



Briefing for Community Partners and External Stakeholders

Topic: 2022 Legislative Session Preview

January 14, 2022

09:00:49 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Hello. Welcome to ODHS Community Briefing. We will give participants time to join and begin shortly.

09:01:08 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Make sure your computer audio is on and the volume is turned up.

09:01:20 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Live captioning is available online at this link:
<https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=ODHS>

09:02:01 From Judi Richards to Everyone:

I AM GETTING MESSAGES PEOPLE ARE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING IN

09:03:07 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Thanks for letting us know. We'll wait a few more minutes for people to join before we begin.

09:04:20 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

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09:05:50 From Andrea Meyer to Everyone:

I assume there is no audio (no one speaking) right now, correct.

09:05:54 From Andrea Meyer to Everyone:

never mind

09:06:28 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Agenda:

1. Welcome and meeting overview
2. ODHS 2022 Legislative Session preview presentation
3. Questions and Answers
4. Closing remarks from the ODHS Director

09:06:49 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Now speaking, Dion Jordan, ODHS Equity and Multicultural Services Director

09:07:56 From Barbara Robertson to Andrew Wong(Direct Message):

I'm unable to pin the ASL interpreter, and too many people have their videos on so her video is quite small. Could we ask people who do not need to be on video to turn them OFF?

09:08:08 From Candace Williams to Everyone:

is there and echo for anyone else

09:08:28 From Barb. she/her to Everyone:

no echo here

09:08:43 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Video and audio are working fine on our end.

09:08:55 From Candace Williams to Everyone:

fixed sorry

09:09:29 From Andrew Wong to Barbara Robertson(Direct Message):

Good morning Barbara! If you go to the top right corner of the video window, you will see a "view" button. If you select speaker view, you should be able to see only the speaker and ASL interpreter

09:10:02 From Barbara Robertson to Andrew Wong(Direct Message):

Okay that works - thanks! I'll check with another ASL user in this group and make sure she knows this.

09:10:29 From Andrew Wong to Barbara Robertson(Direct Message):

Great, thank you!

09:11:36 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Now speaking, Fariborz Pakseresht, ODHS Director

09:12:28 From Julie Ibrahim to Everyone:

Will these slides be made available to us?

09:13:06 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

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09:19:47 From Glenna Hayes to Everyone:

when we talk about strengthening voc rehab will that also be paired with holding businesses accountable for not providing reasonable accommodations, or not hiring people with disabilities at all? this is a big issue I've come across this year.

09:21:11 From Jim Davis to Everyone:

Thank you so much for your strong commitment to expanding employment opportunities for people with disabilities in underserved communities.

09:22:15 From Ruby Graven to Everyone:

Great question Glenna- I echo this, I hear the same thing from community partners and community partners. This becomes even more complex for people who speak English as a second language.

09:22:27 From Ruby Graven to Everyone:

*community members

09:23:50 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

The Q&A portion is coming up next. Please submit your questions.

Type your question into the chat window on your screen. This window can be opened by clicking on the conversation bubble in your control panel.

09:24:02 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

We encourage you to post your organization and location along with your question.

09:24:17 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Q&A will be moderated so we can hear a variety of topics.

09:24:47 From April Johnson to Everyone:

Community engagement strategy. Does this fund more talking or investment in actions?

09:24:58 From Elizabeth Sumner to Everyone:

Liz Sumner, Oregon Foster Parent Association;

09:25:59 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Q&A is next! Please enter your questions into the chat.

09:26:12 From Glenna Hayes to Everyone:

when we talk about strengthening voc rehab will that also be paired with holding businesses accountable for not providing reasonable accommodations, or not hiring people with disabilities at all? this is a big issue I've come across this year. - UCP Connections & UCP Mentors Portland Oregon

09:26:41 From April Johnson to Everyone:

How will ODDS work to improve their relationship with communities of color?

09:27:24 From Glenna Hayes to Everyone:

when you talk about building the future how are you bringing in equity into the hiring process so that people from those communities, who hold those identities will be in leadership roles and a variety of roles? - UCP Connections & UCP Mentors, Portland OR

09:27:48 From Elizabeth Sumner to Everyone:

Liz Sumner, How is OHA looking to increase mental health services/funds for the youth in care? Especially with the problems related to the pandemic.

