



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Meeting name: Behavioral Health Talent Council

Date: October 9th, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Facilitators

First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson (Chair)
Julie Ibrahim (Vice-Chair)
Eli Kinsley (Vice-Chair)
Robin Sansing (Vice-Chair)

Governor's Office

Taylor Smiley Wolfe
Amy Baker
Kenneth (KC) LeDell
Sarah Means
Chad Albright

Attendees

Van Burnham
Clarissa Carson
Ebony Clarke
Dr. Alice Gates
Janie Gullickson
Julia Mines
Shyra Merila
Liz O'Connor
Mary Peterson
Monica Vines

Tammi Paul
Rachel Prusak
Julia Pontoni
Rick Treleaven
Jamie Vandergon
Sean Roberts (Delegate)
Bethany M. Wallace
Summer Wolcott
Todd Younkin

Agenda – Mental Health Provider Successful Strategies

Kick off – First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson (Chair):

5 minutes

Outcome: Shared Understanding of meeting goals and outcomes.

- Welcome
- Meeting outlook
- Agenda overview

Mental Health Provider 101, Amy Baker, Governor's Behavioral Health Initiative Director

10 minutes

Outcome: Shared understanding of mental health provider types in Oregon, their scope of practice, education and training requirements, and the shortage and risk of turnover identified in the HECC talent council.

Successful Strategies Presentations (part 1):

- La Clinica – Laura Bridges, Behavioral Health Officer

15 minutes

- New Narrative – Juile Ibrahim, Executive Director

15 minutes

BREAK

15 minutes

Successful Strategies Presentations (part 2):

- Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare – Shyra Merila, Executive Director

15 minutes

- Eastern Oregon University – Hope Schuermann, Senior Clinical Educator Director

15 minutes

Discussion

25 minutes

Next Steps and Closing – First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson (Chair):

5 minutes