



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: January 20, 2023

Nursing Workforce:

Accepting Orders from Out-of-State Providers. Accepting medical orders from out-of-state providers is a problem for border communities where people may be seeking care in a neighboring state or individuals who have recently moved to Oregon. There is a carve out for school nurses so they can accept out-of-state order related to student for up to 90 days while care is being transferred to Oregon. Community-based care organizations tried to receive a similar carve out but failed. A current workaround is to have an Oregon-based provider co-sign a medical order but not all medical providers are willing to do so. It was unclear whether a law change was necessary eliminate this need.

Virtual Nursing. Health systems across the US are turning to virtual or telehealth nurses to provide virtual care for patients. The data on how this type of care is impacting patients has not yet been evaluated.

Residency Programs. Kaiser Permanente had a smaller than expected cohort of new residents. They had the ability to take 24 new graduates but ended up with a cohort of 8.

Nursing Education:

Telehealth and Nursing Education. OHSU, Linfield and George Fox University have created a tele-triage simulation. They also piloted a telehealth simulation last spring in La Grande using real telehealth equipment. Developing and evaluating competencies in students does not rely on in-person clinical experiences but there is a lack of understanding from practice partners. Technology-related to telehealth is changing so rapidly that nursing education should focus on the skills needed to be successful and how to integrate the nursing model of care into telehealth.

NCLEX Delays. Salem Health reported a delay in onboarding new graduate nurses. Only a quarter of their residents were able to start. The other new hires reported a problem/delay related to sitting for their NCLEX exam. Universities conferring degrees over the holidays sometimes experience delays. Concordia has had a few graduates run into issue because they initially applied via the OSBN licensing portal and the application was lost during the transition to the NCSBN-hosted licensing portal.

Announcements and Resources:

Well-Being Grant Opportunity. Check out [information](#) on OCN's grant opportunity for well-being projects. Applications due by January 20th.

CNA Huddle. OCN, with support from the Oregon Department of Human Services, is offering a limited-duration [CNA Huddle](#) to discuss pipeline, education, recruitment and retention issues specific to the CNA workforce. Join us next Wednesday at 8 a.m.

OSBN Presentation. OSBN will repeat its [presentation](#) on Crisis Staffing and the Legal Differences between the Nurse Practice Act and Your Employment on January 30th 2023, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

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