

Request for Community Participants: New Advisory Group



What is the new group?

The Oregon Health Authority is looking for community members to join a new statewide group called the Oregon Resource Allocation Advisory Committee.



Why is this group needed?

When many people need healthcare at once there may not be enough hospital beds, supplies or staff to care for everyone. This can happen during emergencies such as a pandemic or natural disaster. This group will recommend ways for hospitals to care for patients in these emergency situations.



Your input is needed!

We want to learn what community members think about who should get care when hospitals are full or there are not enough supplies for everyone. We are seeking diverse experiences and knowledge. Input from community members or groups who have experienced discrimination based on race, ethnicity, language, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class or other socially determined circumstances is important.



What will this group do?

The group will review how decisions are made in Oregon and in other states during emergencies. Each member will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and stories. The group will create recommendations based in health equity about how to make decisions during future healthcare shortages. The group will meet virtually using Zoom about once a month for a year.



What support can I get?

- Staff can help you join the virtual meetings.
- Meetings will have interpreters and translated materials for members who use languages other than English.
- We can provide reasonable accommodations for members with disabilities.
- We can pay you for your time if your work does not pay you to attend the meetings.
- The meetings will involve difficult discussions. An emotional support team will be ready to support the group.



How do I apply?

You can apply online at

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/Pages/Resource-Allocation-Advisory-Committee.aspx>.

Applications are available in multiple languages. **Applications are due Friday, February 18, 2022.**

Please email OHA.resourceallocation@dhsoha.state.or.us if you have any questions about the committee or application.

Please contact Kristen Darmody at Kristen.c.darmody@dhsoha.state.or.us or 971-888-3358 (voice/text) to request accessible materials. We accept all relay calls.