

Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide  
Executive Subcommittee Meeting Agenda & Action Planning

**Date & Time:** September 9, 2025      10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87129737803>

**Subcommittee Voting Members Present:** Chair Don Erickson, Vice-Chair Craig Leets, Angela Perry, Gordon Clay, Jill Baker, Karen Cellarius, Mary Massey, Maryanne Mueller

**Subcommittee Voting Members not Present:** Aaron Townsend, Galli Murray, Kelie McWilliams, Kirk Wolfe, Pam Pearce, Siche Green-Mitchell

**Staff:** Jenn Fraga, Lucina Michaud Armstrong

**Guests:** Justin Potts, Shanda Hochstetler, Taylor Chambers

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**Subcommittee Decision Making:** Quorum in the Executive Subcommittee is defined as 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.

As of August 2025, Quorum is 8 members.

**Quick Recap:** The meeting began with administrative updates and agenda review, including discussion of upcoming Quarterly Meeting logistics and policy recommendations from various subcommittees that will be reviewed at the next meeting. The group evaluated several policy proposals including a firearm storage program and House Bill 2315 amendments, while also discussing terminology updates and a potential healthcare provider training program. The conversation ended with membership updates, including new recommendations to OHA and executive subcommittee openings, followed by planning of a youth-focused cannabis use research project.

**Agenda Item:** Check-in and provide updates / announcements / Quarterly overview

**Notes:** The next Quarterly meeting is scheduled for next Friday, which will be hybrid with some members in Ashland and others virtual. Craig reminded everyone to confirm their calendar invites for the correct Zoom link.

**Agenda Item:** OHA 5-minute update

**Notes:** The group discussed how to handle the new Oregon Youth Suicide Awareness Day (October 9th), which was passed into law without naming the deceased individual. While AFSP initially had concerns about the anniversary date, they ultimately supported the designation as it doesn't specify the person. The team debated whether to treat it like Suicide Prevention Month, with activities like Facebook posts and toolkits, or to avoid any specific recognition. Gordon suggested having multiple awareness days throughout the year, while others focused on the distinction between awareness and prevention messaging, with Angela noting that awareness helps educate the public about suicide being the second leading cause of death for youth in Oregon.

**Agenda Item:** Subcommittee Policy Recommendations

**Notes:** The group reviewed policy recommendations from subcommittees, focusing on ensuring they align with the alliance's scope. Jenn presented recommendations from lethal means and schools/workforce subcommittees, which will be discussed further at the Quarterly Meeting next Friday. The recommendations will then be sent to OHA for their policy priorities during the 2027 legislative session. The team agreed to review these recommendations as

a slate, with breakout rooms for discussion, and confirmed they would not make major changes to the subcommittee-generated ideas.

The group discussed a proposal for a firearm storage program, where gun owners could voluntarily store their weapons at licensed FFLs or shops during times of crisis or when children visit. Jenn explained that while some FFLs currently offer this service, liability concerns and costs have been barriers to expansion. The group noted that a similar policy was considered in the last legislative session but did not pass, with concerns about liability and the term "transfer" causing confusion.

The subcommittee reviewed policy recommendations from Schools and continuing education for school professionals. After discussion, Justin and Donald recommended removing school QMHPs and school nurses from the list, as these roles are already covered by other licensing boards, while keeping school psychologists and counselors.

The group reviewed several slides containing proposed revisions and updates to Adi's Act and Workforce, including changes to terminology like "gatekeeper" and "community helper." They discussed a potential training program for physical healthcare providers on suicide assessment and management, with OHA potentially providing funding and implementation.

The group agreed to bring these proposals to the Quarterly Meeting next Friday, with Donald making the motion and Maryanne seconding.

#### **Agenda Item:** Annual Alliance Satisfaction Survey Results

**Notes:** Jenn presented the results of a recent membership survey, noting that only 30 surveys were completed, which was less than the previous year. Key findings included a desire for more focus on 18-24 year olds, concerns about the Roberts rules, and satisfaction with increased interaction time at quarterly meetings. The survey revealed some dissatisfaction with engagement and contribution valuation, which Justin attributed to recent setbacks in momentum. The group discussed the need to refocus their work and leverage recent executive orders on behavioral health to maintain relevance. Craig suggested the need for a forward-looking discussion on the group's current state and future direction.

**Agenda Item:** Membership Update

**Notes:** The group discussed membership updates, with Craig reporting 14 names submitted to OHA for alliance recommendations, including 3 from schools and 10 for reappointments.

**Agenda Item:** Executive Subcommittee Membership Update

**Notes:** Jenn announced that executive subcommittee membership needs to be updated due to recent changes, including open spots for an at-large member, 1-2 lived experience members, and a youth/young adult member. She plans to collect nominations starting in October for December voting, and offered to help coordinate volunteer hours for interested youth members. The group also discussed that membership terms were reset following bylaw revisions, with different term limits for various positions.

**Agenda Item:** Lethal Means Project Idea

**Notes:** The meeting focused on planning a project to gather youth perspectives on cannabis use, with Jenn proposing 90-minute focus groups for teens aged 14-24 to inform educational materials for providers. The group discussed logistics including compensation, anonymity, and age-segmented groups, with Mary raising concerns about HIPAA rights and Maryanne suggesting equity involvement. Several subcommittees expressed interest in participating, particularly workforce and equity, with Jenn planning to update Lethal Means and bring the project to upcoming subcommittees.

**Agenda Item:** Subcommittee Updates

**Notes:** Ran out of time for this agenda item so it was not discussed.