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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 Community

Farewell to Callie Fowler: Callie, OCN's beloved Communications & Community Education Manager, marked her last day with OCN as she prepares to graduate nursing school and begin a new position at PeaceHealth. Callie will be an outstanding nurse, and all the huddlers are sending her off with well-wishes.

RN Well-Being Project: The [RNWB website](#) has been redesigned and launched. The new website focuses on raising awareness about manageable stressors in healthcare and includes a blog post highlighting this topic.

Public Health & Awareness

Mental Health Awareness Month & Nurses Week: May is Mental Health Awareness Month and National Nurses Week starts next week. An article in the most recent [OCN newsletter](#) highlights manageable stressors, or those stressful events inherent in healthcare that cannot be removed.

Volcano Awareness Week: Gov. Tina Kotek proclaimed May 18-25 as Volcano Awareness Week in Oregon. Huddlers shared personal stories from the 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption. There is a [virtual storytelling event](#) on May 7 for anyone to tell their Mt. St. Helens eruption story, or just listen in.

Clinical Placement & Education

Concerns About Paid Clinical Placements: There are concerns about out-of-state nursing schools offering payment for clinical placements, potentially crowding out Oregon programs. One employer said they receive payments for physician clinical placements, but not nurses at this time. This conversation generated discussion around equity, competition, and the sustainability of local education systems.

OHSU/Legacy Merger: Attendees discussed the implications of the proposed merger, especially its impact on clinical education access. OHSU has created a [webpage](#) with information about the merger. A recent article from the [Willamette Week](#) also shares some overall updates.

Events and Happenings

GOBHI Behavioral Health Conference: [Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. will host a conference](#) August 21-22 in Pendleton. Abstract submissions are encouraged.

Legislative Tracker: [OCN's legislative tracker](#) is live and highlights current bills of interest. Bills that are no longer active are not listed.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, May 9th, at 8:00 a.m.

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