

News Release



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Client and Staff Safety Task Force to meet Tuesday, May 31 in Salem

The Client and Staff Safety Task Force meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE Salem in Hearing Room B. This meeting is open to the public.

The conference phone number for those who can't attend in person is: 1-877-873-8017; enter participant code: 772325# when prompted.

The task force, which was created by Senate Bill 226, is directed to make recommendations on staff safety, resident care, and operation of the Stabilization and Crisis Units. The task force will meet approximately six times and provide a report to the Legislature by September 15, 2016.

The task force will consider and make recommendations for:

- Ensuring the dignity and self-determination of each resident in a Stabilization and Crisis Unit;
- Improving the safety of staff employed by a Stabilization and Crisis Unit;
- Improving the training and support for staff;
- Staffing levels;
- Reducing incidents of aggressive and assaultive behavior by residents;
- Reducing the need for staff to work overtime;
- Improving access to appropriate mental health supports and intervention methods;
- Ensuring the timely transition of residents in Stabilization and Crisis Units when ready to be placed with a residential service provider in the community, including recommendations for building capacity in community-based care settings.

An agenda is attached.

All meetings of this Task Force are open to the public and will conform to Oregon public meetings laws. Request for an accommodation for a person with disabilities should be made to Angie Allbee at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. For more information, contact Angie Allbee, DHS Legislative Coordinator, at 503-689-5034.

**Client and Staff Safety Task Force
SB 226 (2015) Agenda
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, HR-B
Salem, OR 97301
1-877-873-8017, Participant Code 772325#**

Co-Chair: Senator Gelser

Co-Chair: Representative Keny-Guyer

Staff:

Angie Allbee, Legislative Coordinator- DHS Public Affairs

Amber Padilla, Policy Analyst- SACU

Chris Munn, Administrative Support Specialist- ODDS

Membership:			
	Senator Sara Gelser, Oregon Senate SD8		Rep Keny-Guyer, Oregon House HD46
	Lilia Teninty, Director ODDS		Jana McLellan, Director SACU
	Nancy Allen, Chief Health Systems Officer OHA		Jennifer Heidrick, Project Manager OTAC
	Ahren Carpenter, Family Representative SACU		Chris Hewitt, Government Relations ONA
	Eva RippetEAU, Political Coordinator AFSCME		Nathan Kennedy, Training Development Specialist SACU
	Linda Havlinek, Habilitative Training Technician, SACU		Katrina Brink, Behavioral Vocational Specialist SACU
	Bob Joondeph, Executive Director DRO		Leslie Sutton, Policy Analyst, OCDD
	Jeanne Farr, President Albertina Kerr Disabilities Services and Strategic Projects		Juliet Britton, Executive Director PSRB
	Karen Markins, Supervisor Multnomah County Region 1 Crisis Diversion Program		

Time	Document/Lead	Purpose
10:00	Welcome and approval of minutes	Co-Chairs
10:10	Mental Health Services – SACU perspective	Brad Heath, Dina Crown
11:00	Mental Health Services – OHA perspective	Mike Morris
11:30	Mental Health Services	All
Noon	Legal System follow-up -- SACU	Jana McLellan, Brad Heath
12:15	Next meeting topic planning	Co-Chairs

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Location: Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room B, 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

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