



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: February 3, 2023

Nursing Workforce:

Behavioral Health Workforce. Huddlers returned to the [conversation](#) around the lack of behavioral health services in Oregon. One Huddler shared their perspective that the lack of access is being compounded by practitioners leaving field and other feeling continually frustrated by the magnitude of individuals seeking services. In the midst of providing services finding time to precept individuals entering the field and increasing awareness among healthcare students about the variety of roles available in behavioral health is also challenging. Though a specific clinical rotation in behavioral health is not a requirement for graduation, several schools shared they are using on-campus clinical experiences with standardized patients to educate and expose students to behavioral health experiences.

Reviewing Competency. Huddlers helped answer a question about whether experienced CNAs can check a RN off on a competency. Huddlers agreed that while a RN can review the competency of another RN, LPN or CNA, a CNA can not do so.

Announcements and Resources:

Upcoming Conference. Join OCN at [Nurse Wellness: An Organizational Imperative](#) on March 21st to discuss ways to impact wellness within your organization.

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.

Black History Month. Celebrated the entire month of February, this is a great time to review your [implicit bias](#), support [local black-owned businesses](#) or visit the channels of some of YouTube's [black influencers](#).

COVID Good News and Bad. Kaiser Family Foundation has released a [report](#) on the decrease in long COVID rates while at the same time the national public health emergency will [end](#) in May 2023.

Perioperative Care Conference. Oregon State Council of Perioperative Nurses (OSCPN) [annual education conference](#) is May 5-7, 2023. Visit their site to learn more about CHs, student rates, speakers, and topics.

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