



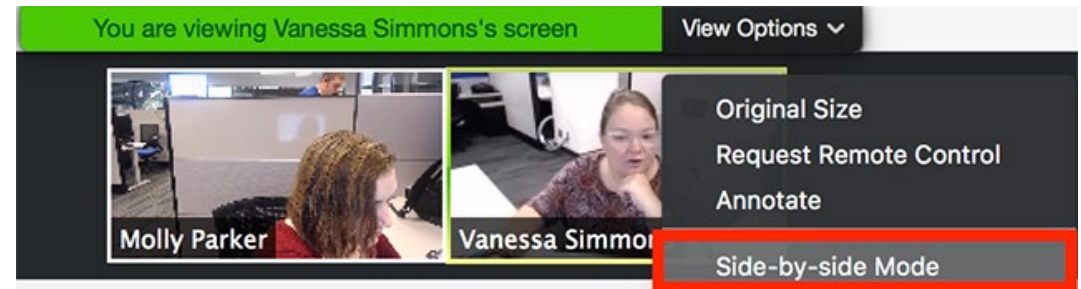
Community Briefing

2022 Legislative Session Preview

January 14, 2022

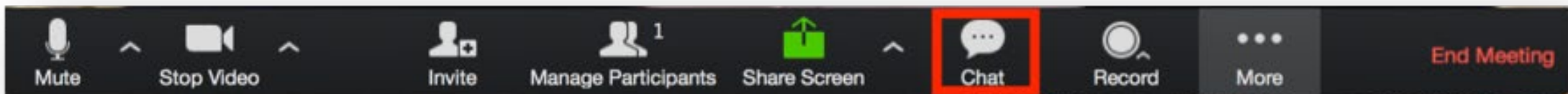
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- Questions will be submitted by typing them into the chat window
- The facilitator will announce questions



Live closed captioning

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Outline

1. **WELCOME**

Dion Jordan, Director, Office of Equity and Multicultural Services, ODHS

2. **2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW**

Fariborz Pakseresht, Director, ODHS

3. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Panel:

- Dion Jordan
- Fariborz Pakseresht
- Eric L. Moore, Chief Financial Officer, ODHS
- Randy Blackburn, Chief of Staff, ODHS

4. **CLOSING REMARKS**

Fariborz Pakseresht

ODHS Equity North Star



The Oregon Department of Human Services inclusively leads with race and intersectionality in order to address the roots of systemic oppression that impact all protected classes.



We are dedicated to making services, supports and well-being accessible to all.



We are **committed to partnering** with communities to develop and deliver policies and programs that are equitable and improve community conditions.



Staff and communities will know services and supports are working when all who live in Oregon, regardless of identity or place can achieve well-being.

Agencywide focus

ODHS is focused on three areas of priority:

Strengthening our foundations

Responding to emergencies and disasters

Creating the future of human services in Oregon

Strengthening foundations - Applications

**300+ staff to reduce wait times
and application processing time**
for medical, food, cash, and
childcare benefits in this time of
historical demand

\$26.9 million

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Strengthening foundations - Equity

More **local staff and resources** focused on **equitable outcomes** for Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x, Asian, Pacific Islander, LGBTQIA2S+, disability, and rural communities

\$24 million



Strengthening foundations – Vocational Rehab

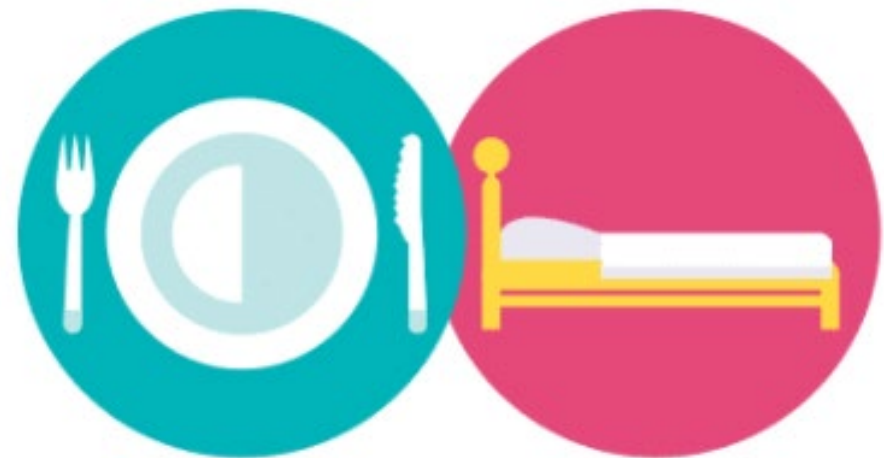
Staff to **strengthen business partnerships in rural areas** in order to connect Oregonians with disabilities to jobs



Responding to emergencies

Staff and equipment for capacity building, planning, and training to **support ongoing COVID-19 needs and prepare Oregon for future disasters** and address disproportionate disaster impacts on vulnerable communities

\$38.2 million



Creating the future – Community Engagement

Build a **statewide community engagement structure**, including support for relationships with Tribal Nations

\$14.7 million



Creating the future – home and community supports

Staffing and operations support to **enhance Medicaid home- and community-based services** for people with disabilities and older adults

\$435.5 million in federal funds



Creating the future – cash supports

Increase cash supports and culturally responsive services for people who are eligible for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

\$1 million state funds

\$26.6 million federal funds





Questions & Answers

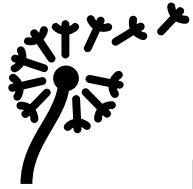
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Final Remarks

ODHS Director Fariborz Pakseresht

Get involved



Funding opportunity

Beginning February 2022, ODHS will invite requests to fund **equity-focused community projects** that support older adults and people with disabilities. Learn more at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DHSNEWS/NewsReleases/Innovation-Fund.pdf>



Seeking council members

The Governor of Oregon and ODHS are seeking applicants for positions on the state **Senior Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council**. To learn more and apply, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DHSNEWS/NewsReleases/SEMSAC-Applications.pdf>

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