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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 OHA |
| 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          | Juliet Britton, Executive Director PSRB |
| Disabilities Services and Strategic Projects  |                                  |
| Karen Markins, Supervisor Multnomah County    |                                  |
| Region 1 Crisis Diversion Program             |                                  |

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

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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