

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

Date & Time: October 14, 2025 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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

Subcommittee Voting Members in Attendance: Chair Don Erickson, Vice-Chair Craig Leets, Angela Perry, Galli Murray, Jill Baker, Karen Cellarius, Mary Massey, Pam Pearce

Subcommittee Voting Members not in Attendance: Aaron Townsend, Kelie McWilliams, Kirk Wolfe, Maryanne Mueller, Siche Green-Mitchell

Staff: Jenn Fraga, Lucina Michaud Armstrong

Guests: Deb Darmata, Gordon Clay, Justin Potts, Roger Brubaker, Shanda Hochstetler, Stephanie Willard, Taylor Chambers

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 October 2025, Quorum is 8 members.

Quick Recap: The group addressed several sensitive topics including youth engagement initiatives, concerns about ICE enforcement affecting schools, and the need for improved meeting processes to handle difficult discussions. The conversation ended with discussions about accountability, equity practices, and strategies to enhance the effectiveness of alliance meetings while maintaining focus on youth mental health and suicide prevention.

Agenda Item: Check-in, group agreements, Staff / Don / Craig updates

Notes: The meeting began with Galli reading the Alliance Group Agreements, emphasizing community values and anti-racism. Donald highlighted the importance of re-aligning with foundational values amid recent changes within the Alliance. Jenn provided updates on preparations for the 2027 legislative session, noting that policy priority areas were sent to OHA in September, with a follow-up planned for January to discuss budget considerations. The process for the 2028 legislative session will also commence in January.

The meeting focused on several key updates and discussions. Jenn provided an overview of executive subcommittee openings, noting the need to fill positions for lived experience representatives and the college/university slot, with nominations due by December. Jill shared that OHA received policy recommendations and is preparing a response by January, anticipating a tight budget that may lead to cost reductions. Jill also introduced the Youth Engagement Advisory Team (YEAT), a new group replacing the previous young adult engagement initiatives, and emphasized the importance of offering meaningful engagement opportunities for youth and young adults in Alliance activities. The conversation ended with Craig and Lucina discussing an incident at a recent schools committee meeting, which led to a broader conversation about creating inclusive spaces for all members.

Agenda Item: Alliance Foundational Items

Notes: The schools committee meeting addressed concerns about ICE enforcement affecting Portland Public Schools, where a member raised urgent issues about parents being taken by ICE, but the discussion was cut short and did not receive adequate attention. The committee member who brought forward the issue later emailed the group to highlight repeated harms and called for action, leading to leadership developing an action plan that will be shared with the schools committee and alliance. The committee has reached

out to Latino Network to address these concerns at the next schools committee meeting, which will focus on resources, rights, and workplace preparation, with a more in-depth presentation planned for the November quarterly meeting.

The meeting discussed a sensitive conversation about community harms and political situations, particularly regarding ICE, where there was confusion about whether the group was being asked to take action or simply provide space for processing ongoing issues.

The group reviewed accountability actions, including strengthening community agreements, enhancing meeting facilitation training, and improving meeting formats and culture. They also discussed the importance of addressing harm caused by specific actions and the need for ongoing education and accountability.

The group discussed concerns about meeting agendas and how to handle unexpected issues that arise during meetings. Mary raised questions about the flexibility of agendas, while Jill emphasized the importance of allowing people to acknowledge mistakes and apologize publicly. The group agreed that there was a need to create a transparent process for addressing harm, especially when it relates to identity-based issues. They also discussed the challenges faced by chairs and co-chairs in navigating difficult situations during meetings and considered the possibility of creating training to support them in these roles.

Agenda Item: Subcommittee Updates

Notes: There was not time to discuss this agenda item.

Agenda Item: December Quarterly

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Future Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Alliance membership
2. December quarterly