca Chown, Oregon Optometric Association Non voting members: Joan Watson-Patko Katie Caba ORH staff: Robert Duehmig, Sarah Andersen, Sara Mishalanie, Maggie Tidmore	Raymond Hino, Chair
	2. Public comment No requests for public comment were received. Time reallocated to OHA staff.	TBA
10:12 am – 11:00 am	3. OHA 2027 Healthcare Workforce Reports OHA staff presented drafts of the 2027 Healthcare Workforce Report and the Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Health Care Provider Incentive	Neelam Gupta, Deepti Shindi, Jill Boyd and Alyssa Sloane, OHA

	Programs in Oregon for RHCC member feedback. View the slides here. Feedback survey is open until Sept. 24 Next step is presenting the reports to the Oregon Legislature 1. Are there any major gaps, and how could we fill them? 2. Were there any parts of the report that appeared inaccurate, and are there any additional data points that could help improve its overall accuracy? Deb asked why the percentage of PA recipients is higher than other types of practitioners Raymond mentioned that the income cap for Rural Provider Tax Credit hasn't been raised in years Robert commented that the Oregon Legislature wouldn't likely raise the cap soon due to budget.	
11:00 am – 11:35 am	4. OHA RHTP updates OHA staff presented on RHTP timeline and current phase. View the slides here. Rebecca asked if any of the distributions have gone out yet. Yudi replied that they are on track for the Oct. 30 deadline. Deb asked how quickly the money goes out and if it is accruing interest. Yudi replied that the money goes out within three days. Raymond mentioned that Southern Coos Hospital falls into the transformation award category and	Yudi Liu and Laurel Swerdlow, OHA

	asked for more information on timelines and when they can expect an update. Sarah explained that ORH just recently received the approved budgets and they are in process of reviewing scopes of work. Hospitals and clinics should expect more information soon. ORH will also share more information with facilities on the required process for reporting.	
11:35 am – 11:40 am	5. Call to order (part two) A. Introductions: Dan Brattain recently joined RHCC as the Oregon EMS Association B. Approval of agenda: Brooke moved to approve, Deb seconded, unanimous approval C. Approval of minutes: Deb moved to approve, Nathan seconded, unanimous approval	Raymond Hino, chair
11:40 am – 11:45 am	6. Oregon Rural Health Conference update and October in-person meeting logistics Governor Kitzhaber will be the opening speaker. Rep. Rob Nosse and Rep. Mark Owens will present on a legislative panel. RHTP events will take place Friday morning The in-person RHCC meeting will be held from 1-3:30 pm on Friday, Oct. 9	Robert Duehmig, ORH
11:45 am – 11:52 am	7. RHCC new business RHCC members will receive updates prior to October meeting about their current term and limits.	Robert Duehmig, ORH

	Elections for chair and vice chair will be held at the October meeting.	
11:53 pm	Adjourn	