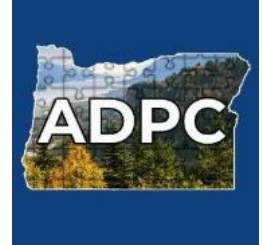

Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

RECOVERY COMMITTEE AGENDA



April 16, 2026, 1:00 PM– 2: 30 PM

ZOOM Meeting link:

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SCHEDULE

1:00 - 1:10

Welcome

Chair Vezina

1:10 – 1:20

Director Updates

Director Dolph

1:20 – 2:20

Group discussion on RCC funding

Chair Vezina

2:20 – 2:30

Public Comment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Note: The Committee may choose to take agenda items out of order, pull, defer or shorten presentation time of agenda item(s) to accommodate unscheduled business needs. Anyone wishing to be present for an item should arrive when the meeting begins to avoid missing an item of interest

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to: Ashley Olsen Ashley.Olsen@oha.oregon.gov

3.19.2026 ADPC RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE RECAP NOTES:

Organizational Business

Members Present: Tony Vezina (Chair), John Karp Evans, Frank Mondeaux, Stephanie Cameron, Amanda Esquivel, Steve Sanden, Stephanie Mendenhall, Todd Nicholson

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM. Roll call was conducted, and quorum was established.

Director's Updates

Presented by Director Dolph

- Staff from the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) presented at the March 9, 2026, Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) meeting. They discussed opportunities for aligning their work with the ADPC 2026-2030 Strategic Plan.
 - ♣ **Next ADPC meeting: April 13th, 2026**
- New staff introduction: Ashley Olsen, Executive Support Specialist, ADPC
- Opioid Settlement Board has a remaining \$10 mil to allocate this biennium.
 - ♣ **Next meeting: April 2nd, 2026**

Finalize Recovery Community Center (RCC) Definition

Presented by Chair Vezina, Will

Will gave an overview of the committee's progress to date. He noted that Recovery Community Centers (RCCs) and recovery spaces do not currently have formal definitions, which makes it difficult to track them statewide or understand their role in the continuum of care.

- The committee's long-term goal is to ensure that every county has at least one RCC or recovery space.
- Members agreed that the definition should be inclusive and allow for different levels of capacity across the state.
- The committee discussed whether the definition should use the phrase "such as" to allow flexibility. Members noted that using "such as" would help smaller or rural communities meet the definition even if they cannot offer every service listed.

- There is a need for more than one baseline requirement. Members also recommended using the word "participants" instead of "clients," since not everyone who visits an RCC is formally enrolled in services.

- Vote for RCC Definition will be held in **May 2026**.

What do we do with the definition?

Presented by Chair Vezina, Will

The committee agreed that the definition should be inclusive, realistic for communities with different levels of resources, and clear enough to support future planning, funding, and possible statewide standards.

The group will continue refining the definition and will gather feedback from youth groups, RCC leaders, and other partners before finalizing it later in 2026.

OHA Office of Recovery and Resilience (ORR)

Presented by Sharmalee Nadarajah, OHA

BACKGROUND: ORR is a lived-experience-led office within OHA. Everyone on the team has personal or family experience with behavioral health challenges, and all are trained as peers. Their office focuses on two main goals:

- Lifting up the voices of people with lived experience so they can influence state policy and behavioral health systems.
- Supporting and strengthening the peer workforce across Oregon.

Peer Respite Program

Peer Respite, created by House Bill 2980 (2021), offers short-term, homelike support for people in mental health crisis. Guests can stay up to two weeks and receive 24/7 peer support and help connecting to services. Oregon currently has two Peer Respites, one in the Portland metro area and one in Depoe Bay.

Peer Workforce Support

The ORR supports peer workers statewide, including:

- **Family Support Specialists**, who help parents navigate child serving systems
- **Forensic Peer Specialists**, who support people involved in the criminal legal system
- **Peers in clinical and community programs**, such as hospitals and crisis services

Systems and Policy Work

The ORR contributes to:

- Legislative bill analysis
- Rule writing and updates
- Contracts that support peer delivered services
- Technical assistance for OHA teams and community partners

They are also developing training for nonpeer partners such as hospitals, Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), and justice system agencies.

Public Comment

Presented by Will (ADPC)

One member of the public shared that this was their first meeting and said they plan to offer public comment at future sessions. They did address the importance of recovery spaces and access.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.