



Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

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Oregon State Board of Nursing Updates:

OSBN Database Transition. OSBN is transitioning from a independent database to using NCSBN's ORBS database. This will provide the board with additional resources to support the database and additional tools for licensees and employers. The entire OSBN web portal will be unavailable from 9/30 – 10/10. There will be no licensing or complaint services available during this time. Licenses that expire during that time will be able to renew up until 10/15/2022. Notification regarding the database downtime was sent out by OSBN to all licensees via their email address on file. They plan to send additional notifications out to licensees in the near future.

HB2359 – Healthcare Interpreter Access. This bill required OHA to establish a healthcare interpreter registry to make sure that healthcare interpreters are qualified to be performing services. The way the bill is written, individual health care providers, not organizations, are required to use registered healthcare interpreters. There are 1100 interpreters listed in the registry, but services, like the AT&T interpretation line are not listed. Organizations should be looking at which services they are contracted with and make sure they are registered with OHA. OSBN will be amending the nurse practice act to include language related to working with healthcare interpreters.

HPSP Alternative to Discipline Program. Current use of the HPSP program by registered nurses (CNAs were not able to use the program) costs the board \$1.7M annually. While in the past there were up to 200 nurses enrolled in HPSP, currently there are only 48 nurses enrolled in the program. They are all scheduled to leave the program by 2026. The Board has not found any data that shows the alternative to discipline program has better results than discipline/supervision by the Board. For those reasons the board will be leaving the HPSP program during the 2025-2027 biennium. The Board will be implementing new rules related to discipline and how disciplinary actions are displayed in licensees' records. The Board is considering different options for the funds collected to support the HPSP program including reducing licensing fees or creating a fund to support nursing initiative throughout the state.

Announcements:

Celebrate Oregon's Nurse Preceptors. Congratulations to our [2022 Outstanding Oregon Nurse Preceptors](#)! Please help us celebrate and spread the word about these nurse leaders.

Medical Assistance in Dying Research. Jeremiah Wayne, 4th year medical student in Kentucky, is conducting research on healthcare workers' experiences and opinions on medical assistance in dying. If you would like to participate in this research, you can reach Jeremiah at jlwa265@uky.edu or 270-860-7165.

Project Echo Content Request. [Project Echo](#) is looking to build a curriculum specific to resilience and healthcare worker wellness in long term care settings. If you have existing curriculum you can share, connect with [Leah Brandis](#).

Education Pathways Presentation. Join the Schwartz Center's webinar on [Expanding and Diversifying Pathways to Health Professional Education](#) on September 27.

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