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## **Client and Staff Safety Task Force will meet June 29 in Salem**

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The Client and Staff Safety Task Force meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room B, 900 Court Street NE, in Salem. This meeting is open to the public.

The conference call number for those who are unable to attend in person is: 1-877-873-8017; enter participant code 772325# when prompted.

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 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 will be coming in a later communication.

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

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