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FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nurse Workforce

OSBN Update: Director Prusak from OSBN shared various initiatives currently underway at the state board.

- *Community Engagement:* The board has been meeting in different communities across the state. The [September board meeting](#) will be held at Adventist Health in Tillamook.
- *Policy Fellowship:* OSBN is implementing a fellowship for recent DNP graduates to work with the board.
- *Licensure Predetermination:* OSBN plans to offer licensure predetermination so prospective students can confirm eligibility before completing a nursing program.
- *Nurse Practice Act Revision:* Work is beginning to modernize the nurse practice act as required by [HB 3044](#).

Rural Health Transformation Program: The Oregon Health Authority is requesting [public comment](#) as it prepares to apply for federal funds to support rural health system transformation, as outlined in H.R. 1. Comments are due by Sept. 5.

Huddlers discussed possible uses for these funds, including:

- Creating a rural health resource center to address barriers to care, such as transportation, food delivery, and affordable home repairs.
- Addressing barriers to practice in rural communities, which limit healthcare facilities' ability to recruit and retain professionals, including nurses.

Clinical Placement in Community-Based Settings: If any nursing education program is having difficulty obtaining clinical placement in a community-based setting, please connect with [Nicolette Reilly](#) from OHCA who can connect you with potential placements.

Events & Resources

Oregon Geriatric Conference: The Oregon Geriatric Society is hosting its 26th [annual conference](#). The conference will be held on October 2-5, 2025, in Sunriver Oregon.

ANA Ethics Continuing Education: The ANA recently revised their ethic standards and are offering a [series of courses](#) to strengthen the collegial relationships among nurses and other healthcare professionals.

CCO Conference: CCO Oregon is hosting its 12th [annual conference](#) on October 6, 2025 at the Salem Convention Center.

IAFN Virtual Conference: The International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice is hosting its [annual virtual conference](#) in September and October of this year. Registration ends on September 30.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, August 29th, at 8:00 a.m.

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