

**Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide**  
Lethal Means Safety Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** September 10, 2025 \* 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89796541408?pwd=OGpPRVArcDhTS1MzWml3YUhaZHV3dz09>

**Subcommittee Voting Members in Attendance:** Co-Chair Kelie McWilliams, Co-Chair Pam Pearce, Gordon Clay, Mike James

**Subcommittee Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Meghan Crane

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

**Guests:** Lee Stewart

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**Subcommittee Decision Making:** A quorum is defined as three voting members of the Alliance, and must include a Subcommittee Chair or Co-chair. Decisions will be made by majority vote of the total number of members on that Subcommittee that are present. Any member may submit motions for vote to the Subcommittee and at quarterly meetings.

Main Objective of Meeting: The meeting focused on suicide prevention and gun safety measures, with discussions around the effectiveness of safe storage devices and tracking their impact on reducing suicide rates. The group explored policy recommendations for Extreme Risk Protection Orders and firearm storage initiatives, while also discussing the importance of education and secure storage for firearm safety. Updates were shared on various initiatives including cannabis work, medication disposal methods, and the distribution of secure storage devices, with the team agreeing to pursue several action items including an alliance project on cannabis education for teens.

## Agenda Item: Announcements

### Notes:

- Member brought up data from another country around secure storage and do we have data showing that the lethal means storage initiatives in Oregon are reducing rates. Discussion around data and agreement that we don't have capacity to track that currently.
- Discussion around educating folks on personal safety weapons.
- HB ????
- Community OCALM addresses personal safety weapon

Big Village (Substance use prevention org in Multnomah County) Deterra Packs to dispose of expired medications (deactivates them and then can go into trash without environmental harm). Is this something we want to give out as a part of lethal means reduction?

- [Link to packs](#)
- OHA may be distributing through other program
- Gordon would love access to them to hand out
- This should be a requirement for all pharmacies to provide – is this an initiative?

New OHA Health Statements coming out and we can review.

### [Sandy Hook Promise Signature Petition](#)

Shared by a member for folks to check out and consider signing.

### Action:

- Look into Deterra packs as an initiative for our work plan

## Agenda Item: Policy Recommendation Language

Notes: The team explored challenges in tracking the impact of safe storage devices distributed across Oregon, with Lucina and Meghan explaining that while they track device distribution, linking individual usage to suicide prevention outcomes would be difficult due to privacy concerns and the widespread distribution of devices.

### **Starting Language:**

Support and expand training on Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) for law enforcement officials. Trainings on ERPOs including how to request one, what an ERPO covers, and other logistics should also be made available to the public.

Related Data: <https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/gun-violence-prevention-research/research-activities/>

### **Final Language:**

OHA to work with the Judicial branch to support and expand training on Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) for law enforcement officials and relevant court systems staff. Trainings on ERPOs would include how to request one, what an ERPO covers, and other logistics. Trainings should also be made available to the public.

### **Starting Language:**

Provide off-site storage for firearms in times of crisis at FFLs. Offer a waiver / voucher system for people to access safe storage for free or low cost to increase accessibility and lower barriers in times of crisis.

### **New Language:**

Provide off-site storage for firearms in times of crisis at Federally Firearm Licensee (FFLs). Offer a waiver / voucher system for people to access safe storage for free or low cost to increase accessibility and lower barriers in times of crisis.

- Alliance Lethal Means Safety Subcommittee to put together recommendations regarding education for OHA to share why it is so important to support a program like this.

Action: Both policy recommendations will go forward.

Agenda Item: Safe Storage Project Update from Kelie and Jenn

Notes:

- Survey to 18-24 year olds across the state
- 180-200 Responses
- Low attendance on focus groups due to staff capacity
- Will revise survey and push out again and do focus groups at the same time
- Still plan to complete by end of October.

Action:

Agenda Item: Update from Executive on Teen Cannabis Focus Group Project

Notes: <https://www.letstalkcannabisoregon.org/>

Action: Interest in collaborating on this project from exec and other subcommittees. This group will hold the project, and the other subcommittees will collaborate.

Agenda Item: Start on Updating Workplan

Notes: Is anyone interested in working on updating the workplan? Staff will also work on it and share with subcommittee

Action: