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Pioneer Spirit Is “Alive and Well”

OHLA Offers New Orientation Video, Handbook to Help Maximize Board, Council Member Service

Salem, OR, March 22, 2007—The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA), a state consumer protection agency overseeing regulation of 15 health and related professions, now offers an orientation video and handbook for the 50 volunteer citizen members of the eight different boards and councils the agency oversees.

The orientation video, produced by Allied Video Productions of Salem, highlights OHLA’s unique regulatory model and describes the roles and responsibilities of board and council members. Oregon’s “pioneer spirit” is referenced as being “alive and well” in the 11 ½ -minute video related to efforts to improve state regulation and the importance of citizen governance.

“With both the video and the companion handbook, we are focusing on the important role board and council members play in the regulatory process,” says OHLA Director Susan K. Wilson. “We want board and council members to have access to resources that help them successfully participate in that process.”

Members of Oregon state boards and commissions are vital participants in policy making, regulation, advisory and advocacy efforts for a wide variety of issues affecting all Oregonians. Governor Ted Kulongoski makes direct appointments to approximately 200 boards and continuously recruits qualified applicants. OHLA’s orientation resources supplement statewide resources offered by the Governor’s Office of Executive Appointments and the Department of Administrative Services.

The OHLA central agency holds overarching statutory authority to carry out a full range of regulatory activities: issuing more than 10,000 new licenses, conducting more than 8,000 examinations, inspecting more than 11,000 facilities, and responding to hundreds of consumer complaints annually.

OHLA’s boards and councils provide profession-specific expertise and consultation but are not responsible for OHLA central agency operations.

OHLA is funded solely through the issuance of more than 80,000 licenses, permits and registrations; it receives no state general funds. Please visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA for more information on the OHLA central agency and OHLA-regulated professions.

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