



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

Wednesday, April 6, 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	
Shelly Reed	ODDS	Present
Wrex Holcomb	Umatilla County CDDP Service Coordinator	Present
Joy'e Willman	SEIU, PSW	Present
Rebecca (Becky) Smallwood	ODDS	
Elizabeth Collins	PSW, Parent	
John Griffiths	Advocate	
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Guest	Title	By Phone/Absent
Staff	Title	By Phone/Absent
Massarra Eiwaz-Ransom	Chair/OHCC DD-MH Coordinator	Out of Office
Nancy Janes	ERC Coordinator	Present
Kelley Rosenau	OHCC Workers' Compensation Coordinator	Present
David Vining	OHCC Program Analyst,	Present
Roberta Lilly	OHCC Training Manager	Present
Rachel Hansen	SEIU 503 Member	
Heidi Alasio	Executive Support Specialist, OHCC	Present

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
Carewell Training Process after 31 st of March	David Vining, OHCC Program Analyst
Workers Compensation	Kelly Rosenau, Workers' Compensation and CPR Program Coordinator
Life-Course Training – Core Values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERC Program • ODDS Case Managers Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca, Creating Opportunities • Shelly Reed, IDD Policy and training Unit A
Mask Mandates & Meeting in Person	Nancy Janes & Ruth Geislinger
Updates from Committee Members	All
Announcements / Resources	All
Organization Chart for PSW Discussion	Ruth Geislinger, DD/MH Chair Nancy Janes & David Vining, Temporary Co-Chair OHCC DD-MH
Adjournment	Ruth Geislinger, Chair

Review / Approval of Minutes

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The committee approved the agenda for April 2022.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Rebecca Hill moved to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes. Wrex Holcomb seconded. Motion carried.

OHCC Training Program Update

Roberta Lilly, OHCC Training Manager, reported that the OHCC Training Unit is working hard to organize in-person classes in May. They will include two Mental Health First Aid (MH/FA) courses in Eugene and Medford. The MH/FA classes will be offered twice a month, and Each class is 8 hours. Webinars will continue to be the primary training tool.

VDQ and Enhanced Cohorts will also be on webinar. Compass will give workers 5 credit hours.



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OIS-G is approved for in the classroom. Alchemer Survey is the application and is posted on the OHCC website. A PSW needing an OIS-G course may be able to be paid by the OHCC. Requests will be reviewed, and a response will be given. Exceptional Certifications require the OIS-G training. Crisis or OIS-C level may be required in some circumstances. OHCC only pays for OIS-G.

Enhanced and Registrations are moving over to PACE.

For Exceptional Certifications, the student contacts Certification Coordinator. Workers need the Enhanced and OIS-G then take the courses for the Exceptional Certification.

Send PSWs to Melanie Ewell, the OHCC Certification Coordinator.

The Training Unit passed their two-year mark on March 13, 2022 for online courses due to the pandemic. Many of our previous venues have closed permanently or are not yet re-opened. OHCC will continue to search for training venues in the coming months.

SB 1534 Update-Carewell SEIU Mandatory Trainings

The March 31, 2022 deadline for Refresher Trainings has passed. Thirty percent (30%) of workers have not completed the required trainings. OHCC is working with Carewell/SEIU 503 to extend the deadline. We meet again on April 15, 2022 to discuss the extension. The helpline and glitches for trainings will also be discussed. Trainings will be offered offline, on DVDs, on discs, and accommodations will be made.

The PSW stipend will be discussed at our April 15th meeting.

Workers' Compensation

Kelly Rosenau, OHCC Workers' Compensation Coordinator, reported

October-December 2021 Claims

- 13 claims were filed
- 9 claims were non-disabling
- 1 claim with injured worker who lived with consumer-employer and fell on firewood. This was filed with SAIF and was accepted.
- 1 claim was filed by a consumer's relative who fell in a hole. This is in deferred status.

- 1 post-termination claim were provided terminated service. This is in deferred status.
- Average age: 48
- 57 claimed were filed in 12 months for PSWs.

Injury Causes

- 20-falls, slips, trips
- 14 PSWs were struck/injured
- 7 lifting injuries

Injured body parts

- 6 back injuries
- 6 ankle
- 6 knees

Only 1 COVID-19 positive claim was filed and accepted in late 2020. This means there is reason to believe the worker was exposed to COVID-19 from their workplace.

Life-Course Training-Core Values

Rebecca Hill, Employer Manager for ERC/Creating Opportunities reported. Her office supports people looking for PSWs and PCAs. They are contracted through the OHCC in 8 counties.

Life Course tools are incorporated into the workshops by exploring what the vision is of a full life in terms of their personal trajectory. What are the things people want to avoid? What can workers do to aid and support the consumer and their family? These can include both short-term and/or long-term goals. What is needed in terms of family, community, and/or resources to maintain the upward trajectory?

When families schedule support workers, they need to set clear goals, expectations, and schedules for them. Once the schedule is in place, review how things are working and if supports are truly helpful. Adjust as needed.

Shelly Reed reported that I/DD policy and training is incorporated into the Life Course Training. The COMPASS Project can be accessed here: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/Compass-Project/Pages/index.aspx>.

Mask Mandates/Meeting in Person

Nancy Janes inquired about the group meeting in person now that mask mandates are no longer in place. There are rumors of a new variant coming out. We will revisit this at the May 2022 meeting.



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Katie and David prefer Zoom or hybrid.
Nancy, Nancy, and Rebecca will remain online.

Updates from Committee Members

None.

Announcements/Resources

Rebecca Hill noted that Creating Opportunities is working to recruit support staff. There are not enough to go around, and people need vital supports.

Organization Chart for PSW Discussion

There were no updates, so we will revisit in June 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.