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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

Staying Informed in Today's Political Climate: Huddlers mused about the continued rollout of Federal budgetary cuts and how they might impact Oregon's healthcare system. For example, will reductions to the Department of Education affect the number of nurses Oregon schools can train if federal funding and public loan forgiveness are affected? Organizations like the National Council for Nonprofits have [prepared independent tools to help inform organizations](#) about current executive orders and their progress. Huddlers agreed that staying informed, advocating in your community, and engaging in productive, respectful conversations are essential during uncertain times. Attendees also agreed about the importance of evaluating the quality of news channels and any potential bias that impacts how news is presented.

Keeping Up-To-Date During Flu Season: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reminds Oregonians that [it isn't too late to receive your influenza vaccine](#) as the state's flu season rages. In addition, new research from KFF explores [how Americans perceive the threat of bird flu](#).

Promoting Well-Being Within the Healthcare Workforce: Tuesday, March 18, marks the annual [Health Workforce Well-Being Day](#)—an opportunity for healthcare employers to recognize the essential act of supporting and promoting well-being amongst their workers. In addition, the Northeast Oregon Network (NEON) introduced a series of wellness webinars addressing burnout and self-care at work. Learn more about the [upcoming virtual sessions in March and April by clicking here](#).

New Press Ganey Report Receives Conflicting Feedback: New research from Press Ganey claims that ["hospitals are performing at or better than pre-pandemic levels."](#) The report cites improved patient outcomes, as well as rebounding "engagement, resilience and safety culture" among employees. Huddlers agreed that there are mixed feelings about the data claims.

Nursing Education

Clinical Placement Stressors Nationwide: Continuing conversations from recent weeks, Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) representatives shared that clinical placements are a nationwide stressor. This was emphasized by recent national meetings that OSBN Director Rachel Prusak attended on behalf of the Oregon nursing community. Many state leaders push for collaboration and partnerships between healthcare systems and educational programs to find creative solutions for clinical placements.

Next Friday Huddle:

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

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