

**Alliance**  
**Workforce Committee Meeting**

Friday, February 12, 2021

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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Join the conference call: 866.899.4679, Access Code: 903-510-837

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Julie Scholz, Fran Pearson, Stephanie Willard, Tanya Pritt

Committee Members not in Attendance: Co-Chair Don Erickson, Deb Darmata, Jill Baker, John Seeley, Kirk Wolfe, Liz Thorne, Sarah Spafford, Shanda Hochstetler

Staff: Annette Marcus (AOCMHP), Jennifer Fraga (AOCMHP)

Staff not in Attendance: Maria Gdontakis Pos (AOCMHP)

Guest(s): Anisha Patel, Gordon Clay, LaRee Felton, Tay McKinney

Meeting Attachments:

Time	Agenda Item	What / Update Action Item(s)	Notes
9:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table items that have not been resolved</li> </ul>	<p>Put your name, pronouns, agency affiliation in the chat.</p> <p>Announcement: AFSP Capitol Days February 15<sup>th</sup>. Register <a href="#">here</a>. Today, February 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.</p>
9:05 AM	Review Action Items from Previous Month Don Erickson, Julie Scholz	Previous action items	No action items to report on.
9:06 AM	Update Committee on Status of HB 2315 Annette Marcus	Where is it in the Legislative Process? Current concerns / roadblocks? MHACBO Update	<p>Annette has connected with various licensing boards and advocacy groups around HB 2315 and have encountered some issues around the bill's wording. One issue is that some licensing boards track CEUs in two-year increments but our bill has a six-year increment listed. However, COPACT who previously opposed this legislation, like the six-year timeline and are in support of the bill this legislative session.</p> <p>Mental health regulatory agency – psychologist board and counselors/therapists board. LaRee would be implementing this bill if it passed and making the changes. One of her concerns is that they have two-year cycles for reporting their CEUs. Tracking could be difficult on the IT side and would cost more</p>

			<p>on their end as they would need to create a different tracking system to track the six-year cycle. One idea would be to require 2 CEUs every two-years as this would still meet the 6 CEUs every six-years.</p> <p>MHRA is an umbrella agency that regulate that was established in 2018 LMFTs and psychologists. They run the operations for them and there are 2 separate boards that do their own rule making and own licensing. They are part of the state system, an Executive Branch Agency. They set the education standards for different boards and what code of ethics do they have to follow and what continuing education do they need to do.</p> <p>MHACBO's concern before was to add additional education requirements but they recently removed the two-hour tobacco education requirement so they can move this suicide prevention requirement into the tobacco slot. They have a similar fiscal concern that MHRA has around it being very costly to change their CEU tracking system.</p> <p>Q: If they took the six CEUs in one course, would they claim it for 3 years? A: Not for MHRA or MHACBO.</p>
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			<p>of pain management on their first renewal ever. Ongoing basis – 3 hours of ethics for psychologists, 4 hours for counselors, 4 hours of cultural competency for each board, the rest can be whatever they would like.</p> <p>SB 48 applies to both boards that MHRA works with. They complete this requirement via survey.</p> <p>SB 48 will continue to happen even if HB 2513 passes so we will continue to get reports on who is receiving training. There is also a list on the <a href="#">OHA page</a> where people can find some suicide prevention trainings. One thing we can do is make a recommendation for the next YSIPP to have this list updated annually to stay current and relevant.</p> <p>For MHRA with the cultural competency requirement, they have it as a recommendation for licensees to pick a course from the OHA list but it is not mandated as this list is so short. This recommendation is in statute under ORS 676.850.</p> <p><i>Q: As a group, are we okay with two-year cycles? How many units would be required in those two-years?</i></p>
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			<p>Q: How does someone find a therapist / psychologist who has received training in suicide prevention, intervention, or management?</p> <p>Summary:          -We don't have objections from licensing boards BUT there is a fuzzy area around how many area our time requirement. If we change it to the two-year cycle, we need to figure out how many units will be required each cycle.</p>
9:25	<p>Next Steps for HB 2315          Annette Marcus, Julie Scholz, Don Erickson</p>	<p>Testimony – written &amp; verbal</p>	<p>Not discussed during meeting.</p>
9:50	<p>Group Thought on: Alliance partnering with someone to offer support to legislature</p>		<p>Not discussed during meeting.</p>
9:55	<p>Review Meeting Action Steps          Discuss Potential Agenda Items for next Meeting</p>		<p>Action Items:          -Annette talk with Eric at MHACBO.          -We have to figure out new language around cycle requirement. (Keeping in mind that many boards don't roll over units from cycle to cycle).  <i>Can we do 3-hours every two years?</i> We would get push back from MHACBO due to their Certemy (electronic record system). 2 is what we have and it doesn't seem to prevent people from the longer trainings. All of the hours get</p>

