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Oregon Center for  
NURSING

# FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

## Nursing Workforce

**Nursing Strikes:** This week's Friday Huddle continued the discussion of [the nursing strikes](#) happening across the state. We discussed how difficult and sad it is for our nursing community, as many know people on both sides of the situation. One Huddler pointed out it isn't just about the act of striking but the core motivation behind it. Another attendee pointed out that it can take years for nurses and patients to recover from these situations. We also discussed how those working in education often "sit right in the middle."

**Nurses in Telehealth:** We chatted about telehealth's role in the nursing profession. Huddlers pointed out how certain functions, such as case management, patient education, and follow-up conversations, are well-suited for telehealth. Care over the phone or video calls can be an essential channel for Oregonians seeking care in rural communities. We also discussed that in-person care and a nurse's "therapeutic presence" is necessary for other situations. Certain community members, such as those of older generations, might struggle with technology.

**OCN Long-Term Care Grant Recipients:** The Oregon Center for Nursing is excited to announce the recipients of its next round of grants, which focused on the nursing workforce in long-term care settings. Learn more about these projects on [our website](#).

**OSBN Executive Director:** The Oregon State Board of Nursing held stakeholder meet-and-greets with its Executive Director candidates earlier this week. The board reconvenes on the evening of July 5 for [a special session](#) to review feedback and put forward a hiring recommendation. A formal announcement of the selected candidate is expected late July.

**New RSV Vaccine for Older Adults:** This week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [approved the use of new vaccines](#) to prevent severe in older adults—anyone over 60. Approximately 14,000 adults (ages 65 and up) die from RSV yearly.

**Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) Opportunity:** The OHPB, which is responsible for informing the governor's office of public health issues, seeks applicants for an open seat. This is an excellent opportunity to garner nurse representation. [Learn more and apply here](#).

## Events and Happenings

**Community Learning Opportunities:** This week's Huddle highlighted two exciting courses this year. Click the links below to access the PDFs shared during the call:

- [Foundations of Faith Community Nursing & Health Ministry Course](#)
- [Health Equity: What We Do Matters!](#)

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 7, at 8:00 a.m.

[Register Here!](#)

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