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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

**Updates from the Oregon State Board of Nursing:** Huddlers heard from several representatives from the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) following this month's meeting. [A full replay of the meeting is available on YouTube.](#) Among the highlights were the approval of Division 47 of [the Nurse Practice Act](#) and new insights into Division 21, which governs the state of Oregon's many nursing education programs. A Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) begins work on Division 21 next month, which regulates nursing school program development, clinical placement, and instructor requirements. Finally, Huddlers gave kudos to OSBN for its leadership and vision.

**Supporting Nurses in Post-Workplace Incidents:** Huddlers discussed the importance of nurses speaking up and speaking out following workplace practice issues. Nursing professionals can contact [OSBN regarding concerns or perceived violations](#) of the Nurse Practice Act. [The Oregon Nurses Association](#) (ONA) also offers resources, including Nurse Practice Consultants, to support nurses in navigating unfamiliar or unclear workplace concerns. Huddlers agreed that it is essential to provide nurses with support and resources in navigating these professional moments, even if the nurse feels fully supported by their workplace and in light of regulations such as Safe Harbor laws. Speaking up helps to create positive change and raise awareness. Additionally, numerous [mental health resources are available](#) to help address workplace stressors or trauma.

**Weekend Podcast Listening:** Tune in for the latest episodes of Oregon's nursing podcasts! First, fellow Huddler Megan Ludeña recently shared her story on the Black Care Matters Podcast. [Click here to listen to the full episode.](#) In addition, the OCN team explored Oregon's Nurse Practice Act in a [new edition of the State of Wellness Podcast.](#)

**Healthcare Workforce Webinar:** The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) explored how healthcare employment has expanded in Oregon, how that varies across different settings, and what jobs employers seek to fill. The webinar also discussed how Oregon's aging population and the innovation of medical treatments are expected to drive worker demand in the coming decade. [Watch the full replay on YouTube.](#)

**Help Us Represent the Nursing Community:** The Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) is launching a new website this summer, and we need your help! We are looking for nursing professionals to feature in photographs throughout the new website—RNs, LPNs, NPs, APRNs, student nurses, nursing assistants, nurse educators, etc. If you're interested in learning more, please contact OCN Communications Specialist Callie Gisler via email: [callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org](mailto:callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org).

**Risk of Paralytic Shellfish Toxins:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning for certain shellfish grown and sold in Oregon and Washington. Read more about the [advisory and the signs of paralytic shellfish poisoning here.](#)

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, June 21, at 8:00 a.m.

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