



Alliance
Executive Subcommittee Meeting
March 3, 2025
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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Committee Members: Interim Vice-Chair Craig Leets, Aaron Townsend, Angela Perry, Don Erickson, Galli Murray, Gordon Clay, John Seeley, Karen Cellarius, Kirk Wolfe, Laura Rose Misaras, Mary Massey, Pam Pearce, Siche Green-Mitchell

Committee Members not in Attendance: Interim Chair Don Erickson, Jill Baker, Kelie McWilliams, Liz Schwarz, Maryanne Mueller

Staff: Jenn Fraga, Kris Bifulco

Guests: Steve Schneider, Shanda Hochstetler, Taylor Chambers, Roger Brubaker

Per By-Laws:

- Each Executive Subcommittee member is entitled to one vote on any matter referred to the Subcommittee. Votes will require a quorum.
- A quorum in the Executive Subcommittee will be 50% plus 1 of Executive Subcommittee members, and must include an Executive Subcommittee Chair or Vice-chair. Decisions will be made by majority vote of Executive Subcommittee.
- Any member may submit motions for vote to the Executive Subcommittee.

Time	Agenda Item	What / Update
2:30	<p>Welcome, Announcements Craig Leets</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes: John Seeley – move to approve minutes Pam Pearce – second Consent agenda passes without changes</p> <p>Updates and Announcements: OHA Rolling out registration for SP 201/202.</p> <p>SCRR Postvention Gathering & Alliance newsletter appreciated: highlights needs for responding to the moment. Please send similar events to Laura Rose for PeerGalaxy.</p>
2:40	<p>Request for Letter to OHA from Alliance Craig Leets</p>	<p>Request from Equity Subcommittee Draft & send letter to OHA, ODE to say thank you/good job for keeping commitment to health equity goals despite federal attacks on equity, please hold strong, you have our support.</p> <p>For reference: “OHA Youth Suicide Prevention remains committed to Oregon Health Authority's mission of ensuring all people and communities can achieve optimum physical, mental, and social well-being through partnerships, prevention, and access to quality, affordable health care. Every change in federal administration presents potential disruptions to health care policy. The OHA Youth Suicide Prevention team wants to reassure community members and partners that we will continue serve them and will keep them apprised of any potential federal changes that could impact our programs. OHA Youth Suicide Prevention will continue supporting OHA's important work of expanding opportunity, improving well-being, and eliminating health inequities for all Oregonians. Please contact OHA Youth Suicide Prevention coordinators, Jill Baker, Shanda Hochstetler, or Roger Brubaker if you have any questions or concerns.”</p> <p>Anticipate special meeting to approve letters before they go out – please stay tuned. Notice needs to go out one week in advance, keep an eye on your inbox for scheduling.</p>

<p>2:50</p>	<p>Review Final March Quarterly Agenda</p> <p>Craig Leets</p>	<p>Update on tribal representation in by-laws -> “We have this on the agenda for the March 10th 9 tribes prevention meeting for Shane to ask this question. Which means there will be an update prior to the March 14th meeting – but the full Alliance will have to vote on any changes resulting in it in June.”</p> <p>Review language on attendance policy for vote in March Quarterly.</p> <p>Staffing update since Annette’s departure</p> <p>Alliance registration reminder: members need to complete Workday trainings to remain members beyond June; please remember to register for webinars via Zoom link.</p> <p>AFSP Action/Advocacy Day Update</p> <p>YSIPP Update</p> <p>Future Quarterly Meeting Updates</p> <p>Subcommittee Updates</p>
<p>2:55</p>	<p>YSIPP 2026-2030 Updates</p> <p>Jill Baker</p>	<p>Consultation meetings with Dr. Chu –</p> <p>Scheduling half day strategic planning meeting for executive subcommittee: Jenn launched poll in-meeting.</p> <p>April 17th worked for most folks. Calendar invite will be sent out.</p>
<p>3:05</p>	<p>Legislative Presentation and Discussion</p> <p>Jess Marks / Steve Schneider</p> <p>Angela Perry</p> <p>Jenn Fraga</p>	<p>Legislative Presentation – Steve Schneider, Firearm Suicide Prevention Program Manager, Alliance for a Safe Oregon, mailto:steve@oralliance.org</p> <p>Documents shares: 1 pager, Veteran Health Care, 2025 Oregon GVP Agenda</p> <p>PCPs need support in safety counseling for firearm suicide Advocacy & policy work, started talking with Rep. Thuy Tran on committee bill for continuing education. Sought input from doctors, medical professionals, suicide prevention specialists to create HB 2537 (access to healthcare for veterans via OHP waiver), HB 2538 (suicide prevention training for providers) together. → two hours of suicide risk assessment training every 6 years. Opportunity to expand the conversation on suicide prevention in healthcare systems and have input on the record to help meet the need of suicide prevention training in an equitable</p>

way.

