



# Oregon Commission for Voluntary Action and Service

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**March 23, 2020**

11:00am – 11:30am

Conference Line

To listen, call: 877-810-9415 Access Code 4851345

Persons wishing to testify need to email [Sydney.G.King@oregon.gov](mailto:Sydney.G.King@oregon.gov) by 10:30am on 3/23.

## AGENDA

**Members Present:** Derenda Schubert, Josh Todd,

Sierra Barnes, Michael Fieldman, Nathan Rix

**Staff Present:** Carie Bauer, Karen Humelbaugh,

Sydney King, Stephanie Solomon

### 1.0 Information Sharing

1.1 Meeting began at 11:02am. Karen Humelbaugh introduced what the call would cover and encouraged questions. Karen Humelbaugh

- Shelter in place is now in effect. Grocery stores, pharmacies and other essential stores remain open. Restaurants and non-essential stores are not.
- The government will remain open and serving the public, most people are teleworking, and have been for a week. HECC's fiscal department remains functional, and operating normally. Funding is being prioritized for universities and colleges.
- Federal assistance has been applied for. \$1 million in Layoff Aversion funds have been awarded to Oregon, and the State has dispersed to the local workforce boards.

### 2.0 Questions

2.1 Q: Ability of members to help with emergency services, such as volunteering at food banks, etc.?

A: A lot of programs are looking to get members involved with volunteering to assist in the crisis. A

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form is available to be filled out by program, reviewed by OWI, and then submitted to Procurement for an amendment to the contract.

**Q:** What action is the state taking to aiding non-profits?

**A:** A multi-million dollar Layoff Aversion package was dispersed to the 9 local boards, businesses are encouraged to contact their local boards for assistance.

**ACTION ITEM:** Sydney will send out an email including the FDA loan link, Unemployment Insurance Workshare, and links to various websites to track COVID-19 news.

2.2 Carie shared that the Oregon Volunteers Commission are trying to get emergency funds from CNCS, waiving match requirements, and keeping members in service.

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## **2.0 Public Comment**

*Each Individual/Group will have a time limit of three minutes*

2.1 Public Comment: None.