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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

Hospital Discharge to Long-Term Care: One huddler shared SNFs in Georgia (USA) are refusing to admit patients from hospitals where prospects for rehabilitation are minimal or nonexistent. It is believed these restrictions are due to anticipated Medicaid finding cuts, with long-term care facilities holding beds for clients when rehabilitation would be beneficial.

Another huddler said they were having difficulty placing clients in skilled nursing without a discharge or rehabilitation plan. They further stated these issues have been present for many years. Further, another huddler stated discussions are beginning about how acute care transition to adult foster care or other specific-needs residential care settings are part of the solution.

Return to Work Policies: Huddlers discussed return to work policies after illness due to an observed uptick in COVID cases. Many huddlers were looking for policies aimed at the healthcare workforce. An overview of the policies at OHSU, Multnomah County, and Sumner College were shared.

Many were looking to OHA as the authority on these types of policies but were specifically looking for a policy specific to employees in healthcare settings. OHA have healthcare specific policies for various healthcare settings, and the guidance is somewhat different depending on the type of healthcare setting. These policies can be found [HERE](#).

Events & Resources

Friday Huddle Extended Cut: OCN hosted a Friday Huddle Extended Cut last week to discuss the impact of Medicaid cuts on the nursing workforce, especially in rural areas of the state. OCN has posted the recording on [YouTube](#).

NurseLearn Conference 2026: NurseLearn will host its annual conference on March 9, 2026. The conference will be held at OMSI in Portland. More information is coming soon!

ANPD-NW Board Member Position: The Northwest affiliate of the Association for Nursing Professional Development has an open board member position open. It is currently accepting [nominations](#). If you are interested, nomination must be received by Oct. 10.

Clinical Placement Workshop: The National Academies are hosting a virtual workshop on the challenge of clinical placements across all health professions on Aug. 28. [Registration](#) for this workshop is currently open.

Rural Opportunity Initiative: Business Oregon is sponsoring the Rural Opportunity Initiative, and has posted a [Request For Grants](#) for collaborative projects aimed to increase support for Oregon's entrepreneurs and small businesses in rural Oregon. An [informational session](#) will be held on Sept. 3 with grant applications due Sept. 23.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, August 22th, at 8:00 a.m.

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