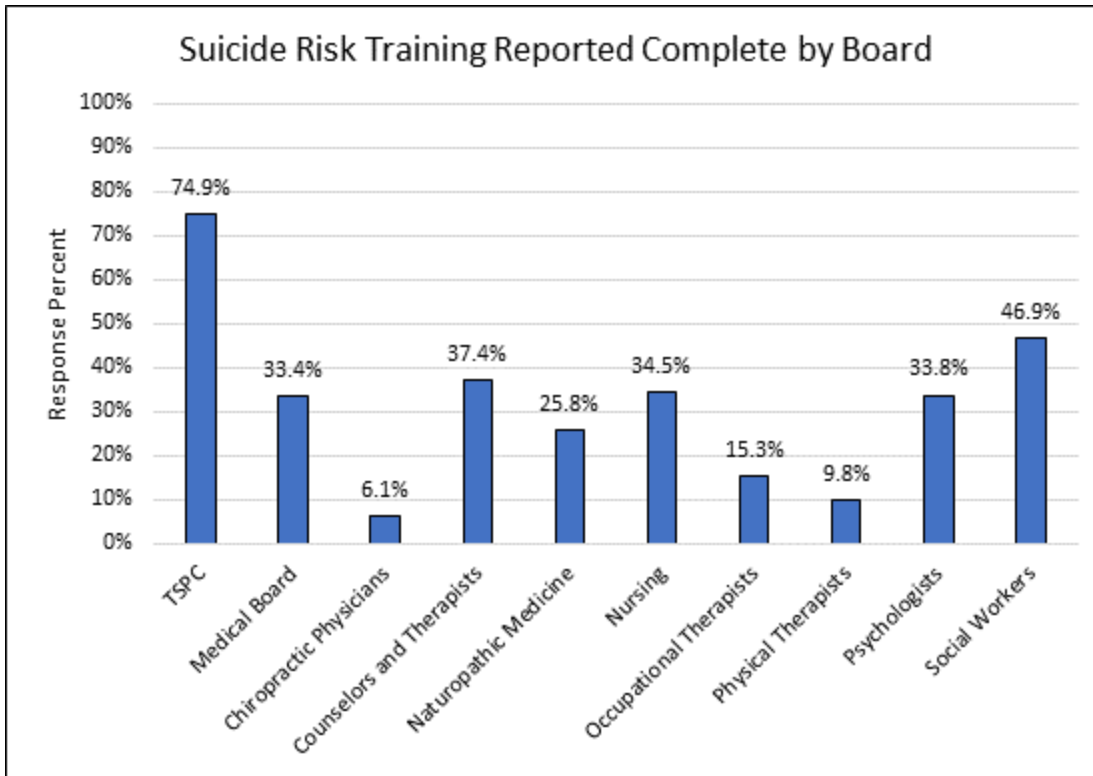
			<p>counted toward their 40 every 2 years.</p> <p>Could we do 3-units for licensing boards and 2-units for MHACBO? With the reasoning being that MAHCBO isn't licensed they are certified and they aren't under the regulatory state boards.</p>
10:00 AM	Adjourn		

Here is a list of legislative members that we have met with about the CEU legislation: Rep. Nosse, Rep. Dexter, Rep. Lively, Rep. Salinas. A meeting is scheduled to meet with Rep. Moore-Green Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. This committee should meet with Neron. An appointment has not been scheduled with them yet. If there are additional folks you think we should meet with, send names to Jenn.

**Key Legislative Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Legislative Activity</b>	<b>Alliance Action Needed</b>
<del>Wed. Sept 23, 2020</del>	<del>Revenue Forecast</del>	
<del>Friday Sept. 25, 2020</del>	<del>LC Deadline</del>	<del>Submitted LC sponsored by Rep. Salinas</del>
<del>Tuesday Nov. 3, 2020</del>	<del>Election Day</del>	
<del>Wed. Nov. 18, 2020</del>	<del>Revenue Forecast</del>	<del>Review</del>
<del>Monday Dec 7, 2020</del>	<del>Leg Counsel Returns Measures</del>	<del>Review LC</del>
<del>Monday Dec 7 – Wed Dec. 9</del>	<del>Legislative Committee Days</del>	<del>*Presentation on CEU LC *Possible 3090 Follow Up</del>
<del>Monday Dec 21, 2020</del>	<del>Final deadline to file bills with Chief Clerk of Secretary of Senate</del>	
<del>Monday Jan. 11 – Friday Jan 15, 2021</del>	<del>Legislative Organizational Days- New Members sworn in, committee assignments made</del>	<del>Track assignments to House- Behavioral Health, Education, Health Care, Human Services and Senate Health Care, Human Services Education</del>
<del>Tuesday Jan. 19 – June 28, 2021</del>	<del>Legislative Session 2021 (specific dates to follow for committees as they are assigned)</del>	





**Figure 3.** Percentage of licensees reporting completion of continued education in suicide assessment, treatment or management by licensing board.

**NEW SMART GOAL FOR COMMITTEE**

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: 2021 Legislation to require BH workforce to take SP related CEUs

<b>STATUS</b>	<b>YSIPP Objective*</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>TASK #</b>	<b>ACTION STEP</b>
In Progress - On Track	6.2	01.15.21	Task 1	Meet with key behavioral health providers, representatives of licensing boards to gain support for legislation and address concerns
In Progress - On Track	6.2	Ongoing through legislative session	Task 2	Meet with legislators to gain support for workforce LC submitted by Alliance and sponsored by Rep. Salinas
In Progress - On Track	6.2	1.15.2020	Task 3	Work with legislative counsel on updating LC for final proposed bill after presentation at Legislative Days
Not Started	6.2	Ongoing through 2021 Legislative session	Task 4	Introduce bill and testify at appropriate committees