

News Release



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Client and Staff Safety Task Force to meet Wednesday, April 27 in Salem

The first meeting of the Client and Staff Safety Task Force is planned for Wednesday, April 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE Salem in Hearing Room B. This meeting is open to the public.

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; and
- 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.

For those not able to attend in person, there is a conference call option:
Call 1-877-873-8017, and enter participant code: 772325# when prompted.

Accessibility: All meetings of this Task Force are open to the public and will conform to Oregon public meetings laws. Request for accommodation for any person with disabilities should be made to Angie Allbee: 503 689-5034. Requests for accommodation should be made at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.