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Oregon Center for
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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

Transgender Care: A few huddlers were interested to know how to connect with networks providing healthcare for transgender individuals. Huddlers suggested working with their primary care provider. One person mentioned the OHSU program on [transgender health](#), which provides support, information and connections to OHSU providers specializing in care for gender-diverse patients of all ages.

OSBN Update: Sarah Wickenhagen, from OSBN, shared efforts by the agency to remove barriers and make things more 'user friendly.' She said the board has begun to live stream board meetings via [YouTube](#), and the board meeting scheduled for February 22 will be live streamed. Member of the public are encouraged to listen in or attend in person. On a different note, Sarah said the board is working on the background check process, which will streamline the collection of fingerprints and should speed up the background check process.

Staffing Law: One huddler mentioned their organization is looking at the recently passed staffing laws, [HB-2697 from the 2023 Regular Session](#), and have determined a lack of CNAs in the workplace will likely hamper the ability to implement the requirements of the law. She said the organization was considering starting its own CNA training program, but realized it was an involved process. OSBN noted the process to start a CNA training program is hard and is detailed in [Division 61](#) of OSBN's rules.

Legislative Session: The Oregon Legislature is currently in its short session. OCN is [tracking several bills](#) impacting the nursing workforce in Oregon.

Events & Happenings

Register for the 2024 Nursing Practice Transitions Conference: Tickets for the NPT Conference are on sale now. Hear from keynote speakers, including Dr. Patricia Benner and Dr. Dan Weberg, and dozens of innovative nursing leaders across the Pacific Northwest. We expect the conference to sell out, so you can save [\\$50 with early bird pricing](#) when you purchase tickets before February 20.

NAHN 2024 Special Awards: The National Association of Hispanic Nurses recently announced nominations are open to honor and provide special recognition for NAHN nurses. [Nominations](#) are currently open and will close on February 22.

Black Care Matters Podcast: The Alliance of Black Nurses Association of Oregon (ABNAO) is happy to announce the first episode of the [Black Care Matters podcast](#) has been released.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, February 23, at 8:00 a.m.

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