

**Alliance**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, July 1, 2024

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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Committee Members and Affiliates: Chair Galli Murray, Co-Chair Charlette Lumby, Angela Perry, Deb Darmata, Don Erickson, Gordon Clay, Jill Baker, John Seeley, Justin Potts, Kelie McWilliams, Kirk Wolfe, Meghan Crane, Laura Rose Misaras, Liz Schwarz, Pam Pearce, Sandy Bumpus, Shanda Hochstetler, Taylor Chambers

Committee Members not in Attendance:

Deb Darmata, Karen Cellarius, Sandy Bumpus, Meghan Crane

Staff in Attendance: Annette Marcus (Alliance)

Guests:

Amber Bathon, Craig Leets, Mary Massey, Linda Hockman, Lois Tari, Meghan Miller, Michelle Bangen, Nole Kennedy, Odalis Osorio, Stephanie Willard, Suzie Stadelman

*Our Mission*

The Alliance advocates and works to inform and strengthen Oregon’s suicide prevention, intervention and postvention policies, services and supports to prevent youth and young adults from dying by suicide.

*Our Vision*

In Oregon all young people have hope, feel safe asking for help, can find access to the right help at the right time to prevent suicide, and live in communities that foster healing, connection, and wellness.

*Equity Statement*

To achieve our vision, we acknowledge the impact of white supremacy, institutionalized racism, and all forms of oppression. The Alliance endeavors to make Oregon a place where suicide reduction and prevention is achieved for

people of all ages, races, ethnicities, abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, socioeconomic status, nationalities, and geographic locations.

## **Minutes**

### **2:30 Welcome and Agenda Review**

Galli Murray, Chair

Galli welcomed attendees. She reminded the group the purpose of today's meeting is to set up next steps for revising Alliance bylaws. The Alliance has been out of step on compliance with public meeting laws for a while and is also out of scope with SB707 statute. We are in a time of transition with how the Alliance will operate in the future, revised bylaws will address scope and ways to operate to bring us into compliance with public meeting laws. The major change is that our scope will now be to advise OHA only, no direct advocacy or legislative work in the future although can make policy recommendations to OHA. That is a big shift, it changes what we do and how we work. Annette has put together a summary of the public meeting law requirements and will review with us before we start our discussion.

### **2:45 Overview of Public Meeting Laws**

Annette Marcus, Suicide Prevention Policy Manager

Annette thanked Galli and welcomed everyone to today's meeting. She shared a brief background about DOJ looking at advisory groups (not just Alliance) and compliance with public meeting laws. The review of the Alliance included a look at the scope per SB707. Before her presentation, Annette noted she was highlighting specific sections of the public meeting law for foundational information to inform revisions to the bylaws. See meeting materials for the PowerPoint presentation.

Highlights from the discussion:

Galli – One idea that has come up is to form a statewide coalition as a way to give the Alliance the flexibility to continue its advocacy and legislative work which we can no longer do based on DOJ and OHA guidance about our scope.

Jill – The Alliance is the YSIPP Advisory Committee. Some but not all of current Alliance activities are in line with SB707, that's why we need to update bylaws.

Kelie – Will the bylaws also cover ASIPP?

Jill – No, SB707 is YSIPP only, it is youth focused. There are advisory groups for OHA that are not in statute which means the Alliance could take on an advisory role for

the ASIPP, however, the Alliance has been clear they cannot take on ASIPP unless there is additional funding.

Kelie – On the communication and talking about Alliance activities outside of meetings, can I talk about Alliance activities with someone who isn't a member of the Alliance or is that a violation of the public meeting laws?

Jill – At the June quarterly meeting, Chelsea asked for scenarios of specific examples to help us figure out what communications are OK. Chelsea gave a few examples of how other groups manage their subcommittees and the constraints of the public meeting laws.

**Action item: OHA needs the Alliance to provide specific examples.**

Justin – Let's give it our best shot at getting the bylaws revised now and modify as issues come up; we are best served to get it done. To save a step, rather than setting up a separate bylaws workgroup the executive committee can make the revisions. A workgroup would then be unnecessary.

Mary – supports Justin's recommendation of the executive committee making the revisions.

Kelie – A large workgroup isn't practical. We need to have 5-7 people on it and a representative from OHA.

Don – We have to figure out how to navigate public meeting laws and adjust accordingly. For example, the ongoing work of the workforce committee will basically be stopped now; we will be down to making recommendations to OHA and not continuing with our advocacy/legislative work.

Jill – Legislative recommendations that are given to OHA will be sent to our Government Relations section for consideration. The Alliance will continue to be part of policy work this way. The main change for the Alliance is no more advocacy/legislative activity allowed. First, get the bylaws done and then sort through the options for advocacy.

Annette – Advocacy and legislative activity is no longer our work, other groups such as AFSP are doing policy work.

Angela – Reach out to AFSP, we have great support from our national office in DC and also do work in Oregon.

Annette – We need to finish revisions to the bylaws by September.

Galli called for a motion to form a group to work on the bylaws. Kelie moved to create a workgroup of 5 to 7 people to revise the bylaws. Gordon seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 9 yes, 2 no, 2 abstentions. (See footnote for voting members of the executive committee<sup>1</sup>)

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<sup>1</sup> Voting Members, Executive Committee: Chair Galli Murray – Chair; Co-Chair Charlette Lumby – Co-Chair; Angela Perry – Lived Experience; Don Erickson – Workforce Chair; Gordon Clay – At-large; Jill Baker (OHA assigned but can't vote); John Seeley – Schools Representation; Karen

The process going forward is: today's vote authorized a workgroup to draft revisions. The workgroup will send revised bylaws to the executive committee for adoption and the executive committee will forward bylaws to OHA for acceptance. Workgroup members are Kelie, Angela, Lois, Amber, Gordon, and John. Annette will staff the workgroup and Jill will represent OHA. Annette will schedule workgroup meetings. Revised bylaws will be presented at September 27, 2024, quarterly meeting.

**3:50 Adjourn**

Galli acknowledged this period of transition has been very challenging and thanked attendees for working through it together. Meeting adjourned at 3:50

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Cellarius OR Sandy Bumpus - Data & Eval chairs; Kelie McWilliams OR Pam Pearce - Lethal Means chairs; Kirk Wolfe – Healthcare Representation; Laura Rose Misaras – Lived Experience; Liz Schwarz – Transitions of Care Chair