



Conference call notes from Co –chairs conference call after Executive Committee meeting:

Thoughts on Moving Forward

As we enter the last two months of Work Group activity, we would ask you to:

1. Please review the Oct. 3 minutes as it refers to your specific Work Group. **Please consider the questions and comments outlined at the Oct. 3 Executive Committee meeting.**
2. **Please work to address the following in your final report as it relates to your refined list of priority recommendations:**
 - a. What is the value added to the region of the recommendation? Why is it important?
 - b. What is not occurring now that we should be doing?
 - c. Is there a way to do things more efficiently than what we are doing today?
 - d. How would you suggest that your recommendations be implemented? Who and how?
 - e. Is there strong support within your Work Group for the priority recommendations?

The answers to these questions will help to address the fundamental question of whether there is broad enough support to ensure that the various priority recommendations will actually be implemented (which is the goal of the Taskforce).

Schedule

We plan to have a draft report to the Executive Committee in advance of our Jan. 9 meeting at the Portland Airport Sheraton. Therefore, we have two important deadlines:

Dec. 1 - Identification of likely high priority recommendations and potential legislative proposals (if any). These do not need to be in a detailed report format. A specific list of high priority recommendations that have addressed the questions above would suffice. We will use these lists to begin to test the recommendations with the Executive Committee in advance of beginning to write the Draft Report.

Dec. 15 - Final reports outlining priority recommendations and supporting rationale.