



March 4, 2020

Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
900 Court St. NE, H-272
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Rep. Keny-Guyer,

Your fellow members of the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide have a deep appreciation for your overall leadership on issues related to suicide prevention. We are writing to you today with an appeal for your continued leadership specifically on HB3090, 2023 and 3091 implementation efforts through development of an intentional collaboration among the stakeholders impacted by these laws.

Implementation of Oregon Administrative Rules developed under ORS 441.015 to 441.063 (HB3090) and ORS 441.196 (HB2023) seem to have faltered due to limited oversight, siloed work, inadequate communication, and a lack of accountability. We believe the effective implementation of these laws requires a collaboration of the interconnected group of stakeholders, which currently lack a convening authority, designated communication channels, and clarity of roles.

The Transitions of Care Committee of the Alliance has identified nine stakeholder entities that fill vital roles in effective implementation of the rules cited above, as well as those associated with the companion rules developed under ORS 743A.168 (HB3091) defining payment requirements for care coordination and case management. The identified stakeholder groups include OHA, OAHHS, individual hospitals, patients and families, DCBS, public and private insurance, schools, the UO Suicide Prevention Lab, and the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide (specifically the Transitions of Care Committee).

In an effort to realize effective and full implementation of these important laws, the Alliance is asking you to assist in urging forward the following recommendations:

1. OHA to serve as a convening body to create a community of practice around implementation policies related to ORS 441.015 to 441.063 and ORS 441.196 (HB3090, HB2023);
2. OHA to identify a point of contact within each stakeholder group for all work related to ORS 441.015 to 441.063 and ORS 441.196 (HB3090, HB2023);
3. OHA to establish a reference document of the interrelationships among the stakeholders, identifying their responsibilities, current and future implementation efforts, and points of interdependence, using the attached draft document as a starting point;
4. OHA to create a forum for the sharing of completed work, including audit forms, implementation tools, and contact lists;



- 5. OHA to facilitate the dissemination and use of existing tools and documents, such as OAHHS' Interpretative Guidelines for Oregon Hospitals regarding discharge planning from hospitals, OHA HB3090 Reports resulting from hospital surveys, etc.;
- 6. OHA to establish a page on its website, easily accessible to the public, that describes the requirements associated with these laws and a defined procedure for grievance or complaint submissions;
- 7. DCBS to report on any efforts and findings in regard to implementation, enforcement and complaint procedures associated with ORS 743A.168 (HB3091)
- 8. The Legislative Assembly to hold hearings on implementation, enforcement, complaints and barriers to implementation and develop any follow up actions based on reports made during the hearings.

Thank you for your attention to this request. The Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide and the Suicide Prevention Lab within the College of Education at the University of Oregon remain ready to collaborate with OHA to ensure these laws are fully adopted and established in practice by all stakeholders in Oregon to which the laws apply.

Sincerely,

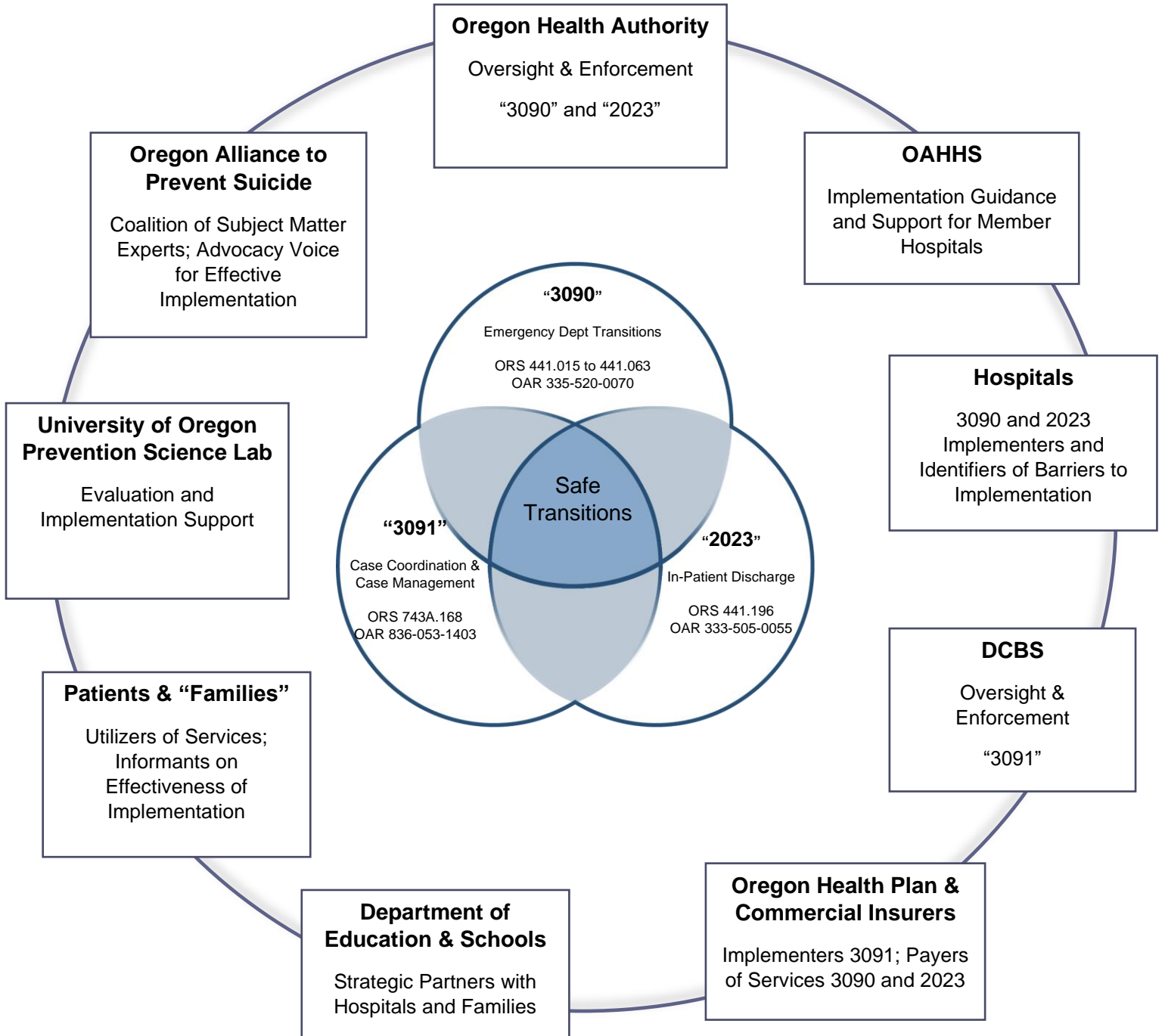
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