



Alliance March 14, 2025 Quarterly Meeting
Meeting: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Optional orientation 8:45 AM – 9:15 AM

You must register for the Zoom information and calendar invite:

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THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED

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.



Time	Topic/What	Notes/Attachments
Enter Name, Pronouns, Email, Title in the Chat		
8:45 – 9:15	Orientation for Newcomers to the Alliance Jenn Fraga	
9:30 – 9:50	Welcome Attendees Hold Space for the Room for Current Events Don Erickson, Interim Chair Jenn Fraga, Staff	Big View, Review, Preview Breakout Rooms: Come up with a question
9:50 – 10:15	Alliance Business: Approve December Quarterly Meeting Minutes By-Law Update Review Review Alliance Staffing Update Alliance Registration Reminder Don Erickson, Interim Chair Jenn Fraga, Staff Kris Bifulco, Staff Lucina Armstrong Michaud, Staff	
10:15 – 10:40	Legislation Update: AFSP Action Advocacy Day Legislative Timeline How You can Engage in Legislation Angela Perry Jenn Fraga	
10:40 – 10:50	Looking forward to Future Quarterly Meetings Craig Leets	
10:50 – 11:00	Break	



11:10 – 11:40	YSIPP 2026-2030 Updates Jill Baker	
11:40 – 11:55	Alliance YSIPP Recommendation Process Don Erickson	
11:55 – 12:15	Subcommittee Updates	
12:15 – 12:30	Announcements Adjourn	

OREGON ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUICIDE'S GUIDE TO

HOW TO ENGAGE WITH LEGISLATION AS PART OF THE ALLIANCE

Recent changes in the Alliance's structure have changed how Alliance Staff, members, and affiliates can interact with the legislative process. This document is meant to clarify the boundaries of legislative engagement within the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide. If you have additional questions, please email Alliance Staff Jenn Fraga at jfraga@aocmhp.org.

HISTORICALLY:

Prior to recommended changes from the DOJ on both Alliance by-laws and structure, Alliance Staff would meet with legislators on behalf of the Alliance, advocate and testify on legislation on behalf of the Alliance, and actively led efforts to create new legislation for youth and young adult suicide prevention. Alliance members and affiliates could provide testimony on proposed bills and share that they were testifying as part of the Alliance.

MOVING FORWARD:

Because the Alliance serves as an advisory body to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), it is considered to be a representative of OHA. The Alliance and its members can no longer engage in direct advocacy work to legislators on behalf of the Alliance. Instead, our aim is to advise OHA on policy priorities for youth suicide prevention.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS?

The Alliance still has substantial meaning and significance in the world of suicide prevention. People know us by the good work we do and we will not lose the relationships or the momentum that have aided our success. Shifting our approach in a few small but significant ways will bring us into alignment with our statutory role as an advisory board, defined in 2019's SB 707.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Alliance will develop policy priorities annually, based on the knowledge, expertise, and lived experience of Alliance membership along with current suicide prevention research and promising practices. Alliance Subcommittees can suggest priority areas for the full membership to consider and the full Alliance will vote on policy recommendations to share with OHA.

From there, OHA's funding and legislative requests can be submitted for each long session, and they align with the Governor's priority areas. Our OHA partners in the Child and Family Behavioral Health team can track legislation but cannot provide testimony in support or opposition of legislation. OHA has a team of folks who collect and review relevant information and data to create materials for OHA leaders to share with the legislative body during session to help legislators make decisions on the different bills that come across their committees.

ROLES AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

ALLIANCE STAFF:

Alliance Staff work with the Alliance to create policy recommendations that are shared with OHA for consideration during the development of Policy Option Packages. Recommendations will be sent annually. A timeline for this process is attached to this document.

Alliance Staff can provide educational materials to legislators to help inform them about the issues they will be voting on. Educational materials can come from Alliance Subcommittee work, like feedback on OHA reports, key informant interviews and focus groups, or recommendations from our Executive Subcommittee. Alliance Staff are also available to support Alliance Members and Affiliates.

ALLIANCE MEMBERS & AFFILIATES:

Engage in the Alliance’s policy recommendation process by participating in Alliance Subcommittees, attending Alliance Quarterly Meetings, and/or attending the Executive Subcommittee.

Members and affiliates can still advocate and provide testimony on different pieces of legislation from the suicide prevention perspective, however, how you talk about your connection to the Alliance may need to change.

For example, you cannot say:	Instead, you can say:
'I am here representing the Alliance.'	'My name is _____ and I am part of these different organizations (Alliance, coalition, etc.) as someone (insert your connection to suicide prevention work).'
' As a member of the Alliance , I believe you should / shouldn't support this piece of legislation.'	

If you were to talk with legislators outside of a committee meeting, you can still share that you are part of the Alliance so long as you don't say you are representing it.

LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE:

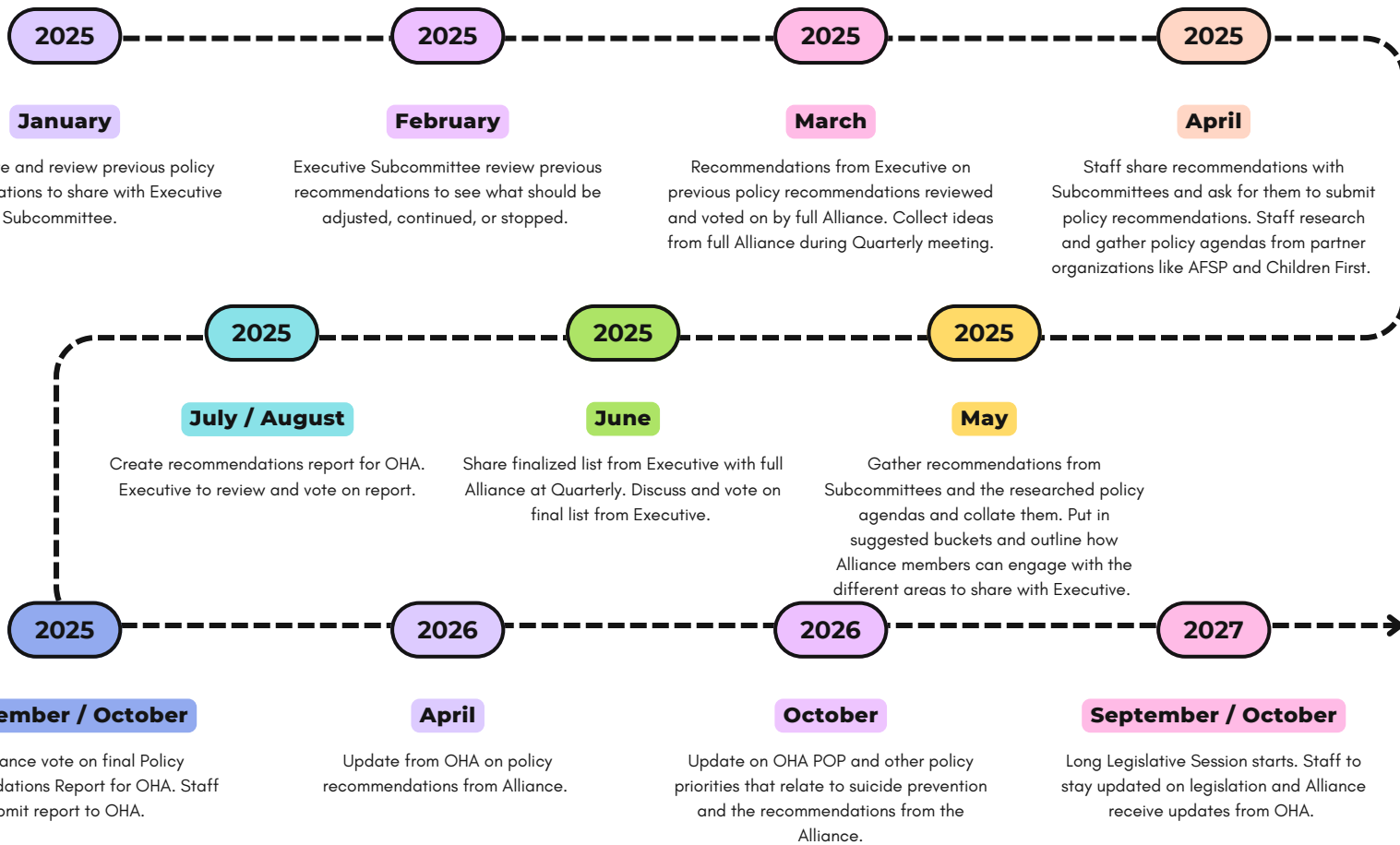
WHO	CAN	CANNOT
OHA Staff	Develop POP Track legislation	Directly support or oppose specific legislation; provide testimony as an OHA staff member
Alliance Staff	Create educational materials for legislators Advise OHA on policy priorities and recommendations Track legislation	Directly support or oppose specific legislation; provide testimony as an Alliance staff member
Alliance Members & Affiliates	Reference the Alliance in legislative testimony	Provide legislative testimony on behalf of the Alliance Represent the Alliance in testimony

Alliance Staff: Those who are responsible for maintaining core Alliance functions day-to-day; employed by Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP).

Alliance Members: Those who are appointed as voting members of the Alliance by the head of OHA. Members are appointed for three-year terms and serve on various subcommittees to help move our work forward.

Alliance Affiliates: Those who attend and support the Alliance but are not appointed voting members. Alliance affiliates also attend subcommittee meetings and ad hoc workgroups for special projects but cannot vote on things like bylaws, minutes, and recommendations to OHA.

ALLIANCE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO OHA TIMELINE:



If you are going to provide testimony and you would like support from Alliance Staff, please connect with Jenn Fraga at jfraga@aocmhp.org and she can help you through the process.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this work. Suicide prevention and culture change work cannot be done in isolation and we appreciate being able to work alongside you.

Alliance Policy Recommendations to OHA Timeline

to prep for 2027 Legislative Session