09:28:16 From April Johnson to Everyone:

What does a culturally responsive TANF system mean?

09:28:45 From Ann Delach to Everyone:

How many employees are currently working in the VEC?

09:29:04 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

what are the TANF changes for increasing equity or decreasing disparities

09:31:38 From Nicole Cunningham to Everyone:

How is ODHS looking to build consistency and transparency as it invests in community partnerships? For instance, we will certainly want to ensure that Oregon's many disability rights activists and service providers are included in the conversation about how to expand these services at the state level. How will ODHS ensure that there is transparency in who is at the table for these conversations?

Nicole Cunningham

Oregon SATF

09:32:07 From Stephanie Hooper, AGE+ (she/her) to Everyone:

How will the Community Engagement Structure incorporate non-technology dependent strategies so that older adults are aware, invited and can participate?

09:32:19 From Elaine Hartman to Everyone:

What are the actions and accountability for increasing the training and availability of direct care staff in senior communities? Elaine Hartman, CFMS

09:33:48 From Desiree Coyote to Everyone:

What benchmarks or checks and balances will be put in place? Tribal Nations have always heard the nice words and many promises....what will be different this round?

09:34:05 From Cindy Stockton to Everyone:

Hi Fariborz- thank you for the overview. Relating to ODDS, what is your strategy and what resources are you advocating to bring DSP's wages up to a living wage level. With the minimum wage increases, we are back to barely above or equal to what fast food pays their workers. Thank you.

09:34:16 From Stephen Ruona to Everyone:

What kind of mix of positions are being requested in the ~328 staff to reduce wait times & processing times?

09:34:56 From James Poteet to Everyone:

James Poteet, Oasis Advocacy & Shelter - Gold Beach, Oregon: What is the DHS doing about the rising homelessness in rural communities? We're seeing very high numbers of domestic violence/sexual violence survivors on the streets who are traumatized by the system. Gold Beach and Curry County as a whole is designed as a rural county, and mental health/substance abuse services are also very limited.

09:35:32 From Dawn Alisa Sadler to Everyone:

what does "staff and operations" mean when ODDS enhances the Home and Community-based services? Will there be an ask for General Fund in addition to the 435 million federal funds?

09:36:09 From Corissa Neufeldt to Everyone:

I hope engagement with communities of colors will include resources to help increase diversity within the provider capacity (i.e. Direct Support Professionals, Foster homes, small business residential providers, personal care workers, home care workers). Corissa Neufeldt, Marion County IDD Program

09:37:43 From April Johnson to Everyone:

Thanks Corissa!

09:39:03 From Jennifer Schwartz to Everyone:

Are there plans to expand respite services to support resource and natural families and BRS to support youth in care? Thanks! Jennifer Schwartz, SOC Coordinator LBL

09:39:58 From Gary Chiaravalli to Everyone:

Just a note to say that VR has hired the 4 Regional Business and Workforce Coordinators that Fairborz mentioned were forthcoming. We are working with Statewide Workforce and Business Coordinators, Kim Alejo, to strengthen VR's ties to business and our other Workforce partners in all areas of the state. This work is happening, right now.

09:41:11 From Judi Richards to Andrew Wong(Direct Message):

How are you going to make sure that the areas hard fought for don't get left behind because the new push is for LBGQ that the needs of ADA are getting left behind and put on the shelf because the other is so much in the forefront.

09:41:16 From Joanne Fuhrman to Everyone:

Thank you for your leadership over these last several years. we appreciate the gains we have made in wages for the Direct Professional Workforce that supports people who live and thrive with I/DD. However we are still in crisis. what is the plan for future investments in these wage? Keeping in mind this dedicated Workforce represents women, people of color and other represented populations? thank you- Joanne Fuhrman, PCL. note: please excuse typos...voice texting:-)

09:42:49 From George Adams to Everyone:

How will you an staff make Customer service better then now?

09:43:34 From George Adams to Everyone:

at the Branch offices?

09:44:28 From Mara Enciu to Everyone:

Mara, Clackamas Women's Services: For consistency and integrity, what is/will be the process for grievances regarding discrimination (whether officially filed or communicated to supervisors and management) if these are the priorities? For clarity, these are grievances clients have about workers.

09:44:51 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

Wanting feedback is nice, what is important is to give us concrete examples of changes to advocate for with you.

