



**UHA Board of Directors**  
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Board Members (Voting Members)	Title	Present	
		Yes	No
Aden Bliss	Board Member	Y	
Bart Bruns, MD	Board Member, Chair	Y	
Brenda Tibbetts	Board Member	Y	
Chris Spence, MD	Board Member	Y	
Chuck Chappell	Board Member	Y	
David Rickman, MD	Board Member	Y	
Gary Allen, DMD	Board Member	Y	
Jamie Poindexter	Board Member	Y	
Jason Gray, MD	Board Member, Vice Chair	Y	
Jerry O'Sullivan	Board Member	Y	
KC Bolton	Board Member		N
Neal Brown	Board Member	Y	
Rodney Todd, MD	Board Member	Y	
Russell Woolley	Board Member	Y	
Sarah Agsten, DO	Board Member	Y	
Sharon Stanphill, DrPH	Board Member	Y	
Tim Freeman	Board Member	Y	

Non-Voting Participants/Guests	Title
Brent Eichman	CEO
Keith Lowther	CFO
Nancy Rickenbach	COO
Doug Carr, MD	Medical Director

Non-Voting Participants/Guests	Title
Lindsey Baker	CoS
Lynn Chandler	Executive Assistant
Bevin Ankrom	OHA
Jane Maritz, Sunrise Enterprises	Guest

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Status
<b>I. Call to Order</b>			
A. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:31am.		
<b>II. New Business</b>			
<b>Reports</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required <input type="checkbox"/> Approved
<b>A. CAC</b>	Jerry O' Sullivan reported that the CAC decided to have a single primary CHIP funding dispersal of \$250,000 for the year, with an additional \$50,000 reserved for smaller rolling awards, due to reduced funding. The application period is open until April 15, and award decisions will follow.		
<b>B. Executive</b>	Chuck Chappell summarized that the Executive Committee met twice, focusing on updates to the 2025 Quality Incentive Plan, OKR functions, policy updates, Medicaid sustainability, and financial reviews, with results reflected in the financials presented later.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required <input type="checkbox"/> Approved



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<p><b>C. Compliance</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bruns detailed the Compliance Committee's review of fraud, waste, and abuse prevention handbook changes, compliance handbook updates, vendor transitions (notably to DCIPA for credentialing), HRIS changes, risk assessment process updates, and provider audits. He noted an uptick in compliance hotline usage, which is seen as positive for transparency.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed  <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required  <input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p>
<p><b>D. Quality Improvement Committee</b></p>	<p>Dr. Carr described the structure of committee reporting, highlighted Arcadia's population health review, the high-cost drug carve-out, adoption of the opioid treatment toolbox, and noted that the Delivery System Advisory Council meeting was canceled for technical reasons. He also mentioned ongoing benchmarking and quality metric programs. His current report will be emailed to the Board.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed  <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required  <input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p>
<p><b>E. Nominating &amp; Governance Committee</b></p>	<p>Aden Bliss reported that the Nominating &amp; Governance Committee recommended replacing Dr. Brigham with Steve Barron and Dr. Tim Powell with Dr. John Powell on the UHA Board, following the retirement and departure of the previous members.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed  <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required  <input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p>
<p><b>F. CHIP Grant Recipient Presentation: FISH Food Pantry</b></p>	<p>Jen Reida explained that FISH received two CHIP grants, one for food purchases and another for a refrigerated van, enabling the pantry to serve over 1,200 families monthly and maintain food safety during transport, especially in hot months.</p> <p>FISH implemented a choice-model shopping experience, community agency shopping hours, and specialized food sections for dietary and cultural needs, based on client surveys and feedback.</p> <p>FISH launched the Umpqua Valley Little Free Pantries initiative, placing 19 pantries in the community, and is working on grant-writing support for smaller pantries to address declining food bank supplies and ensure long-term sustainability.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed  <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required  <input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p>
<p><b>G. CEO Report</b></p>	<p>Brent delivered a comprehensive CEO report to the board, covering 2026 legislative outcomes, strategic opportunities such as mail order pharmacy and population health initiatives, workforce stabilization, and structural threats including funding reductions, policy changes, and statewide healthcare challenges.</p> <p>Highlights include;</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed  <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required  <input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five key bills from the 2026 legislative session, highlighting the defeat of HB 4003 (prioritized list removal), support for increased transparency in capitation rate development, and the impact of the QIP reduction and Bay Area Hospital stabilization funding.</li> <li>• Strategic opportunities include a mail order pharmacy pilot to address limited retail pharmacy access; a high-cost drug carve-out to reduce risk and new population health strategies targeting high-risk, high-cost members; maintaining local investments in Community Health Improvement; workforce stabilization efforts, shifting toward local hiring, celebrated Newton Creek Clinic's achievement of PCPCH Tier 5 status, which is expected to improve reimbursement and care quality; Board Development Strategies.</li> <li>• Structural threats such as HR1-driven Medicaid funding reductions, potential benefit cuts, CCO consolidation, the transition from the prioritized list to a medical necessity framework, and increasing administrative burdens.</li> <li>• Brent emphasized the need for ongoing health policy engagement, noted the organization's strong financial and quality performance, and reaffirmed commitment to community health improvement investments despite statewide funding pressures.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>H. Finance Report and Dividend Request</b></p>	<p>Keith provided the year-end 2025 and January 2026 Finance Report.</p> <p><b>2025 Year-End Financials:</b> Keith reported a strong fourth quarter for 2025, with retroactive premium adjustments and risk corridor changes resulting in a global risk pool of \$9 million and EBITDA exceeding budget expectations.</p> <p><b>January 2026 Financials:</b> He noted that January 2026 started well, with EBITDA on track, a slight dip in membership, and continued strong performance in claims and risk pool contributions.</p> <p><b>Risk-Based Capital and Reserves:</b> Keith reviewed the risk-based capital (RBC) calculations, showing a combined RBC of 748% at the end of 2025, well above the 300% threshold, and explained the organization's approach to maintaining adequate reserves.</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required <input type="checkbox"/> Approved
<p><b>III. Meeting Open to the Public</b></p>			
<p><b>A. Public Registration</b></p>	<p>The meeting was open to the Public at 7:51 am. Jane Maritz, Executive Director of Sunrise Enterprises was present.</p>		



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<b>B. Public Comment</b>	Jane Maritz from Sunrise Enterprises joined the public portion of the meeting to learn about UHA, and Dr. Bruns provided an overview of the board's structure, membership, and meeting procedures for the benefit of guests and new participants.		
<b>C. Public Vote</b>	<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2025 UHA Board Minutes</li> <li>2026 UHA Board Meeting Schedule</li> <li>UHA Board Slate of Nominees, as recommended by the Nominating &amp; Governance Committee.</li> <li>Finance Report, including December Year-End 2025 and January 2026.</li> </ul>	<p><i>The motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Chuck Chappell, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>The motion was made by Jason Gray and seconded by Sarah Agsten, to approve the December 2025 Finance Reports, and January 2026 Finance Report. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> F/U Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved
<b>IV. Adjournment</b>			
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	The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 am.		

Respectfully Submitted:

*Bart Bruns*

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 Bart Bruns, MD

6/16/2026 | 10:54 AM PDT

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 Approval Date

Recorded by:

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 Lindsey Baker, Chief of Staff



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