



FRIDAY HUDDLE

Convene • Connect • Collaborate

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



NURSE WORKFORCE

Board of Nursing Updates: OSBN Director Rachel Prusak shared updates from the recent board meeting. Key highlights included work to repeal the requirement that all Oregon APRN programs be doctorate-only, which may increase access and flexibility for future advanced practice nurses. The board also received presentations on workforce data collection, just culture in regulatory processes, and the Oregon Wellness Program, which provides free mental health visits for nurses in crisis or experiencing burnout. OSBN continues efforts to engage nurses across the state through listening sessions and regional outreach.

Re-Attracting Nurses to the Bedside: A recently published national [study](#) examining organizational factors to re-attract nurses to hospital employment was highlighted. Early findings reinforce what has been discussed in the huddle for months: nurses like being nurses, and improving work conditions, flexibility, compensation, and benefits are key to both retention and re-attraction. Participants emphasized that re-attraction strategies are fundamentally retention strategies.

Legislative Updates & Advocacy: Participants discussed the current short legislative session, including updates on SB 1570 related to immigration enforcement in healthcare settings. Stakeholders are refining bill language to ensure clarity around providing information on constitutional rights and immigration resources, with confidence the bill will move forward. The conversation highlighted the significant time and collaboration required to move legislation and the importance of nurses stepping into advocacy roles.

NURSE EDUCATION

Student Engagement & Mentorship: OCN leadership discussed intentional efforts to bring more nursing students into the Friday Huddle and broader OCN work. Ideas included mentorship opportunities and creating structured pathways for student involvement to build leadership development early in careers.

Youth Workforce Development: The Rogue Workforce Partnership is seeking [summer worksites](#) for youth ages 16–24 in Jackson and Josephine counties. Participants were encouraged to consider hosting youth in health-care or community settings to support early workforce exposure and pipeline development.

RESOURCES

NWONL Nurse Leader Symposium: The Northwest Organization of Nurse Leaders will host a Nurse Leader Symposium. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Faith Community Health Network: FCHN is Hosting an Educational Meeting later this month. Email for more information: faithcommunityhealthnetwork@gmail.com

Measles in Oregon: The Oregon Health Authority has created a public-facing [measles information page](#) for community education, as well as an updated [wastewater surveillance dashboard](#) that allows clinicians to monitor disease trends across the state.



NEXT FRIDAY HUDDLE:

Friday, February 27th, at 8:00 a.m.

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