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Client and Staff Safety Task Force meets December 1 in Salem

The Client and Staff Safety Task Force meets Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oregon State Capitol, Room 350, 900 Court Street NE, Salem. The meeting is open to the public.

Those who are unable to attend in person can participate by conference call: 1-877-873-8017, Guest Code: 772325.

The task force is directed to make recommendations on staff safety, resident care, and the operation of Stabilization and Crisis Units. The task force will provide a report to the Oregon State Legislature.

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 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.

All meetings of this task force conform to Oregon public meetings laws. Requests for accommodation for a people with disabilities should be made to Angie Allbee and should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting. For more information, contact Angie Allbee, DHS Legislative Coordinator, at 503-689-5034.

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