

**Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide**  
**Equity Subcommittee**  
**January (1/27/25) Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Members – Maryanne Mueller Co-Chair, Michelle Bangen Co-Chair, Craig Leets, Deb Darmata, Jill Baker, Rachel Howard, Ritu Roy, Shanda Hochstetler, Siche Green-Mitchell, Taylor Chambers, Vivian Koomson

Staff – Kris Bifulco, Lucina Armstrong Michaud, Tim Glascock

Guests – N/A

**Minutes:**

- Cultural Infusion: U of O Suicide Prevention Lab will code the info from the Focus Groups and Survey and share it with Community Connections Psychological Associates (Dr. Chu & Dr. Hoeflein). Then they will schedule round table consult times (Feb through June) to bring all of the info and the learning we have had together to work with YSIPP leaders on how they want this to guide the work.
  - Dr. Chu & Dr. Hoeflein will give leaders pre-work and then meet with folks and then they will have time to work independently and then meet again with Dr. Chu & Dr. Hoeflein
  - This committee and the exec committee will represent the Alliance in this process.
- Cultural Infusion: Focus Groups Update
  - Focus groups are now February 12th
  - Due to bots registering instead of actual humans
  - 2 are for providers or professionals (educators, therapists, peer supports,
    - Professionals & Providers Focus Group Option 1: Wed Feb 12, 2025, 10-11:30am

Registration: <https://qr-codes.io/c6uUdI>

- Professionals & Providers Focus Group Option 2: Wed Feb 12, 2025, 3-4:30pm

Registration: <https://qr-codes.io/d0uOds>

- 1 for families and young people
  - Youth & Family Focus Group: Wed Feb 12, 2025, 6-7:30pm

Registration: <https://qr-codes.io/ha74Ix>

- All still have room in them
- Send to young people/families in your world
- Executive committee helped make invite list and it was sent out
- Language access is available
- Cultural Infusion: Survey Update
  - Please fill out if you haven't yet
  - [https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eJx0PiXiMjmWKvc](https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJx0PiXiMjmWKvc)
- Cultural Infusion: Does the option to have consult time as a committee sound appealing?
  - Yes, folks are interested
  - Current meeting times right now are Wednesday 9am times - might be whoever can make it at that time
  - Jill will check to see if Dr. Chu & Dr. Hoeflein can come to a regularly scheduled Equity committee time in March or April
- Question: Is there an opportunity to have as part of the meeting time some "working group" opportunities more so in terms of goal setting/values setting of how we are operating in an advisory capacity?
- Meeting Minutes Approval
  - Motion to approve Nov Minutes by Maryanne, Craig seconds,

- Jill abstain, Craig & Maryanne yay
  - Motion to approve Dec Minutes Maryanne motions, Jill seconds
    - Jill abstain, Craig abstain, & Maryanne yay
- We need a temporary co-chair while Maryanne is on maternity leave.
  - Staff will put it out to members to get folks to the meeting and to task for volunteers.
- Options for our time today:
  - What does it look like for us to do equity work in the current landscape? or
  - How can we get engagement and re-engagement in the subcommittee? or
  - Work on the Alliance orientation process again?
- Question to OHA - how concerned do we need to be about this work? How is this being talked about at the state level? Are our state funds secure with current federal slashing DEI work?
  - Our governor and general attorney are not budging - Example - requiring folks to take training on what to do if ICA asks for documents.
  - Lots of questions.
  - Almost \$2.5 of \$10 million for our budget is Federal funding. \*We should be conscious and thoughtful around what we are talking about and how strongly we are saying anything right now.
  - Our federal learning collaboratives have been cancelled for at least three months - but named as indefinite. (most federal grant meetings and learning collaboratives have been cancelled for the transitional period)
  - OHA is planning and building for unchanged funding knowing this is a weird time.

- Are we concerned about the cultural infusion work we are embarking on?
  - Banking on the legislative mandate to update the YSIPP carrying this work through
  - The biggest concern is protecting people/groups that may be targeted.
  - Dr. Hathi, Director of OHA has not shifted course
- Comment - we may need to expect a narrowing of what we can spend funds on and also perhaps think about government tracking of organization communications (we may need to think about what language we use to make the work less searchable and harder to target)
  - Maybe we do need to think about how we could swap out general funds so that we aren't impacted by narrowing of scope for funds.
  - Recent conversation with GLS grant monitor agent from SAMSHA: when asked directly about language in the new budget - told to keep it as is right now and move forward with work as planned.
- We can come back to this conversation each month as it will be ongoing
  - Navigating the current landscape
- AOCMHP will bring the AI policy to the group to discuss. Staff will be attending an AI and equity learning event and will bring what they learn to the group.
- Re-engagement and New Engagement - Personal check ins with folks who are not here but have been in the past and invitations to new folks, especially Alliance members.

## Action items

- AOCMHP staff will email Alliance membership to increase committee engagement and email Equity group members about temporary co-chair position