



Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: May 26, 2023

Nursing Workforce

Memorial Day Weekend: From the entire OCN team, we wish you and your loved ones a happy Memorial Day weekend! The Oregon Health Authority offered [this shareable resource](#) for staying safe during warmer weather.

ASPE Conference: The 2023 [ASPE Conference](#) is scheduled for June 4-7 in downtown Portland. OCN Executive Director Jana Bitton will speak as a panelist. Volunteer facilitators are still needed for numerous sessions! [Sign up to volunteer via this Google Doc.](#)

OSBN Listserv: Starting June 1, OSBN will introduce a new format and platform for its email list. You must register to continue receiving updates from the organization—even if you are already on its mailing list. [Sign up here](#) to ensure you keep receiving updates!

Grand Rounds with Cynda Rushton: Join Asante's Wellbeing visiting professor Cynda Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN, for a Grand Rounds session that aims to help nurses and providers rebuild their resilience after the events of the past three years. The event happens on Wednesday, June 7, at 8 a.m. and is open to attendees via Microsoft Teams. This event is [CME-eligible](#).

Note! There is no way to register, so those interested should add the event to their own calendars with the following dial-in link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDE1ZjA3NGItODFNC00Y2VjLThmY2ItODYyYTRmOWM1ZmVl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2249e466b5-a6e9-45ac-83df-2fd89ecd4256%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2217e59ea3-dc26-4d63-94e7-4eb969ba2344%22%7d.

Oregon State Legislation: Due to [state senator walkouts](#), numerous nursing-focused bills pending this legislative session are at risk. Republican senators are protesting non-nursing related bills that impact proposed nursing legislation. Impacted bills include supplemental funding for nurse faculty salaries and nurse staffing ratios. The Oregon State Senate has until June 25 to approve or deny bills. Otherwise, they will be revisited in a future session.

Patient Belonging Inventory: A fellow huddler inquired about the patient belonging inventory process at other facilities. Participants report that the responsibility often falls on nursing staff, but several organizations involve security if dangerous items, such as drugs or weapons, are suspected.

Nurse Staffing and Travel Nurses: This year, many report changes in nurse staffing trends across Oregon. While some nurses have opted for travel-based assignments in recent years, pay cuts and contract cancellations are forcing some nurses back to staffing or PRN opportunities. Another fellow huddler pointed out how limited housing in rural communities can pose a challenge when recruiting potential employees. Finally, building coalition and collaboration at every level was also noted as essential to staff retention.

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