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Highlights

- ? Progress Board positions approved by the legislature
- ? Department of Administrative Services (DAS) advisory group tackles child well-being and economic development performance measurement
- ? Oregon Progress Board (OPB) executive director named to Governor's sustainability leadership team
- ? Performance measurement subcommittee considers ways to improve Oregon's approach to child well-being
- ? Data for Local Communities debuts new website at OPB meeting
- ? SOLV to strengthen links to Oregon Benchmarks

Administration

Board and Staff

Your staff is moved into their new digs in the DAS Building at 155 Cottage Street NE.

Now that the Board's funding is secure for the foreseeable future, Jeff will begin the search for a new member to fill the seat held by Lindsey Berryman. While not required by statute, the seat has traditionally been filled by someone from Southern Oregon. Suggestions are most welcome.

Budget

The 2003-05 DAS budget, containing the three Progress Board staff positions, has been finalized. Again, special thanks to Governor Kulongoski and Gary Weeks for their support of the Board.

Program

(Goals and objectives listed below are from the Board's 2001 - 03 work plan.)

Goal 1: Maintain and Enhance *Oregon Shines* as the State's Strategic Vision

Objective 1.1: Improve the quality and accessibility of benchmarks.

Project 1.1A - Biennial Benchmark Performance Report

The report has been, generally, well received. Nearly all the 3,000 copies of the report have been distributed.

Unfortunately, an error in the report appeared as a factual statement in an *Oregonian* editorial a few weeks ago. Editorial writer Rick Attig used the reference to Oregon's ranking in violent crime in an editorial on Measure 11. When the very poor ranking was challenged, Progress Board staff determined that the national rank was actually for "serious" crime rather than violent crime.

Project 1.1B & 1.1C - 2002 Oregon Population Survey

The 2002 survey was released at the May Progress Board meeting. Agencies have been slow to release reports generated by the data.

Project 1.1D & 1.1E - Race & Ethnicity Report and Health Data

Nothing new to report.

Project 1.1F - 2002 Ready-to-Learn Survey

The 2002 Kindergarten Survey Report, which the Progress Board co-sponsors, shows that all six dimensions of readiness-to-learn improved between 2000 and 2002. The six dimensions are: physical well-being, language usage, approach to learning, cognition/general knowledge, motor development and social/emotional development. Over three quarters – 76 percent - of children entering Oregon kindergartens met all six dimensions of readiness, up from 67 percent in 2000. Children meeting five or more dimensions increased to 88 percent in 2002, up from 82 percent in 2000.

Project 1.1G - SOER Data and Targets

Nothing new to report.

Objective 1.2: Develop action agendas for selected benchmarks.

Project 1.2A - Action Agendas

Nothing new to report.

Objective 1.3: Improve Oregon's ability to measure sustainability.

Project 1.3A - Sustainability Index

The Governor recently issued the enclosed executive order on sustainability. The accompanying letter, also enclosed, to Secretary of State Bill Bradbury suggests that the Sustainability Board ask the Progress Board to develop sustainability measures. The Sustainability Board is expected to make that request. Staff met with the Sustainability Board on July 9 to discuss timing of the report. The executive order names the director of the Progress Board as a member of a new sustainability leadership team.

Other

Nothing new to report.

Goal 2: Mobilize Partners to Help Achieve Benchmark Targets
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Objective 2.1: Increase state agency use of benchmarks.

Project 2.1.A - Performance Guidelines

Quite a few agencies were quizzed or challenged regarding their performance measures during Ways and Means Committee work sessions. Some were told to change specific measures; others to conduct wholesale reviews of their measures. Legislative attention is, generally, good news for performance measurement in Oregon state government. It points out, however, the need for more communication between the executive and legislative branches about what constitutes a good performance measure and about how changes should be made in the future. Staff will work with the DAS director's office to conduct a user survey to determine how the process could be improved in the next budget go-round.

Projects 2.1B & 2.1C - Agency Performance Frameworks

The Advisory Committee on Government Performance and Accountability met on May 27 for orientation. The committee's Performance Measurement Subcommittee held its first meeting on June 24 to review the state's goals and performance measures for child well-being. The subcommittee is examining current goals and performance measures, as well as looking at possible improvements in the system for developing, budgeting and managing with measures. A July 30 meeting will review recommendations for improving child well-being measures and will hear a presentation from the state's economic development agencies. The subcommittee will share preliminary findings with the full Advisory Committee in September.

