



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders together to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

DATE: September 18, 2020

Oregon Health Policy Board: The board held a meeting this week to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on health care providers. The slidedeck for the presentation is [available online](#).

Emergency Preparedness:

Are Nurses Prepared? A recent study suggested that nurses may not be receiving the training in emergency preparedness to meet the public's needs in response to a disaster. Asante Health, Santiam Hospital, George Fox University and University of Portland all shared how their COVID-19 response teams pivoted into responding to the wildfire and hazardous air crises. Other Huddlers have not necessarily been included in their organization's or community's disaster preparedness discussions. There was group conversation around the need to advocate for and prepare nurses to play a larger role in emergency preparedness discussions at many levels.

Student Volunteers. After the conversation at last week's Huddle about ways to mobilize and engage nursing students in emergency responses, the University of Portland reached out to an existing clinical partner (Portland Fire and Rescue) to ask about how students could assist evacuees from the Clackamas Area fires. Within a day students were out connecting with and helping evacuees. UP thanked the Southern Oregon Huddlers for the advice and suggestions!

Resources:

OAHS Fund For Health Care Workers Impacted By Fires: <https://buff.ly/2FCqdTG>

Nurses: A Year, A Moment, A Celebration! Join OCN for this virtual event on October 8. [Click here for more details!](#)

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