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**From:** Gretchen Peterson <GAPeterson@HannaAndersson.com>  
**Sent:** 5/15/2014 6:22:47 AM +0000  
**To:** Liz Baxter <liz@ophi.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: COVER OREGON: Deloitte Contract

Hi Liz,

I wanted to make sure you knew that I contacted Kelly as it seemed inappropriate for me to continue to receive Board emails after having resigned. The contract sent today wasn't really confidential but I was concerned that additional emails might be sent with information that I'm no longer entitled to receive, particularly if any movement occurred on the ED search.

I know she mentioned this to Clyde Hamstreet as he emailed me this evening so this info might reach others on the staff tomorrow so would be good to inform other board members as soon as possible.

Clyde voiced concern that my decision was driven by the issue with the Deloitte contract not being submitted to the board. I will respond and clarify my primary reason being workload/time commitment at work - however, it's certainly exacerbated by my belief that the board has very limited influence or impact.

There is a real disconnect between the public's perception and expectations of the board's authority and oversight capability and the reality. The Deloitte contract execution without board review and the seemingly lack of thought to having board discussion and input into the business plan before submission to the legislature are just clearer signals of an ongoing lack of clarity of the board's purpose. I can't fathom a business (for profit or non-profit) operating with their board in this manner.

My perception is this has always been an issue, however, it's certainly become more & more apparent since January. At this point, at best, it's become just an advisory board--worst case, the board simply is acting as a public pass through of decisions already made at the state agency level or by the governor's advisors. While I don't disagree with any of the decisions recently made, I do have concerns that these processes are exactly what contributed to the failure of the technology build. I do disagree with how the board is not being utilized or even consulted. That's not what I signed up for and if my time is stretched thin, it only makes sense for me to focus where I can make a difference.

If you can let me know when my resignation has been communicated to other board members, I would like to email them a quick goodbye and thank you.

I recognize you are in an exceedingly difficult position and I admire and appreciate the professionalism you've brought to the role of Board Chair. Thank you for sharing your wisdom - I've learned a lot from you in the past two years.

Best regards,  
Gretchen

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From: Harms Kelly  
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Date: May 14, 2014 at 4:11:52 PM PDT  
To: Gretchen Peterson  
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Subject: Re: COVER OREGON: Deloitte Contract

Hi Gretchen,

I wasn't aware of your resignation, but I will make sure that you're removed from my distribution lists, and are removed from the website.

I've really enjoyed working with you the past few years, and your wisdom and experience will be sorely missed on the board.

Kelly

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From: Gretchen Peterson  
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Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 2:32 PM  
To: Kelly Harms <kharms@coveroregon.com<mailto:kharms@coveroregon.com>>  
Subject: RE: COVER OREGON: Deloitte Contract

Hi Kelly,

After careful consideration, I submitted my resignation from the Cover Oregon Board of Directors to Chair Baxter effective last Thursday, May 8th. I don't know to whom that's been communicated yet, but I should be removed from the board distribution list immediately.

On a personal note, thank you for your patience and flexibility throughout the past few years. I do appreciate having had the opportunity to meet and get to know so many people committed to improving access to healthcare in Oregon. I wish everyone the best at Cover Oregon as the transition continues over the coming months.

Thank you,  
Gretchen

From: Harms Kelly [mailto:kharms@coveroregon.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11:41 AM  
To: Liz Baxter; José Gonzalez; Ken Allen; Teri Andrews; George Brown; Gretchen Peterson; CALI Laura N; Pattie Carlin; MYERS Brenda M; Beverly Peacock; Stephanie Swan; Fauver Amy; Leibowitz Nora; Bianco, Diana; Hutchings Laura; Barenberg, David; McClure, Alyssa; Harms Kelly; Schmidt, Mark; Hamstreet, Clyde; Pettit, Alex; HOFFMAN Suzanne; HULETT Tracy; EDLUND Tina D; Miller, Sarah  
Cc: Anderson, Judith  
Subject: COVER OREGON: Deloitte Contract

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Dear Board Members,

At last week's Board meeting, you asked to see the materials for the executed Deloitte contract. I have attached the Board Notification summary and the Statement of Work for the contract.

If you have any questions about this contract, please contact Sarah Miller at 503-507-5712 or at [ssmiller@coveroregon.com](mailto:ssmiller@coveroregon.com)<<mailto:ssmiller@coveroregon.com>>.

Kelly

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