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## FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

## **Nursing Workforce**

**REALD, SOGI, and Personal Health Questions:** Huddlers discussed the use of workforce question sets, such as <u>REALD and SOGI</u>, as a way to collect <u>essential information on the patients</u> we serve, as well as Oregon's nursing workforce. We also discussed <u>questions proposed by OHA related to mental well-being and burnout</u> that they would like added to the nurse license renewal application. OSBN is working with OHA to address concerns and evaluate the implementation of these questions to ensure proper processes are followed. Huddlers agreed that it is crucial that the data collected is also acted upon and used strategically to enact positive solutions.

**NurseLearn Applications Launch:** The NurseLearn Enhanced Program is now accepting applications! This is a free six-month education, mentoring, and training program for nurses working (or wanting to work) in community-based care. The program starts in March 2024 and welcomes applications for any nurses licensed in Oregon. <u>Apply online!</u>

**OHA Dashboard of Vaccinations in LTC:** Explore the Oregon Health Authority's <u>newly</u> <u>launched dashboard that tracks the status of COVID-19 vaccinations</u> in our long-term care communities throughout Oregon.

**Nurse Workplace Conditions Survey:** Funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the University of Pennsylvania, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing is conducting the <u>most extensive study</u> of nurses' working conditions. <u>Nurses are invited to take the Nurses4All survey online to share their input.</u>

## **Events & Happenings**

**Oregon Nursing Practice Transitions Conference:** Mark your calendars for OCN's first major event of 2024! The Oregon Nursing Practice Transitions Conference takes place April 25-26, 2024, in Springfield, Oregon. We are currently accepting abstract submissions for speaker and poster presentations. <u>Learn more and submit your application online</u>. The submission window closes on January 15, 2024, at 5 p.m.

**Northeast Oregon Network Training Series:** Join NEON for its upcoming training on the mental and emotional well-being of healthcare employees, which will kick off in January 2024. This six-part series is offered virtually and focuses on equipping managers and supervisors with the appropriate tools and strategies for supporting their teams. Learn more and explore other trainings at the NEON website.

## **Next Friday Huddle:**

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Friday, December 8, at 8:00 a.m.

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