

Oregon Diabetes Coalition

Together, Improving the Health and Quality of Life of Oregonians affected by Diabetes

Core Partners of the ODC:

- Acumentra Health
- American Diabetes Association (ADA)
- OHSU Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center
- Oregon Diabetes Educators (ODE)
- Oregon Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (OR DPCP) – DHS
- Oregon Division of Medical Assistance Programs - DHS



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ODC Accomplishments!

- Diabetes Progress Report
- Oregon's Action Plan for Diabetes
- Population-based Guidelines for Diabetes
- Policy Data Fact Sheets
- Diabetes Resource Bank
- Diabetes Care Card

How the ODC Works!

❖ Administrative Committee led by 6 core partners

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❖ Awareness & Education Workgroup led by the OR DPCP

The Goal of the Awareness & Education Workgroup is that "Oregonians know the impact of diabetes and take action to decrease their risk of developing diabetes." The Workgroup has most recently been involved with the development of a Diabetes Resource Bank (low-literacy, easy-to-understand materials available on-line) and the revision of the Diabetes Care Card. The Workgroup is currently continuing work on the Diabetes Resource Bank, and at the Workday, will explore new objectives and activities to focus on in 2008.

❖ Access to Diabetes Data Workgroup led by the OR DPCP

The Access to Data Workgroup seeks to expand the collection, analysis, and dissemination of diabetes data in Oregon and to use the resulting information to calculate the long-term costs of diabetes, assess its impact on Oregonians, and guide efforts to improve care. Previous efforts have included production of the Progress Report on Diabetes and diabetes fact sheets. Looking forward, the workgroup seeks to improve the extent and quality of our data and to plan for more effective data dissemination strategies.

❖ Policy & Advocacy Workgroup led by the ADA

The Policy & Advocacy Workgroup is focusing on two important activities:

- 1) Efforts are underway to establish a legislative Diabetes Caucus in Oregon. The purpose of the Caucus is to form a bipartisan, cohesive and dynamic political force to address issues and development of policy that impact people with diabetes. Oregon is the second state in the U.S. to pursue development of a Diabetes Caucus.
- 2) House Bill 3486, introduced by Representative Bruun, states that "The Department of Human Services shall develop, by the year 2009, a strategic plan to start to slow the rate of diabetes caused by obesity and other environmental factors." An Advisory Committee has been formed, and its task is to develop policy and funding recommendations and a strategic plan to be presented at the 2009 legislative session.

The Advisory Committee split into two sub-committees focusing on prevention and cultural competency, and evidence-based screening and redesigning primary care. The strategic plan will cover obesity, pre-diabetes, and diabetes, and address prevention, early detection, management, and the social determinants of health.

❖ Quality Health Systems Workgroup led by Acumentra Health

The Goal of the Quality Health Systems Workgroup is to consistently improve health outcomes for Oregonians affected by diabetes. The Workgroup has recently been involved with improvement of the Diabetes Care Card, working in collaboration with health plans, diabetes educators, the American Diabetes Association and other partners. Objectives for this Workgroup have been electronic tracking systems, continuity of care, ease of access, and pay for performance initiatives. At the Workday, Workgroup members will be deciding upon priority objectives for 2008.

