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Everyone has a right to know about and participate in Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Committees. If you need this information in an alternate format (such as Braille, large print, audio or other formats) or in another language, please contact Maria Elena Castro, HEC staff at [maria.castro@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:maria.castro@dhsosha.state.or.us) or you call/text at (503) 884-4448.

September 26, 2023

Dear Friends and Community Partners,

The Oregon Health Authority Equity and Inclusion Division is pleased to announce recruitment for the Health Equity Committee (HEC).

The Health Equity Committee was established by the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) in 2017. The committee's purpose is to coordinate, develop and recommend policy that proactively promotes the elimination of health disparities, inequities, and the achievement of health equity for all people in Oregon.

The Health Equity Committee is responsible for reviewing health policy and leading efforts to develop best-practice policies which improve health equity. Some committee duties include:

- Provide analysis, guidance and recommendations to OHPB on policy, including key legislation, using an equity framework.
- Assess OHA's progress toward achieving defined health equity goals, including steps to becoming a more culturally responsive organization.
- Collaboratively work with other Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) committees and make recommendations on improvements

To ensure equitable representation, and based on known gaps in current representation, we are seeking diverse representatives from all identities and areas of the State, and especially:

- Oregon Coast, Willamette Valley, Multnomah, all rural and frontier counties;
- Tribal members
- People who identify as African American, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander;
- People with disabilities;
- People who identify as LGBTQIA2S+
- Health care providers



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The Health Equity Committee consists of 15 individuals who are health equity professionals, health equity practitioners, people who have lived experience in health equity policy advocacy and policymaking processes, individuals with expertise transforming health equity in operational settings and individuals representative of communities most harmed by social injustices and health inequities, including, but not limited to: racially and ethnically diverse populations, linguistically diverse populations, immigrant and refugee populations, LGBTQIA2S+ populations, the aging population, people with disabilities, rural communities, economically disadvantaged populations, transient populations, geographic diversity, and intersections among these communities.

Health Equity Committee members can expect to commit to one two-hour monthly meeting and an additional two hours per month for workgroup activities. All meetings of HEC are public meetings and are broadcasted through a webinar/conference line. Members can participate remotely. If traveling to the committee meetings, OHA will reimburse travel costs. Term Appointment Terms are two (2) years. A member may be reappointed for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Please complete all the sections of [the online application](#) to be considered. Applications are due on **Monday, October 23, 2023, at 5 pm**. For questions or assistance, contact the Health Equity Committee e-mail, [ohpb.healthequitycommittee@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:ohpb.healthequitycommittee@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

Please share widely with your networks and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Leann Johnson, Director**

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For information about the Health Equity Committee, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/Health-Equity-Committee.aspx>

For information about the Oregon Health Policy Board, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPB/Pages/index.aspx>

For information about the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI), please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/oei/Pages/index.aspx>