



# FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

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## Nursing Workforce:

**Legislation.** [HB 2697](#) hearing was on Monday, and those that attended said it was difficult to hear the pain in the stories shared by nurses. Testimonies of individuals who could not speak at the are [available online](#). Beyond the hearing, there have been extensive conversations with advocates representing both sides of the issue. Other bills were briefly discussed. OCN has compiled a bill tracker list that can be accessed through our FREE online community under the 'Resources' tab. If you are not currently a member, you can easily sign up quickly and gain access to the document.

**Division 47:** A public meeting is scheduled for [March 13 at 9:00 a.m.](#) to receive input regarding division 47 and division 48 related to delegation and community-based care. The Board of Nursing is interested in a variety of input as Division 47 impacts all areas of practice, not just community-based care. When discussed, some Huddlers mentioned that the word 'delegation' is used interchangeably with the word assignment in practice. This causes confusion with the word use in the statute. In addition, other states may use the term differently, creating misunderstandings with nurses crossing state lines. To aid in understanding, OSBN has an Interpretive Statement on Delegation and Assignment that can be found [here](#).

**OSBN Update.** The Oregon State Board of Nursing has released a [statement on Operation Nightingale](#). There were six individuals with an active license that may be involved and another ten with current applications for licensure. Two cases of the six were dismissed in February. The Board investigations department is determined to get to the bottom of the situation and asks for patience as they work through the complexities. The statement on Operation Nightingale will be updated after each board meeting to communicate any changes.

**OHA Update.** Announced via a [bulletin](#) today, Oregon Health Authority will lift the mask mandate for health professions on April 3, 2023. Some Huddlers expressed excitement for patients to see their faces again, while others expressed concern for vulnerable populations. Other Huddlers mentioned that for mental health patients, this is good news, as it allows removing masks for doing work in which some patients need to see faces. Though it is unclear how or when organizations will adopt the change, many believe patients and families will make it a big deal.

## Announcements and Resources:

**Conferences.** OCN's Conference [Nurse Wellness: An Organizational Imperative](#) is March 21, 2023. [NPO Pharmacology Conference](#) April 1, 2023, at Monarch in Clackamas. The [NWONL conference](#) will be on June 9, 2023, and June 10, 2023, in Portland.

**Nurse Corps Scholarship Program.** The [application is available](#) for individuals looking for ways to pay for their education.

**CNA Huddle.** With support from the Oregon Department of Human Services, OCN offers 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.

**NEXT HUDDLE:  
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