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Non-Traditional Health Worker Steering Committee meets Jan. 7, 14 in Salem, Portland

The Oregon Health Policy Board's Non-Traditional Health Worker (NTHW) Steering Committee will meet January 7 in Salem and January 14 in Portland.

The meetings are open to the public and also will be accessible via webinar and teleconference. Public comments will be taken at the end of each meeting, and also can be submitted in writing.

The January 7 meeting will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building, Room 137-A, 500 Summer Street NE, Salem. To join the teleconference, call 877-214-6371; participant code: 441654; webinar link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/join/827967106>.

The January 14 meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Portland State Office Building, Room 1-B, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland. To join the teleconference, call 877-214-6371; participant code: 441654; webinar link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/join/657891530>.

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The committee will discuss the NTHW program's administrative rules at both meetings. The Legislature in 2011 approved a law that sets training standards for douglas, community health workers, peer wellness specialists, personal health navigators and other non-traditional health care workers. A 2012 law requires that they be integrated into the state's health care transformation program and coordinated care organizations.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for people requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Those needing accommodations, please contact Julie Wu at 971-673-1334 or julie.wu@state.or.us at least 48 hours before the meeting.

For more information or to submit public comments, contact Julie Wu at 971-673-1334 or julie.wu@state.or.us; or Carol Cheney, 971-673-2960 or carol.i.cheney@state.or.us. For other resources and meeting agendas, visit the NTHW steering committee [website](#).

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