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) performance project:

This project is complete.

Economic and Community Development Department performance project:

This project is complete.

Criminal Justice Commission:

This project is complete.

Department of Education:

Rita and Jeff completed work on the Department of Education's mission, goals and performance measures. Department managers used the materials as part of their Ways and Means presentation. Further work with the department is possible.

Project 2.1C - Performance Training for Agencies

The due date for the first annual performance report for agencies will be delayed until November to allow for agencies to adjust their measures and targets to reflect legislative changes and budget reductions. Progress Board training will occur after the legislature finishes its work on the budget.

Project 2.1D - 2003 Benchmark Blue Book

Dropped. The performance measure project replaced the Blue Book.

Project 2.1E and 2.1F - Legislative Requests

None.

Objective 2.2: Broaden benchmark usage by partners.

Project 2.2A - 2002 County Data Book

Complete. Rita will begin working on an update for release in the fall of 2003.

Project 2.2B - SB555 Reports (Partners for Children & Families):

Nothing new to report.

Project 2.2C - Oregon State of the Environment Report 2000 Outreach

Nothing new to report.

Project 2.2D - Library Consortium Project

Project Director Tom Stave will make a presentation on the new Data for Local Communities system at the Board's July meeting.

Project 2.2E - Local Partner Requests

SOLV Executive Director Jack McGowan will attend the Board's July meeting to discuss ways the Progress Board could assist his and other non-profit organizations in better linking to Oregon Benchmarks.

Project 2.2F - Oregon Solutions Network Requests

Nothing new to report.

Project 2.2G - SB555 Technical Assistance

Nothing new to report.

Other

Nothing new to report.

Goal 3: Build More Public Awareness of Oregon Shines and Benchmarks

Objective 3.1 Increase public knowledge of Oregon Shines and benchmarks.

Project 3.1A - Periodic Reports

Press coverage:

Broader action ahead for Progress Board, The governor wants the panel to be more hands-on; *Statesman Journal*; Business leaders offer performance guidance for state, A group of executives will help government improve regulation and management, *Statesman Journal*; and Costs keep top grads at home, Oregon's brain drain slows as more valedictorians opt for universities in the state; *The Oregonian*.

Project 3.1B - County Data and Benchmark Trend Presentations

None.

Project 3.1C - Website

Web hits have been running about significantly under 2002 figures -

	2003	2002
January	6,504	6,811
February	5,697	6,214
March	5,633	7,157
April	4,731	Not available
May	4,182	7,988
June		6,539
July		Not available
August		6,494
September		5,766
October		6,084
November		5,268
December		4,083

Objective 3.2: Provide advice and guidance to others.

Project 3.2A – Health Outcomes Study

Complete.

Project 3.2B – Assist Visiting Delegations

Premier Mike Rann, South Australia; Botswana Senior Managers.

Project 3.2C – Cooperate with Oregon Shines’ Researchers

Nothing new.

Other

Meetings

Meetings – Advisory Committee for Government Performance & Accountability

6/2 Performance Measure Subcommittee; 6/9 Child Well-being Agencies Workgroup; 6/13 Child Well-being Agencies Workgroup; 6/16 Economic Development Agencies Workgroup; 6/18 Child Well-being Agencies Workgroup; 6/24 Performance Measure Subcommittee, Portland; 7/7 Economic Development Agencies Workgroup

Other Meetings

Mark Ganz, Performance Measure Subcommittee; OPB Executive Committee, Portland; Child well-being, Erinn Kelley-Siel; Board member Bobbie Dore Foster, Portland; Dept. of Planning, Public Policy & Management, Eugene; Chet Orloff, policy institute, Portland; Child well-being, Mike Greenfield; Jack McGowan and staff, SOLV, Hillsboro; Board member Dave Frohnmayer; Sustainability Leadership Team; Partners for Children & Families Steering Committee; Sustainability Workgroup; Child Well-being Performance Measure Working Group; Governor’s Drug & Violent Crime Advisory Board; Partners for Children & Families Steering Committee.

Presentations

City Club New Leaders Council, Portland

Goal 4: Provide high quality services to all stakeholders.

Objective 4.1 Communicate regularly with stakeholders regarding quality.

Project 4.1A: Participate in customer satisfaction survey

Complete.

Project 4.1B: Survey Legislators and Staff

No change.

Project 4.1C: Survey Meeting Participants

Complete.

Enclosures

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