

NEW! Call for Application Submission**Recruiting for THW Commission members and Subcommittees!**

Dear Colleagues, Stakeholders and Community Partners,

The Traditional Health Worker Program (Program) is recruiting for members to serve on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Traditional Health Worker Commission (Commission) and Commission Subcommittees. The Commission is comprised of 19 member volunteers who share commitment to fully integrating Traditional Health Workers (THW) into Oregon's health delivery system. As prescribed by legislation, THW members are front line workers from all five THW fields: (1) Community Health Worker, (2) Personal Health Navigator, (3) Peer Wellness Specialist, (4) Peer Support Specialist, and (5) Doula. Additionally, the legislation directs that the Commission include representatives from the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Home Care Commission, a Coordinated Care Organization, and a labor organization; a THW supervisor, a THW trainer, and a consumer who has received or is receiving services from a THW on the Commission. As such each member brings unique and rich perspectives, backgrounds, and information about THWs to the Commission.

The Commission is charged with promoting the role, engagement and utilization of the traditional health workforce. The Commission advises and makes recommendations to OHA on the development, implementation, and sustainability of the Program; and ensures that the Program remains responsive to consumer and community health needs.

Because the Program's focus is on responsiveness to consumer and community health needs, one of the critical considerations in appointing members to the Commission is to ensure a diverse composition of Commission members. Specifically, OHA seeks to establish a Commission which is representative of Oregon Health Plan members, many of whom come from communities of color and reside throughout the state. Accordingly, some of the considerations related to diversity include but are not limited to the THW's:

- geographic location
- ethnic background
- gender
- racial background
- disability status
- gender identity
- sexual orientation
- economic diversity

Currently we are seeking and recruiting candidates who represent diverse geographic areas throughout the state, as well as individuals who represent racial, ethnic, and/or linguistic diversity. The current vacancies we are seeking to fill are the following:

We are currently accepting applications for Commissioners for the following categories until March 31st, 2017.

1. Currently Vacant or New positions – **THW Organizations**



- a. One (1) Community College Workforce Development seat that ends on January 30, 2018
- b. One (1) Oregon Medical Association seat that ends on January 30, 2018.
- c. One (1) Oregon Nurses Association seat that ends on January 30, 2020
- d. One (1) Labor organization seat that ends on January 30, 2019

2. THW Commission Seats

Two-Years Term ending January 30, 2019

- a. One (1) Traditional Health worker /Community Health Worker seat nominated by the Oregon Community Health Workers Association (ORCHWA)

Three-Year Term ending January 30, 2020

- a. One (1). Traditional Health worker /Patient Health Navigator seat
- b. One (1) Consumer/Advocate seat where that Consumer/Advocate receives or has received Traditional Health Worker services

Attendance and preparation for the meeting is important to the work of Traditional Health worker Commission. The Commission meets on the last Monday of every month from **9:00am - 4:00pm**. In addition to the set times for Commission meetings, members are expected to spend extra time (**approximately 1-3 hours**) each month for the preparation and follow up of meeting agenda items.

For information regarding the Applications for all the vacant Commission Seats, It's available online at our website at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/oei/Pages/thw-commission.aspx> . If you have any questions, please call Abdiasis Mohamed at 971-673-3389 or Email mohamed.abdiasis@state.or.us. Thank you for your consideration.