



## Lethal Means Safety Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

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**Committee Members:** Chair-Jonathan Hankins, Co-Chair Kellie McWilliams, Co-Chair Pam Pearce, Daniell Zeigler, Emily Watson, Galli Murray, Meghan Crane

**Committee Members not in Attendance:** Debra Darmata, Megan Miller, Mike James, Shanda Hochstetler, Sunshine Mason

**Staff:** Annette Marcus (AOCMHP), Jenn Fraga (AOCMHP)

**Guests:** Alyssa Callender, Lucina Michaud

Time	Topic/Who	Notes
1:00	Welcome, Announcements	
	Follow-up from last meeting	<p>Draft short email for what we're looking for Narcan – who is distributing what and where in the state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drafted and will be sent to Meghan</li> </ul> <p>Galli and Megan Miller to meet with April in Clackamas County to ask if she knows where Narcan is being distributed and how it is done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Galli is waiting to hear back from April about what schools are distributing Narcan.</li> </ul> <p>Jonathan said that we can also policy scan presentations that are being submitted to OPAT for initiatives that are happening in the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still need to follow-up on</li> </ul> <p>Meghan - Jill and I are looking into if lockboxes can be reimbursed through Medicaid. This will be a long process and consultation with federal CMS, but look forward to hearing back from them to see if they think this would be possible and what the next steps are in the process. I believe funding would still need to be allocated to provide reimbursement. So long road, but look forward to hearing more and happy to keep the committee updated.</p>
	Initiative 1 Work: Collaborate with the Cultivating Solutions and other partners on safe storage legislation for the 2024 Short Session.	<p>Kelie met with Rep. Tran today. The initial draft for the legislation came back from legislative council however it was missing key things. It was sent back to legislative council and the final draft back by next Tuesday at the latest.</p>

Leadership asked to take out any funding pieces out of the legislation, including funding that would have funded the education brochure. Kelie suggested that OHA could ask this committee to help develop the brochure to keep costs down. The brochure would be provided to FFLs, gun shops, therapists, and others who are closely associated with firearms. Kelie's nonprofit is reaching out to FFLs through phone banking to prepare them for the short session.

The bill asked OHA to produce a pamphlet about firearm safety holds to be made available electronically to the public. This is what Kelie is saying that she would like to ask OHA to ask the Alliance to do because funding asks are being taken out of the legislation. A pro of this is that the bill won't have to go through Ways and Means which increases the chances that it can pass out of committee and we can go back in the 2025 long session to ask for funding to support this.

Potential partners to help create the pamphlet:

- OFSC

Jonathan asked if the pamphlet could be paired with the messaging campaign that Lucina discussed. Kelie said that the ask includes OHA housing the pamphlet on OHA's website. Jenn brought up that, if it goes on OHA's website, that we should keep an eye on it and monitor what that looks like because information on OHA's website isn't necessarily the most accessible and easy to find.

		<p>Oregon Creates a Safer Home website with the pamphlet, secure storage items, where you can get Narcan and drug disposal bags, and other information. Where could this be housed? Alyssa encouraged the group to think about students creating a website especially if we are worried about cost. Galli also said that having a website that is neutral – not openly associated with an organization or state agency.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Putting a pin in the idea of creating a website and finding someone to host it. This may not be a big funding ask to make work.</p> <p>Jonathan would like there to be a meeting before our February committee to continue with the brainstorming session. Jenn will send out a calendar invite to people for a small brainstorm session. Kelie said that it would also be good to meet with Rep. Tran. Plan: Small brainstorm workgroup meet, meet with Rep. Tran about ideas.</p>
	<p>Initiative 2 Work: Understand and coordinate existing efforts at both local county and larger state levels around overdose prevention efforts to ensure we are not duplicating efforts in helping to introduce Narcan and fentanyl testing strips to schools and local public health authorities.</p>	<p>Alyssa talked about the possibility of having a literature review to bridge the connection between substance use and suicide and acknowledged that the suicide prevention lab is limited in how many they are able to do. Galli said that we should talk about this to see how we would like to move forward.</p> <p>ACTION STEP: Galli, Annette, and Jenn talk about this.</p> <p>Kelie and Pam will keep the committee updated with legislation related to substances.</p> <p>Clackamas County is asking these questions for their county:</p>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which schools in Clackamas County currently have Narcan on site?</li> <li>2. How are we sourcing this Narcan in schools and how many doses are typically available?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Context: In our discussion the concern over the need for more than 1-2 doses to reverse an overdose came up.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Do schools typically promote to those in the building that they have Narcan on-site/available in case of an emergency?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. One idea that came up in our meeting was something like “Narcan on-site” sticker/flyer that may also include more specifically where it can be found in the building. Are these materials that already exist?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<p>Initiative 3 Work: Monitor the lockbox project held by AOCMHP to provide support as appropriate and ensure lockboxes are distributed accessibly across the state.</p>	<p>Lucina is looking into distributors for lockboxes to send to CMHPs and to coalitions if there are more. She is currently working with a local metal manufacturing group who would create the boxes and sell them at cost. She is talking with a metal fabricator who is local and excited about working with us on this. There would be one large order from the fabricator and then ongoing orders that CMHPs could place through this organization.</p> <p>The idea is that they would have two sizes of lockboxes and each box would hold multiple types of things from firearms and medications and other items that would keep folks safe.</p> <p>Emily asked if firearm owners have been consulted around the development of the lockboxes? Lucina said not yet because we haven’t reached that phase yet. Right now they are in the data collection phase to see if this is something people would be interested in and would use. She</p>

said that the specs of the lockboxes would be based off of existing lockboxes. Jonathan thinks that the Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition could be a good space to ask about development and thoughts for how it can be designed.

Other questions / comments:

- Is there identified funding to support this effort? What is the benefit/cost of spending funds on safe storage now vs. designing?
- We (OHA VBH program) have contracted with OFSC to support firearm lockbox distribution. More than happy to share any lessons learned.
- Caroline recommends talking with our local stores and not Sportsmans.

Lucina shared that Nirmala with OHA heard of a campaign that took place in Washington State and was interested in having one in Oregon. The idea is to shift it to fit Oregon’s needs and requirements. The group talked about pros and cons with doing an Oregon specific campaign. Galli is specifically concerned about sustainability with a campaign and not wanting us to do something that we aren’t able to continue with.

- Completely agree that we need an Oregon specific campaign informed with partners. [Here is the WA campaign](#) info for reference.

2:15 Adjourn