CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name: Satyanarayana Chandragiri MD
Region: Marion
District/ESD/CC: Salem -Keizer school district 24J  Position #:11

I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.

Satyanarayana Chandragiri
Name

9/16/2019
Date

Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?

Educational outcomes are health outcomes. Anything that hurts our children’s health and safety will impair their learning. Despite this, inequities exists in our country. Healthy and educated citizens are vital for our nation’s economy, national security, social and business viability. I want to work on systemic approaches to improve the health and educational trajectories of our students and help them lead a flourishing life.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

31 years of serving as a psychiatrist in three countries, working with diverse communities of children, families, Veterans. I learned to listen, practice deep understanding, compassion for others. I am fiscally frugal, believe in hard work, role of public education to mitigate inequities.

I headed state hospital, started a mental health program and served half of Saint Lucia, started residential programs for those with traumatic brain injuries using blended funding that went on to win National award. I see challenges as an opportunity to innovate, empower our team, create opportunities for local business, create jobs and serve in a cost effective manner. I am a team player and have worked on developing trauma informed systems of care in my work extending from Harney to Douglas county in the last 10 years of serving Oregon. Following September 11, 2001 when federal government abruptly ended a health professional shortage area physician recruitment program, I worked and lobbied along with my professional association and helped Oregon adopt Conrad 30 program to replace thus we were able to continue to serve medically underserved areas in our state.

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge armed occupation ended in February 2016. I realized the impact of the trauma on the entire county. The state was preoccupied with a mass shooting at Roseburg and not much help was forthcoming to address the psychological impact. In order to prevent a contagion effect, I drove to the county and camped there for five days and worked with my patients, my staff, the staff of general hospital, BLM , the local newspaper, other agencies including law enforcement, faith communities etc. I created a blog harneyheals.wordpress.com with tools to help the county heal, the staff to return to work, for parents to communicate with their children, manage stress and trauma, with clear information on when and where to seek
help. This was communicated to all the 7500 residents of the county and thus we prevented a violence contagion effect and helped the county heal.

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?
   A. Oregon Student Success act- Implementation of the student success act, engaging diverse communities and aligning the policy and priorities
   B. Student mental health and wellness, suicide prevention. As it has bearing on school attendance, educational outcomes, school safety and requires legislation, cross cutting policy alignment across other child serving systems of care, it will be an important issue and will require collaboration across systems.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?
   A. Addressing the needs of diverse communities and educational equity. Ensuring clear measurable equity indicators of educational outcome, resources and opportunity allocation across disadvantaged communities.
   B. Improve school engagement and increase school attendance, graduation and quality educational program that is engaging, expanding CTEC program and opportunities that lead to well paying job ready programs or post secondary educational opportunities.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?
   In addition to one to one contact with board members, I will send regular email summary to other board directors in our region, solicit their ideas, do periodic survey of the issues and concerns facing the region, meet the Board chair or vice chair, or other board directors.
   I will share the updates and summaries to other boards so that they can share with their communities. I will solicit their participation in the OSBA convention and other meetings, ask other board directors to join me when meeting the legislators, legislative staff, request them to attend lobby days, write to the local media or contact local communities to solicit the public support around issues that are important priorities for OSBA.
   I will brain storm ideas with other Board members who have longer experience in the school board or have expertise in selected areas, seek to learn from them and also learn best practices that they have implemented in their district and has the potential for scaling up in our region or our state. I want to learn what works and does not work and explore legislative or policy solutions.

Deadline: September 27, 2019, 5 p.m.

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Term expires: 2023. Years on board: STARTED 2019

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Please send your picture (head shot). A high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable. E-mail to OSBAelections@osba.org or mail to: Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):
Elected school Board Director July 2019

Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):
Employers: Dates:
Psychiatrist- Chandras clinic, Salem OR- psychiatric services private practice, Harney county mental health,
Psychiatric care to persons with mental illness and brain injury in group home in Lane and Douglas County.
Started my practice Chandras clinic in 2008
Salem Hospital department of psychiatry. Since 2005
Previously Psychiatrist at Salem VA clinic from 2012 to 2017
Psychiatrist at Greater Oregon Behavioral Health incorporation serving Eastern Oregon as the medical director of
Utilization services department since 2018

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):
High school: Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bangalore, India graduated 10th grade in 1979
College: Satya Sai college, India completed Pre University (11th and 12th grade) 1979-1981
Degrees earned: MBBS Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore, India 1981-1987
MD Psychiatry, National Institute of mental health and neuroscience, Bangalore, India 1987-1990
MD Psychiatry, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA 1996-2000
Education honors and/or awards:
American Psychiatric Association Bristol Meyer Squibb fellowship in Public Psychiatry
Oregon Psychiatric Association access award

Other applicable training or education:

Activities, other state and local community services:
Former superintendent of BLM mountain recovery center, a state hospital in Pendleton, OR
Former President INDUS (India-US friendship Association) an Association to promote cultural understanding

Hobbies/special interests:
Raise chicken, cooking, painting, traveling, learning languages. Between my wife and I we speak nine languages.

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

Past President of Oregon Psychiatric Association
Member of Oregon Psychiatric physician Association and American Psychiatric Association
Former Board member of American Association of community psychiatrists

Additional comments:
1. In 1994 started a general hospital based community mental health program and served a population of 60,000 and south of Saint Lucia, West Indies.
2. In 2016 when the Harney county Malheur National wildlife refuge armed takeover ended after 41 days, I worked with various county agencies to help the county recover from the impact of the takeover.

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