

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

Date & Time: January 9, 2025 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Subcommittee Voting Members in Attendance: Chair Angela Perry, Jill Baker, Stephanie Willard

Subcommittee Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Gordon Clay, Linda Hockman, Meghan Crane, Steve Schneider

Staff: Jenn Fraga

Guests:

Subcommittee Decision Making: Each OHA appointed member is entitled to one vote on any matter referred to the Subcommittee. Votes will require a quorum. A quorum in Subcommittees, other than the Executive Subcommittee, will be 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.

Meeting Summary: The meeting focused on updates and discussions among members of the Oregon Alliance on Suicide Prevention, including policy recommendations, advocacy efforts, and personal check-ins. Angela shared her experiences as a member of the Policy Council, highlighting the increased workload and responsibilities, particularly in advocating for mental health education bills and planning advocacy events. Jill and Angela discussed the importance of sharing Alliance policy recommendations during advocacy days, with Jill emphasizing the need for strategic distribution. Members provided personal updates, expressing gratitude for working in Oregon amidst national challenges, and shared personal and professional challenges, including the impact of workload and the need for self-care. The group also reflected on the importance of community support and resilience in their ongoing efforts to address suicide prevention.

Agenda Item: AFSP Partnership with Advocacy

Angela discussed the advocacy forum in D.C. and the advocacy day on February 9th, though she is still working on setting up the registration link due to staffing challenges.

Angela discussed plans for the upcoming Advocacy Day, including the need for a registration link and legislation to advocate for. She mentioned that lunch and t-shirts are included for attendees. Jill inquired about the Alliance's policy recommendations, and Angela explained that specific bill numbers are needed for advocacy materials. They discussed the possibility of sharing the Alliance's recommendations during the advocacy day.

Agenda Item: Suicide Prevention and Rural Healthcare

The group discussed challenges in suicide prevention training and healthcare delivery. The group expressed gratitude for Oregon's supportive mental health leadership compared to other states. They discussed the balance between supporting youth while managing personal health. The conversation concluded with Meghan reporting on rural healthcare challenges and a new \$200 million CMS funding award for Oregon's rural health transformation.