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Oregon Home Care Commission to meet January 5 and 6

Who: Oregon Home Care Commission

What: Public meetings

When: Training Subcommittee: Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Full Commission: Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: 676 Church St. N.E., Salem, Ore.

Agenda items for the full commission meeting on Jan. 6 include public testimony*, HUBB update, workers' compensation update, training update, registry update, budget update, STEPS update, bylaws review, House Bill 3618 and executive director's report.

*Public testimony: A period of time will be given for public testimony. Any public person wanting to testify should bring a copy of his/her testimony to be given to the commission.

The commission is responsible for ensuring the quality of publicly funded in-home care services. The commission has three major charges: (1) to define qualifications of homecare workers; (2) to create a statewide registry of homecare workers; and (3) to provide training opportunities for homecare workers and consumers. Beyond these responsibilities, the Home Care Commission is the "employer of record" for purposes of collective bargaining for homecare workers whose pay comes from public funds. With the passage of House Bill 3618 during the 2010 legislative special session, the commission's mission now includes addressing the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses as well as those of their family members and personal support workers.

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