

Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide  
Lethal Means Safety Subcommittee Meeting Agenda & Action Planning

**Date & Time:** February 11, 2026 \* 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

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

**Subcommittee Voting Members:** Co-Chair Kelie McWilliams, Co-Chair Pam Pearce, Mike James

**Subcommittee Non-Voting Members:** Gordon Clay, Steven Schneider

**Staff:** Amanda Ferrat, Jenn Fraga

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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.

### Agenda Item: Oregon Recovers Day Prep

Notes: Pam Pearce reported on Oregon Recovers Advocacy Day happening on 2/12/26. She explained the work of Oregon Recovers and the purpose of Advocacy Day. Pam also reported that over 950 people had registered for the day.

Kelie McWilliams gave an update on the library she is creating for the subcommittee with research articles related to lethal means. The library will be housed on Google Drive with a sorting software to help find articles via keywords like a library. She has around 150 research papers collected so far from the past 8 years.

The group also discussed how they are feeling re: the transition and OHA staff not attending in February or March. There was a desire expressed to grow the committee and move the work forward. There was also the question posed if meeting time is an issue for attendance as some members have not been able to attend. Connecting to suicide prevention coalitions was discussed and previous work around prevention messaging with Scott Vu, coalition members, and the Alliance was brought up.

### Agenda Item: Announcements

Notes: Gordon reported on the group RUOK in Australia and work they had done around lethal means and that they had seen a slight reduction in gun suicide deaths due to increased campaigning around guns yet an increase in suicide deaths by rope due to people having a serious intent to die. He proposed working with the UofO lab to do some metrics on the impact of safe storage, messaging, etc. to see where our numbers land and how the serious intent to die influences numbers.