March 11 – testifying in support from the veteran perspective – Steve will send dates and links to Jenn Fraga after the meeting for inclusion in minutes.

Additional Veteran specific legislation: [HB 2845](#)

[SB 429](#) – going to committee soon, will implement 72-hour waiting period between background checks and reception of new firearm for every new firearm purchase (delaying access to a lethal means; “cooling off” period for suicide risk). Aware this will be challenged in Oregon.

[SB 697](#) – raising the age of firearm possession from 18 to 21. 18 year olds can purchase shotguns or rifles in Oregon, need to be 21 to purchase a handgun. Evidence shows that raising age of possession can prevent some firearm tragedies.

[SB 203](#) – seeks to fill gaps in ERPO laws, esp. around training for law enforcement & implementation via study and practice recommendations

[HB 3076](#) – related to tracing crime guns, inspecting gun shops where crime guns come from. Creates statewide system for accountability and surveillance. Other states show this reduces gun trafficking, straw purchases; improves business practices to reduce theft and break-ins.

Reminder: M114 is still in appeal, there may be opportunities to provide testimony

Alliance for a Safe Oregon’s policy agenda:

<https://www.alliancesafeoregon.org/take-action>

Ask – look at/read through the bills, support as you see fit – Alliance for Safe Oregon will train/support you on providing testimony (live or written), written testimony speaking to good suicide prevention practice is appreciated. Additionally, support the training that is already occurring in communities.

Question: How much support do you have from key players?

-been talking with PPB, Veteran’s groups, etc. broad support from surprising areas incl. gun shop owners

Question: how much pushback from providers?

-an appropriate amount, including from co-trainers who are

		<p>doctors. Worry about mandating training, time commitment, wasted time, etc.</p> <p>Question: acceptance & reaction from county sheriffs? -depends on location. Tri-county area has good relationships and reactions, allied with the cause. Other counties are harder to reach, need good relationships to find an in. Expect Sherriff's Association to push back.</p> <p>Comment: Oregon Dental Association has Wellness Ambassadors for peer support to reduce suicidality in dentists- the Dental Association may be an unexpected ally for the cause</p> <p>Reminder: There is a bill to fund the AgriStress helpline for a few more years (developed by OSU Extension) https://extension.oregonstate.edu/agristress-helpline-Oregon</p>
3:30	<p>Legislative Session Timeline and Q&A Document</p> <p>Jenn Fraga</p>	<p>Shared for review, outlines how Alliance members & affiliates can continue advocacy work with suicide prevention perspective Seeking approval for Alliance Policy Recommendation timeline for 2027 long session.</p> <p>Appreciation shared for the long-term visioning, transparency and clarification of process. Helps to understand the cadence of preparing policy recommendations.</p> <p>From chat: This looks good, one thing that was talked about was that we can piggy back on legislation that is introduced in previous years and not having to repeat all the steps each time we want to recommend things.</p> <p>Comment: in the past, we've had to get recommendations in by the January before short session for anything that has budget implications, so recommendations to OHA are best received by August/Sept beforehand for inclusion in POP. Governor's policy recommendations come out in Dec/Jan, so need to get ahead of it.</p> <p>Can share top priorities with rationale and evidence attached.</p>

		<p>Best to have ready before January for consideration.</p> <p>Biggest request: put Jan 2026 on here as a goalpost for a letter to OHA for inclusion in POP.</p> <p>Worry: expedited timeline for schools committee, since many are out of reach in June & July. Will get on it ASAP.</p> <p>Motion to approve documents to share with full Alliance, with discussed edits: John Seeley moves to approve; Gordon Clay seconds.</p> <p>Edits: Jan 2026 marker for consideration of a letter to OHA leadership regarding Budget/Policy recommendations as POP policy option package discussion has generally begun in prep of the ARB Agency Request Budget for 2027-2029 biennium (2027 Legislative Session Jan to Jun 2027 for budget July 2027 to Jun 2029)</p>
3:45	New Member Outreach	<p>Specific outreach to people specifically representing SB 707 gaps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21-years-old and younger - Private insurance - Military member / family members - Hospital / health systems
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