



## Developmental Disabilities/Mental Health (DD-MH) Committee – Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

Attendance		
Committee Members	Title/Organization	By Phone/Absent
Marsha Wentzell	Commissioner	Present
Ruth Geislinger	Consumer – DD-MH Committee Chair	Present
Rebecca Hill	Family Member	Present
Katie Rose	Advocate	Present
Marilyn Schuster	Family Member	Present
Shelly Reed	ODDS	Absent
Wrex Holcomb	Umatilla County CDDP Service Coordinator	Present
Joy'e Willman	SEIU, PSW	Present
Rebecca (Becky) Smallwood	ODDS	Present
Elizabeth Collins	PSW, Parent	Absent
John Griffiths	Advocate	Absent
Ewnetu	Tsegaw	Absent

Guest	Title	By Phone/Absent
Gwen Ayers	Business Analyst – PTC APD DHS	
Staff	Title	By Phone/Absent
Massarra Eiwaz-Ransom	Chair/OHCC DD-MH Coordinator	Present
Nancy Janes	ERC Coordinator	Absent
Ruth McEwen	OHCC Commissioner, Consumer	Present
David Vining	OHCC Program Analyst,	Present
Rachel Hansen	SEIU 503 Member	Present
Heidi Alasio	Executive Director Assistance, OHCC	Present



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Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Introductions / Dinamica	Ruth Geislinger, Chair
Adoption of Meeting Agenda	Ruth Geislinger, Chair
Review / Approval of Minutes /	Ruth Geislinger, Chair
OHCC Training Program Update	Roberta Lilly, OHCC Training Program Manager
SB1534 Update – Carewell SEIU Mandatory Trainings	David Vining, OHCC Program Analyst
SB 1548 Update	Katie Rose, DD/MH Committee Member Advocate
Updates from Committee Members	All
Announcements / Resources	All
Organization Chart for PSW Discussion	Ruth Geislinger, Chair Massarra Eiwaz-Ransom, Chair/OHCC DD-MH Coordinator
Adjournment	Ruth Geislinger, Chair

### **Review / Approval of Minutes /**

### **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

### **Review & Approval of Minutes**

Katie Rose moved to approve. Becky Smallwood seconded. Motion moved.

### **OHCC Training Program Update**

Roberta Lilly, OHCC Training & Registry Manager, reported.



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MH/First Aid course will be rolled out at a later date, due to curriculum issues. They expect to be in the classroom in the future and will also offer the course virtually. The instructor will work with the national organization to get the curriculum approved.

### **Tuition Reimbursement**

OIS-G Stipend for PSW-DDs – PSWs may apply for the stipend. We go through an application process to determine if we can pay for this. One part is the learning curriculum section; the other section is for virtual demonstration training. In February, we received approval to have PSWs in the OIS-G classroom. They must be employed by someone who requires this training. We communicate with the case management entity to help determine eligibility, and if approved, they can receive a stipend for the 16-hour training. PSWs may apply for classes on the website for a class in their community. If approved, the OHCC will pay for this. We never reimburse students directly; we can only pay the instructor. Our program is currently not open to in-person trainings.

Jesseca Ammon is a new staff member in the Administrative Specialist 1 position.

We pay stipends for job coaches who go through a certification process with ODDS. This has been in process for over a year. There is a real need for this. We also pay a renewal stipend.

Later in March, we will do our first blended Enhanced Certification training which is currently on webinar. There are six 4-hour sections. There is no stipend, but they receive \$1.00 extra per hour if they work for a person who needs this training. They need to have a PDC or attend the Readiness Assessment in order to have this training. With the PDC and Enhanced, they can earn 50 cents extra for the PDC and \$1.00 extra for the Enhanced Certification.

### **SB 1534 Update-Carewell SEIU Mandatory Trainings**

David Vining reported.



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The deadline is March 31, 2022 to complete trainings or refresher trainings. Carewell oversees this, and we are communications are going out from them and from the OHCC via email, text messages, websites, and social media. Carewell has 27,000 providers logged in and registered in their system. 13,000 workers have completed the trainings. 14,000 still need to complete the trainings. Hard copies, thumb drives, and DVDs are available through Carewell, if requested. They have until March 10, 2022 to request these materials. Reminders were sent out through the US Mail. Carewell will be calling and making door-to-door contact with workers. There is a 4-hour on-demand section and a 4-hour webinar portion. The workshop is offered daily and on weekends.

Katie Rose notes that she has reports of Carewell not responding to requests. The test at the end of the training comes as a survey, and some people are not responding. Clear communication needs to go out about the survey being required. Providers should print their certificates when the training and survey is completed.

Appeal rights will be available for providers who do not complete the training timely. They will receive a termination letter, but they can go in, take the training, and we will drop the termination. The appeal process could be lengthy. Appeal information will be sent with the Appeal notice.

Marilyn notes that sometimes the test locks out, and workers are unable to finish.

David will bring up training issues to Carewell.

### **SB 1548 Update**

Katie Rose reported.

This bill is about changes to DD services.

1. Establishing Agency with Choice Service where employers act as employer of records for DSPs.
2. Providing report on impact of professional sprinkler systems in residential homes and group/foster care homes. These can be costly. This bill would halt the requirement and



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allow time for research. Licensed/Certified DD services are included on this; Katie is unsure if other home types are included. This is a barrier to people who need a home.

3. Agency transparency and reporting requirements in regard to SB 1725. This bill is on hold. The state is being asked to research ways to increase transparency. The current bill is meant to adopt these changes.

**SB 1648 B** was voted to pass in the Senate yesterday and is in the House today. The bill says ODDS has to research agency with choice and report by October 2022. They also need to report on the impact and cost of sprinklers, and they must create a report on licensing and fee schedules by October 2022. The reporting and transparency sections need to be in rule by October 2023. This will establish a new provider type.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1548/Introduced>

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### Updates from Committee Members

Katie Rose reported on EVV Compliance-ODDS is monitoring compliance for PSWs. There is a large decrease in this area, and they are reaching out to workers. A text went out last week saying that you must comply with EVV, or the State will take action. Katie will bring this up with ODDS tomorrow, as not all PSWs received messages. OHCC David noted that ODDS is coming up with another plan, since not all workers received the message.

One issue are exceptions. The rule states that the worker is responsible for providing ongoing evidence for an exception need. Many are not, but those who are are not always receiving responses. Some workers receive notices that their exceptions have expired.

Some workers are attempting to comply, but they are having password and code number issues.

Massarra will reach out to ODDS Liaison Shelly Reed and see if she can report in the next meeting or provide a written update.



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Cheryl Miller

Events occurred in Roseburg, Salem, Hermiston, Pendleton, North Bend, and Portland.

Becky Smallwood & Katie Rose- A Family Zoom Meeting on Compass work went out to stakeholders today. ODDS created a 5-year strategic plan in 2018, and the Compass project was created. This includes the Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA) and the rate models. There are many assessments, and ODDS is trying to use just the ONA. March 16<sup>th</sup> Compass Meeting is for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/Compass-Project/Pages/Training-Center.aspx>

### **Announcements/Resources**

### **Organization Chart for PSW Discussion**

Massarra contacted people. We have the PSW contact information and resources from OHCC for PSWs. This information is on the OHCC website. Committee members are asked to review it and comment. Katie Rose would like a visual for this. Becky will connect with people on her Shelly and Tom on her team to ask about creating this.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.