

# Universal Health Care Commission's Finance Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) meeting summary

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March 13, 2025

Virtual meeting held on Zoom  
2-4:30pm

**Note:** The meeting materials packet and a full recording of this meeting can be found at:  
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/universal-health-care/finance-technical-advisory-committee>.

All votes made by the committee during this meeting are highlighted throughout in blue.

## Members present

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Christine Eibner  
David DiGiuseppe  
Eddy Rauser  
Ian Doyle  
Kai Yeung  
Pam MacEwan  
Robert Murray  
Roger Gantz

## Members absent

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Esther Lucero

## Call to order

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David DiGiuseppe, FTAC Liaison, called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. Sufficient members were present to allow a quorum.

## Agenda items

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### I. Welcoming remarks

DiGiuseppe began with a land acknowledgement and welcomed members to the fourteenth meeting of the committee.

### II. Meeting summary

The January 2025 meeting summary was approved by unanimous vote.

### III. Public comment

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Rachael Snell
- Kathryn Lewandowsky, Whole Washington
- Raleigh Watts, Whole Washington and Health Care is a Human Right
- Maureen Brinck-Lund, Health Care is a Human Right

Topics brought forth during public comments included a request to address governance, questions regarding administrative costs in the Milliman analysis, and a request for FTAC to ask for a dynamic fiscal note for the Washington Health Trust bill.

Their full testimonies can be found in the meeting recording [here](#) (time stamp: 7:15).

### IV. Universal Health Care Commission (UHCC) update

*David DiGiuseppe, FTAC Liaison*

DiGiuseppe provided a brief update on UHCC's February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. His update included an overview of public comments received during the meeting, UHCC's vote to support HB 1123/SB 5083, key takeaways from Oregon's reference-based pricing presentation, and an overview of the rural health roundtable.

The full update can be found in the meeting recording [here](#) (time stamp: 19:17).

### V. Workplan update

*Mary Franzen, HCA*

Mary Franzen provided a brief update on UHCC's 2025 workplan, which aims to address the Phase 1 milestones (excluding financing) in 2025. Franzen noted that there have been several public comments asking UHCC to consider changing the overall workplan developed in 2022 so that it addresses governance (currently in Phase 3) much sooner.

The full update can be found in the meeting recording [here](#) (time stamp: 27:20).

### VI. Milliman analysis findings and discussion

*Peter Hallum, Milliman and Mary Franzen, HCA*

Franzen began the presentation noting that the results of this analysis are to be used as a starting point for discussion of benefits and services that could be included in a universal design. She also highlighted that the scenarios modeled in the analysis are not proposals or recommendations that have been endorsed by FTAC or UHCC. Peter Hallum, Consulting Actuary at Milliman, then presented a detailed review of the analysis including summary results, an overview of the cost sharing scenarios, sensitivity analyses, the methodological approach, and further considerations for next steps. The full report is available at: <https://www.milliman.com/en/insight/universal-health-care-system-population-benefit-scenarios>.

Following the presentation, committee members were encouraged to ask questions. Committee members asked for clarification about the identified population, whether the analysis accounted for different types of drugs and biologics coming on the market, and how UHCC will use the findings from this report. DiGiuseppe indicated FTAC should share key takeaways from the Milliman analysis with UHCC as well as a potential pathway for what questions could be answered with this analysis.

**DiGiuseppe requested committee members send their ideas for next steps ahead of UHCC's next meeting on April 17, 2025. HCA staff will circulate a draft version of these ideas to FTAC members prior to UHCC's April meeting.**

The full presentation and discussion can be found in the meeting recording [here](#) (time stamp: 33:23).

## VII. Cost containment memo discussion

### *Todd Bratton, HCA*

Todd Bratton presented the draft cost containment principles for discussion and potential adoption. Committee members provided suggestions and comments for consideration, including condensing the principles. Bratton noted that the plan is to present the principles to UHCC at the April meeting for additional feedback. It was determined that HCA staff would circulate an updated draft with FTAC members via e-mail prior to UHCC's April meeting.

Bratton then presented the cost containment framework for discussion and potential adoption. The framework included four categories: Utilization Modifiers, Price and Spending Control Regulation, Administrative and Market Oversight, and Program Modification and Investment. Bratton noted that the purpose of the framework is to create a shared understanding between FTAC and UHCC about how cost containment strategies might be organized. Committee members did not indicate any concerns about how the framework was structured. No vote was taken.

Bratton then asked committee members to discuss coding the different cost containment strategies to gain consensus among committee members about which strategies should be included in a unified system, which strategies should be transitional only, which strategies could be either, and which strategies should be excluded altogether. Committee members noted that some of the strategies could be considered, but their utility may be limited if implemented concurrently. No vote was taken, and it was determined that HCA staff would circulate an updated draft with FTAC members for further feedback.

The full presentation and discussion can be found in the meeting recording [here](#) (time stamp: 1:53:29).

## Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

## Next meeting

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**Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 2-4:30pm**

Meeting to be held on Zoom