



Lethal Means Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4237288773?pwd=N3RWYkZISTNuc0hWYVVR3cTIRbDBxUT09>

Committee Members: Co-Chair Kellie McWilliams, Co-Chair Pam Pearce, Alyssa Callender, Emily Watson, Jess Marks, Megan Miller, Meghan Crane, Mike James, Ryan Price

Committee Members not in Attendance: Chair-Jonathan Hankins, Daniell Zeigler, Debra Darmata, Galli Murray, , Shanda Hochstetler, Sunshine Mason

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

Guests: Sarah Greenwood

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| 1:00 | Welcome, Announcements | |
| | Follow-up from last meeting | <p>To do list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - Jonathan said that we can also policy scan presentations that are being submitted to OPAT for initiatives that are happening in the state. |
| | Community Membership Partnership Possibility | <p>Sarah Greenwood met with the Committee today to share about her story, her brother, and concerns around gaps in current ERPO laws.</p> <p>Concern with ERPO: Nothing in current ERPO laws state what the responsibility of law enforcement officers who file ERPO petitions. Training for ERPO – it’s not required for law enforcement to take a training on ERPO laws. The court should have the authority and discretion to hold the hearing until the contested officer can attend.</p> <p>Sarah’s ask – long-term goal for the Alliance to partner and work with Sarah on legislative fixes.</p> <p>Kelie – in the ERPO process, officers have to give an affidavit for why they feel the person is at risk to themselves or others. She asks what Sarah thinks an important step would be when the officer doesn’t show in</p> |

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| | | <p>person. Sarah thinks that the lowest bar should be that the officer be called to see why they aren't present and if they will be in attendance. Sarah doesn't want private citizens to have to attend ERPO hearings due to safety reasons but she believes that law enforcement officers should have to attend. What she thinks would be most helpful is that the court could push back the hearing / reschedule it for a different day that meets the 21-day current time requirement.</p> <p>Current way things work – law enforcement needs to have first hand knowledge of the situation in order to speak to why the ERPO should be in place.</p> <p>Ask for this Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partner to craft legislation for the 2025 session that would require training for law enforcement around ERPOs. |
| | <p>Initiative 1 Work: Collaborate with the Cultivating Solutions and other partners on safe storage legislation for the 2024 Short Session.</p> | <p>HB 4096 (FFL legislation) will not be heard this session and is not moving forward.</p> <p>SB 1503 (taskforce) had a public hearing, a work session, and moved out of committee. This will be moved through the House side and go through the same process on that side. Amendment 6 includes the Alliance in the legislation as a group that the taskforce has to collaborate with.</p> <p>M110 discussions are picking up faster than expected so it is unknown how quickly they will be able to move on SB 1503 with the work that still that needs to be done.</p> |

HB 4002 (M110) had a public hearing last week. A lobby day with Oregonians for Recovery and Health is tomorrow so legislators will be hearing from people about increasing access to treatment.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Capitol Day was this past Monday. Volunteers met with many legislators to talk about support for HB 4096, SB 1503, and HB 4070.

Next steps for HB 4096 with it not moving forward:

1. We could start building out a map for what FFLs will hold firearms. There are some FFLs already doing this work even without the state immunity for them but we don't know if they will want to publicize that they are doing this work.
2. Try again in a future session. Give the Representative some time to breathe and process it not moving forward again. Committee members believe that we should try again and move forward with this bill in a future session, potentially in the 2025 long session. Casey shared that, with their experience as a veteran, they think this bill is 'too important and don't want it to go away.'

Jess Marks is working on building a round table to talk about what we have been working on and they have invited Rep. Tran to be a speaker at that space.

Ryan shared that AFSP helped to pass similar legislation in Montana and there were no votes against it.

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| | | <p>The group discussed the idea of building out the network before the legislation or legislation first. This is going to be a longer discussion for the group to think about.</p> <p>Casey would love to hear back from the Mobile Crisis Response Teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are they seeing? - How many teams have run into people having firearms with no place to safely store them outside the home? <p>Alyssa shared that the research is ready to go from the UO side but funding for actually doing the research is a barrier. Jenn, Annette, and Alyssa will meet to talk some more about this.</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>Not discussed during meeting.</p> |
| | <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>Not discussed during meeting.</p> |
| <p>2:15</p> | <p>Adjourn</p> | <p>Jenn shared that June is the time with the Alliance finalizes our policy agenda for upcoming sessions. We will look more at our policy areas of interest in the March meeting</p> |

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| | | <p>Gun Storage Check Week. AFSP is looking at how they can participate in this and Ryan thinks there could be a way for us to capitalize on a national effort locally that would encourage people to address firearm storage plans.</p> |
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