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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.

Reminder!

No Friday Huddle Next Week: Our regularly scheduled Friday Huddle will be on summer vacation next Friday, August 4—no Zoom call! Remember to register for other sessions in August [here](#).

Nursing Workforce

HB 3396 Signed: Governor Tina Kotek signed [House Bill 3396](#) into effect this week. The bill provides \$25 million in funding for nursing education, workforce, and hospital discharge rates. HB 3396 also allocates \$5 million in funding to the Oregon Center for Nursing to support the recruitment and retention of nurse faculty at public nursing programs. The OCN will meet with the Oregon Health Authority in August to confirm details and begin strategic planning for the project.

SANE Fellowship Application: The deadline for the 2023 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Fellowship has been extended! Nurses with at least two years of bedside experience are encouraged to apply by August 7. [Click here to access the online application.](#)

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: One year after its launch, KFF examined the impact of this [mental health-focused community resource](#). The 988 line has received almost 5 million contacts since July 2022. This included nearly 1 million calls that supported veterans. Mental health support is available at any time via phone or text.

Nurse Licensure Compact: Inspired by a recent Friday Huddle conversation, OCN convened an advisory group to explore additional research and educational opportunities around Oregon's involvement in the [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) (NLC). The group met for the first time earlier this week. In addition, today's conversation explored how to best create a space that can examine both sides of the argument. Huddlers helped brainstorm answers to the question, "What issues would joining the NLC solve?"

OSBN Regulations and Updates: Division 47 will go into effect on Tuesday, August 1. OSBN will convene a new RAC in a few months to consider additional changes. Details about additional [public hearings](#) happening in August are available on the OSBN website. Huddlers congratulated Rachel Prusak as she stepped into her new role as the OSBN Executive Director this month and thanked Barb Holtry for her work to support the board in the interim.

Events and Happenings

OCN Nurse Preceptor Awards: Our annual [Nurse Preceptor Award](#) nomination period opens on Tuesday, August 1, and will run for 30 days. Please watch your inbox for additional details coming via email next week. This year, we're excited to introduce an additional peer-nomination category: our Impact Awards.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, August 11, at 8:00 a.m.

[Register Here!](#)

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