

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

July 17, 2025

Virtual meeting held on Zoom from 2–4:30 p.m.

Note: The meeting materials packet and a full recording of this meeting can be found on the [Commission's FTAC page](#).

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

Members present

Christine Eibner
Eddy Rauser
Ian Doyle
Pam MacEwan
Robert Murray
Roger Gantz

Members absent

Esther Lucero
Kai Yeung

Call to order

Ross Valore, Cost Board and Commission Director at HCA, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. There were enough members for a quorum, so the committee could hold votes.

Agenda items

Welcoming remarks

Valore welcomed members to FTAC's 16th meeting. He noted that FTAC Lead David DiGiuseppe recently resigned from his FTAC position to pursue a new career opportunity. FTAC members were encouraged to reach out if they were interested in serving as FTAC Lead.

Meeting minutes

Committee members approved the May meeting minutes by unanimous vote.

Public comment

The following members of the public provided comments:

- **Marcia Stedman**, Health Care for All – Washington
- **Rachael Snell**
- **Kathryn Lewandowsky**, Whole Washington
- **Maureen Brinck-Lund**, Health Care is a Human Right

Public comment topics included:

- A request to consider addressing governance earlier in the workplan
- A request to seek funding for implementation of universal health care in Washington state immediately
- Recommendations for future actuarial analyses
- Support for the Universal Health Care Commission's upcoming Advocates Roundtable and request that FTAC members attend

Find full testimonies in the [meeting recording \(time stamp 6:13\)](#).

Workplan update

Ally Power, HCA

Ally Power, Health Policy Analyst at HCA, highlighted upcoming meetings of interest for FTAC members, including the Health Care Cost Transparency Board's July meeting and the Universal Health Care Commission's Advocates Roundtable. She reviewed the Commission's milestone tracker and noted for today's meeting, FTAC will be reviewing draft straw proposals for eligibility and benefits and services. The new straw proposal format is being piloted in response to Commission members' requests to further document decisions.

Power also discussed budget impacts to the Commission, including a reduction in staff and the termination of consultant support. Power highlighted that the 2025–2027 budget contains new proviso funding from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) to support economic, actuarial, or other modeling related to design of a universal health care system.

Find the full presentation and discussion in the [meeting recording \(time stamp 16:00\)](#).

Universal Health Care Commission update

Ross Valore, HCA

Valore provided an update from the June Commission meeting which included:

- An overview of the public comments received
- A request from the Insurance Commissioner to invite the Oregon Universal Health Plan Governance Board to the September Commission meeting to learn more about interstate health care compacts
- Timing of governance in the workplan
- Updated attendance policy for FTAC members
- Introduction of a potential Commission-FTAC workgroup
- Initial discussion on provider reimbursement and participation and transitional solutions

Valore noted that Commission members agreed that transparency and accountability are key in this work and that governance is an important design element, but that changing the timing of governance in the Commission's workplan wasn't needed at this time. During future meetings, the Commission may consider moving governance from Phase 3 to Phase 2 to allow for considering governance at the same time as infrastructure.

Find the full presentation and discussion in the [meeting recording \(time stamp 22:12\)](#).

UHCC/FTAC Workgroup update

Jane Beyer, OIC and Ross Valore, HCA

The UHCC/FTAC Work Group met several times after the June Commission meeting to develop straw proposals for eligibility and benefits and services. These straw proposals aim to answer open questions and better document Commission decisions. Work group member Jane Beyer, who is a member of the Commission, provided an overview of both draft proposals as developed by the work group. FTAC members then provided revisions. Revised drafts will be shared with work group members, then all FTAC members, before heading to the Commission during their September meeting.

Find the full presentation and discussion in the [meeting recording \(time stamp 31:53\)](#).

Transitional solutions

Ross Valore, HCA

Ross Valore provided a brief overview of the Commission's previous transitional solutions work and led FTAC in a discussion on which transitional solution topics FTAC members believed were the most critical for advancing the state's readiness for a universal health system. FTAC members suggested a number of transitional solutions UHCC could consider focusing on, including:

- Stabilization of our current system, e.g., maintaining people's access to coverage, supporting rural hospitals
- Looking at the financial underpinnings of our current system to address affordability
- Developing a list of the transitional solutions the commission has already identified to see what has already been done
- Expanding and consolidating state purchasing

Find the full presentation and discussion in the [meeting recording \(time stamp 1:58:21\)](#).

Closing comments and adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 2–4:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held on Zoom