

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1002

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution creating the Oklahoma Primary
8 Care Improvement Task Force; providing for
9 termination date; providing for membership; providing
10 date for appointments and organizational meeting;
11 providing for selection of officers; stating duties
and deliverables; requiring completion of report by
certain date; exempting the Task Force from certain
acts; providing for meetings; providing for travel
reimbursement; and declaring an emergency.

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14 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma's health statistics are among the
15 worst in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise at an alarming rate
17 adversely impacting the state's economy; and

18 WHEREAS, numerous studies demonstrate that an increase in the
19 number of primary care physicians and a higher ratio of primary care
20 physicians to specialists produce better health outcomes; and

21 WHEREAS, studies also indicate that an increase in the
22 availability and usage of primary care physicians within the state
23 would help control spiraling health care costs; and
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1 WHEREAS, primary care clinicians are facing major challenges now
2 and will continue to face major challenges in the future, including
3 incorporation of new information technologies, shifting from an
4 acute, episodic care approach to one more compatible with current
5 population needs, adopting a team-based approach, shifting from a
6 disease-orientation to a person-centered approach, and simply
7 keeping up with the advances in medical knowledge; and

8 WHEREAS, substantial improvements in health and health care are
9 most likely to occur when primary care, public health, mental
10 health, and other community health improvement efforts are
11 strategically aligned within local communities; and

12 WHEREAS, a significant amount of work has already been done to
13 identify the issues and make recommendations for improving access to
14 primary care in Oklahoma through the Primary Care Advisory Task
15 Force Report; to establish an Oklahoma Primary Care Extension
16 Service to support primary care practices and improve alignment of
17 local health improvement efforts through the Oklahoma Primary Care
18 Extension Program Business Plan; and to more closely link the public
19 and private health systems through the Institute of Medicine Report:
20 Integrating Primary Care and Public Health; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to establish a task force in
22 order to develop an Oklahoma solution to Oklahoma's access to
23 primary care crisis.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2013,
5 the Oklahoma Primary Care Improvement Task Force. The Task Force
6 shall consist of fifteen (15) members to be selected as follows:

7 1. One member from the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 2. One member of the Oklahoma State Senate to be appointed by
10 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

11 3. One member who shall be the Commissioner of the Insurance
12 Department or a designee;

13 4. One member who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the
14 Oklahoma Health Care Authority or a designee;

15 5. One member who shall be the Commissioner of the State
16 Department of Health or a designee;

17 6. One member who shall be the Commissioner of the Department
18 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or a designee;

19 7. One member who shall be the Executive Director of the
20 Physician Manpower Training Commission or a designee;

21 8. One member who shall be a representative of a private sector
22 insurance company to be appointed by the Insurance Commissioner of
23 the Insurance Department;

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1 9. One member who shall be a self-employed primary care
2 physician, who practices in a rural community to be recommended by a
3 statewide organization representing family physicians and to be
4 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5 10. One member who shall be the director or designee of a
6 statewide primary care organization to be appointed by the Speaker
7 of the House of Representatives;

8 11. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
9 hospital organization to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
10 of the Senate;

11 12. Two members who shall be representatives of the primary
12 care departments in each academic health center located within the
13 state, one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives and the other of whom shall be appointed by the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

16 13. One member who shall be a primary care nurse practitioner
17 to be appointed by the Governor; and

18 14. One member of the public to be appointed by the Governor.

19 B. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by June 15,
20 2013. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-
21 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
22 conduct an organizational meeting not later than July 1, 2013.

23 C. The Task Force shall further investigate and make specific,
24 actionable recommendations regarding:

1 1. Methods to strengthen primary care in the state, including
2 strategies to increase the number of primary care physicians within
3 the state and ways to improve the distribution of those physicians
4 within the state; and

5 2. Ways to better align public, community and mental health
6 efforts to deliver health care on a local level.

7 D. The Task Force shall develop recommendations concerning the
8 implementation of a sustainable Primary Care Extension Program that
9 would support primary care practices throughout the state, but
10 particularly in rural areas. In particular, the Task Force shall
11 make specific, actionable recommendations regarding implementation
12 steps, a timetable for implementation, and public and private
13 sources of sustainable funding for the Program. The recommendations
14 shall be contained in a final report to be submitted to the
15 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than December 31, 2013.

17 E. The Task Force shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open
18 Meeting Act or to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

19 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
20 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
21 Force by law.

22 G. Travel reimbursement for the members of the Task Force shall
23 be provided by the appointing authorities.

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1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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