09:45:36 From Jennifer Schwartz to Everyone:

Will ODHS be providing updates on how the agency is shifting from a focus on intervention (crisis) to prevention (supporting families to remain intact when possible).

How can system partners learn about new prevention programs/services/supports?
Thank you.

09:45:44 From Zachary Gehringer (he/him) to Everyone:

George, clients and affected individuals may reach out to the Governor's Advocacy Office (GAO), the Ombuds office for ODHS for specific complaints about customer service problems. <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/aboutdhs/pages/gao.aspx>

09:46:16 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

How is ODS helping to prevent preventable evictions?

09:46:30 From Zachary Gehringer (he/him) to Everyone:

Clients can visit this website or fill out a complaint form in the office. The GAO tracks and reports trends to ODHS leadership.

09:46:54 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

sorry ODHS

09:46:55 From Judi Richards to Andrew Wong(Direct Message):

I see I am not listed on attendance. Ruth McEwen. I sent the message on ADA.

09:47:17 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

We're getting close to the end of the Q&A portion. Please submit new questions now. If we run out of time to get to your question, we'll follow-up with you.

09:48:00 From Elizabeth Sumner to Everyone:

You are saying we need to have a better prepared workforce to support equity goals what is being done to help support our youth to enter into these fields and on-going support in securing positions?

09:49:52 From Eric Moore to Everyone:

In response to Ann Delach re: VEC - the number fluctuates due to attrition, but I believe it is around 300. Eric Luther Moore, ODHS CFO

09:49:54 From Christine Decker to Everyone:

How can we get this recording afterwards?

09:50:34 From Desiree Coyote to Everyone:

For years, Oregon entities have received funding for Oregon which includes Tribal Nations, what will be new to ensure equal access, services for Tribal Nations folks. And, what will transparency and accountability look like for those who received the funds to provide services?

09:53:45 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Thank you for the great questions!

09:54:18 From Eric Moore to Everyone:

In response to Dawn Alisa Sadler re HCBS - the positions and Federal funds were approved but unintentionally not included in LAB just due to timing. The GF is already in the budget. The GF is in the budget because we will "free up" GF when claiming the added 10%. As an aside, the 10% savings must be reinvested in HCBS services which is really the intent of the current ODHA and OHA HCBS lists. Thanks Eric Luther Moore, ODHS CFO

09:55:25 From Eric Moore to Everyone:

Sorry, ODHS.... 😊

09:55:37 From Ruby Graven to Everyone:

Ruby Graven OHA Community Partner Outreach Program, will you be sending slides, next steps and chat record to the people/community partners who attended this meeting today?

09:55:54 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

can the chat be sent??

09:55:54 From Vickie Fleming to Everyone:

Thank you from Prevent Child Abuse Oregon!

09:56:01 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

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09:56:14 From Melanie Hartwig to Everyone:

Thank you

09:56:20 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

The next ODHS Community Briefing will be on March 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. Registration details will be announced on our social media and in our Partner Newsletter. To subscribe, go to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/subscriber/new> and select "Human Services Provider News and Updates" from the list.

09:56:22 From Morgan Graybeal to Everyone:

Thank you for your time and the great information provided this morning!

09:56:41 From Emilie Wylde Turner to Everyone:

Thank you for the great information!

09:56:51 From Craig Opperman to Everyone:

Thank you for all the work you are doing!

09:56:53 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

please make chat available!!I do NOT have the ability to save it, trust me!!

09:57:04 From Lynne Terry to Everyone:

Yes, please make chat available

09:57:12 From Mary Rita Hurley to Everyone:

Thank you

09:57:20 From Gladys Ndungu to Everyone:

Thank you

09:57:35 From Christy Sinatra to Everyone:

Thank you for participating! Be well!

09:57:39 From barb. she/her to Everyone:

thank you all Happy new year

09:57:40 From Eric Moore to Everyone:

Thank you all for taking the time today. We greatly appreciate your support and interest in improving ODHS.

09:57:44 From Zachary Richard to Everyone:

Thank You

09:57:46 From Venus Barnes She/Her(s) PHFO to Everyone:

Thank you so much for all this great information that you shared here today Fariborz!

09:57:48 From Micah Ralston to Everyone:

Thank you!