

# Hospital- Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) Expansion - Implementation Status Update

## Background:

Passed in 2022, Oregon House Bill 4045 charged the Oregon Health Authority to:

- Establish grant programs to hospitals and community-based organizations to develop Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIP) outside of Multnomah County to reduce and interrupt the chronic cycle of community violence.
- Develop training and certification pathways for Violence Prevention Professionals.
- Seek approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid to draw down federal Medicaid dollars to support HVIP services.

This summary describes progress to date on implementation activities for Hospital-Based Violence Intervention programs in Oregon.

## Grant Program: Expansion of HVIP Community of Practice:

In May 2023, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) released a Request for Grant Application (RFGA) to provide seed funding for community-based organizations to participate in the expansion of the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) Community of Practice. This initiative, focused on implementation, was designed to broaden HVIP efforts beyond Multnomah County and support the development of a statewide network.

Despite this opportunity, no proposals were received during the initial release. In response, OHA continued its outreach and engagement efforts with community organizations and healthcare systems to better understand barriers to participation and to foster stronger partnerships. Based on this feedback and ongoing engagement, the RFGA was re-released as a planning grant in August 2024.

Four community-based organizations were awarded funding to support the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) Community of Practice. Initial funding amounts ranged

from \$66,719.00 to \$161,938.00. During the Community of Practice period, additional funds were approved and allocated specifically for technical assistance. Under this grant, these grantees provide services in areas that represent urban and rural areas, including Marion, Jackson, Josephine, Washington and Clackamas counties.

The awarded organizations and their grant service areas are:

- **Going Home II**- Washington/Clackamas Counties
- **Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center** - Marion County
- **The Salvation Army**- Jackson County
- **Youth71Five Ministries**- Jackson/Josephine Counties

Launched in November 2024 and facilitated by OHA’s HB 4045 implementation staff, the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Expansion (HVIP) Community of Practice convened monthly through June 2025. The Community of Practice created a structured, collaborative space for the four grantees to engage in peer learning, share best practices and receive targeted technical assistance.

**HVIP Expansion Community of Practice- Monthly Topics (November 2024-June 2025)**

Month	Topics Covered:
Nov. 2024	HB4045 and Community of Practice Overview
Dec. 2024	Healing Hurt People Program- POIC
Jan. 2025	Credible Messengers
Feb. 2025	HVIP Implementation: target demographics, community knowledge/concerns
Mar. 2025	Grant Reporting Overview
Apr. 2025	Grantee Roundtable and Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) Training Overview
May 2025	Rules and Medicaid Reimbursement Overview
Jun. 2025	Community of Practice Wrap Up

**Highlights from the Community of Practice:**

A key milestone from the Community of Practice is that all four grantee organization plan to attend the National Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) Conference in October 2025 to learn about innovative and best practices, lessons from the field, and research on violence intervention, healing equity, and community partnerships. In addition, three grantee organization have identified staff members to pursue professional violence prevention certification with the HAVI, scheduled for Fall 2025. This training and certification will help support the professionalization and standardization of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) services across Oregon.

## Medicaid Reimbursement Milestone:

In May 2023, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Medicaid reimbursement for Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) services. Oregon is leading the nation with one of the most comprehensive Medicaid reimbursement models with a rate of \$99.12 per hour. In May 2024, the Oregon Administrative Rules for Medicaid reimbursement were formally approved. Currently Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) is the only Oregon HVIP provider authorized to bill Medicaid, and they have successfully drawn down Medicaid funds retroactive to January 2023 for HVIP services. This milestone reflects the state's strong commitment to evidence-based interventions for survivors of community violence and supports the professionalization of violence prevention work. It also affirms lived experience as a vital form of expertise - essential to both healing and advancing community safety.

## Upcoming Priorities:

With the closure of the Community of Practice, OHA will review final reports submitted by grantee organizations and assess key lessons learned throughout the initiative. These insights, along with input from partners and impacted communities, will inform the development of new funding opportunities in the upcoming biennium. OHA remains committed to supporting effective, community-driven approaches to addressing community violence and creating safer, healthier communities.

## Questions?

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