

House Behavioral Health Committee

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Groups Working Collaboratively

- We are here collectively and collaboratively, which is a first.
- We came together out of necessity.
 - ✓ *Crises (pandemic, workforce).*
 - ✓ *Urgent opportunities (Congress passed 988 legislation).*
 - ✓ *Cracks becoming chasms.*
 - ✓ *Structure, financing, disparities, lack of integration.*
- Our current situation required a different approach.
- Needed direct and candid conversations.
- We asked if people wanted to come together. To their credit, everyone said yes.

Who Is Involved?

- Individuals and families.
- Hospitals and health systems.
- Community Mental Health Programs.
- Adult and Youth providers.
- Payers.
- Other community-based organizations such as call centers.

What Guides Us

- We want timely access to behavioral health treatment.
- The “system” must be seamless for individuals and families.
- Care must be integrated and community-based. Crises must be prevented.
- The workforce must reflect the people being served.
- Behavioral health providers must receive a professional wage.
- Populations who are marginalized in health care are doubly so in behavioral health. Any solutions must address these gaping disparities.
- We are committed to meeting frequently, talking candidly, and forging compromise.

Workgroup Topics

- We came together around the workforce crisis last summer, leading to HB 4004.
- We continue to meet. NAMI Oregon has hired professional facilitation that we hope to continue.
 - ✓ *988 call center and crisis response build out.*
 - ✓ *Children's crisis system pilot.*
 - ✓ *Parity in Medicaid and commercial insurance.*
 - ✓ *Aid & Assist and Civil Commitment.*
 - ✓ *Integration with focus on preventing crises and preventing high acuity.*

Advantages to Partnership with NAMI

- We have no financial stake in financing/structure.
 - ✓ *Programs offered for free.*
 - ✓ *We are people with lived experience.*
 - ✓ *We work with all individuals and families who seek help.*
- Education classes & support programs for:
 - ✓ *Parents/caregivers.*
 - ✓ *Individuals living with mental illness.*
 - ✓ *Family members and friends with loved ones living with mental illness.*
- Workshops and seminars for:
 - ✓ *Students, educators, and parents.*
 - ✓ *Community groups, first responders, employers, and others.*
- Resource Helpline
 - ✓ *2,000 calls/emails at state office.*
 - ✓ *Chapters have own resource lines.*



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Volunteer Run:

- Central Oregon (staff)
- Clatsop Co.
- Columbia Co.
- Coos Bay
- Douglas Co.
- Eastern Oregon
- Columbia River Gorge
- Klamath Falls
- Marion/Polk Cos.
- Mid-Valley
- Southern Oregon (staff)
- Yamhill Co.

Incorporated:

- Clackamas Co.
- Lane Co.
- Multnomah Co.
- Washington Co.

Advantages to Partnership with NAMI

Program Demographics	
White/Caucasian	59.10%
Black/African American	2.80%
Hispanic/Latinx	11.50%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.20%
Native American/Alaskan	2.70%
Other/Multiracial	9.50%
Declined to Respond	8.20%

- We're everywhere in Oregon, either in person or by technology.
- Program recipients and our feedback loop already reflect Oregon.

Year	Events	Participants
2021*	1,073	10,276
2020	1,070	9,368
2019	1,330	14,222

* Partial data for 2021.

Thank You!

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