# WITHDRAWAL OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES

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# STATUTE OR 127.635

- DURING THE 2018 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION <u>OR 127.635</u> WAS ADDED TO THE OREGON POWERS OF ATTORNEY SECTION OF LAW
  - HTTPS://WWW.OREGONLAWS.ORG/ORS/127.635
- THIS SECTION OF STATUTE WAS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THOSE CONSUMERS WHO HAVE NO DECISION MAKERS
  AND ARE INCAPABLE OF MAKING DECISION'S DUE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
  - A TERMINAL CONDITION
  - PERMANENTLY UNCONSCIOUS
  - A CONDITION TO WHICH ADMINISTRATION OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES WOULD NOT BENEFIT AND COULD
    CAUSE PERMANENT OR SEVERE PAIN
  - ADVANCED STAGE OF PROGRESSIVE ILLNESS WHERE THE CONSUMER IS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE NEEDS, EAT DRINK,
     CARE FOR SELF AND UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE FAMILY OR OTHERS AND THE CONSUMER WILL UNLIKELY IMPROVE



### APD'S ROLE IN STATUTE

- IF THE CONSUMER MEETS THE PREVIOUS NOTED CONDITIONS AND THERE IS NO APPOINTED
  HEALTHCARE REPRESENTATIVE, GUARDIAN, SPOUSE, MAJORITY ADULT, ADULT SIBLING, ADULT
  RELATIVE/FRIEND, OR ADULT CHILD.
- THEN THE LIFE SUSTAINING PROCEDURES MAY BE WITHHELD OR WITHDRAWN UPON DIRECTION
  OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN
- IF THE CONSUMER HAS AN APD REPRESENTATIVE, THEN THE PHYSICIAN'S TEAM NEEDS TO CONSULT WITH THAT APD REPRESENTATIVE TO GATHER:
  - ANY INFORMATION THAT THE APD REPRESENTATIVE MAY HAVE OR KNOW OF REGARDING WHAT THE CONSUMER'S PRINCIPALS, VALUES, BELIEFS AND PREFERENCES

## APD SCENARIO

- MAY 2018 AN APD CONSUMER WAS TRANSITIONED FROM OSH INTO A WASHINGTON COUNTY AFH. HE HAD A DIAGNOSIS OF SEVERE COPD
- HISTORICALLY, THE CONSUMER WAS NOT OPEN WITH OSH, AFH PROVIDER OR APD ABOUT HIS FAMILY AND WANTED NO CONTACT WITH THEM.
  - O IT WAS NOTED IN RECORDS THAT HE HAD BEEN MARRIED AND HAD 2 CHILDREN, HE ALSO HAD A BROTHER AND A GIRLFRIEND AT ONE TIME.
- HOWEVER, HE DID BOND CLOSELY WITH HIS AFH PROVIDER AND OTHER CONSUMERS WHO LIVED IN THE HOME
- END OF LIFE CHOICES WERE DISCUSSED WITH CONSUMER ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION BUT HIS REACTION WAS ONE OF AGITATION RELATED TO HAVING NO TRUST OF OTHERS AS WELL AS HAVING TO SIGN OR PLACE HIS NAME ON FORMS.



### SCENARIO CONT...

LATE AUGUST 2018 THIS CONSUMER EXPERIENCED A HEALTH EVENT

- HE COLLAPSED EARLY IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 21ST
- THE AFH PROVIDER PERFORMED CPR FOR 12 MINUTES
- EMTS PERFORMED CPR FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER THEY ARRIVED, FOR A TOTAL 27 MINUTES
- THE CONSUMER WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS ADMITTED INTO ICU
- CLIENT WAS PLACED ON A VENT, OVER THE NEXT 7 DAYS HE DID NOT REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS
   AND WAS UNABLE TO BE TAKEN OFF OF VENT TO BREATH ON HIS OWN.



# SCENARIO CONT...

- LOCAL HOSPITAL INQUIRED WITH APD REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT THE CONSUMER'S FAMILY
- AFH PROVIDER WAS ABLE TO ASSIST AND GUIDE HOSPITAL WITH WHAT HE KNEW OF CONSUMER
- APD WAS ASKED TO ASSIST IN FINDING FAMILY
  - APD INQUIRED WITH OSH ABOUT FAMILY; NONE KNOWN
  - SW TEAM AT THE HOSPITAL NOTIFIED APD ABOUT STATUTE 127.635 AND THAT THEY MAY NEED TO ENACT
    THIS IF NO FAMILY WAS FOUND



### CONCLUSION

- APD WAS ASKED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE TREATMENT MEETING AS THE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE SINCE NO FAMILY COULD BE IDENTIFIED
  - TREATMENT TEAM CONSISTED OF ICU PHYSICIAN, HOSPITALIST, SOCIAL WORKER, CHAPLIN, AFH PROVIDER AND APD. THE TEAM MET TWICE TO DISCUSS CLIENT
    - O DAY 1: DISCUSSION OF CONSUMER'S HISTORY HOW HE LIVED AND THE CHOICES HE MADE
      - O PHYSICIAN EXPLAINED CONSUMER'S MEDICAL STATUS WAS AND VARIOUS LIFE SUSTAINING OPTIONS
    - DAY 2: WAS DISCUSSION AND DECISION ABOUT END OF LIFE
      - THE DECISION WAS MADE BY THE TEAM TO END LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT DUE TO APD AND AFH'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONSUMER'S PREFERENCES AND GOALS



- Lonnie Sperry's AFH provider was with him through his last days, he passed away at Tuality Community Hospital September 1, 2018. Even though he had only been at the AFH for a short time, he had bonded with his AFH family, both caregivers and consumer's.
- His final days were spent being supported by those that he had grown to love and who loved him. The AFH provider brought him flowers and all residents in the home requested to visit him in the ICU at the end.
- Lonnie was the type of man who "lived off the land" he was born in a logging community in Washington State, he had a hard time forming friendships and stable relationships, preferring to be alone and do things as he pleased and no one "including the government" would tell him any thing different. When he went to OSH his only belongings were a tarp and a trap because he preferred "life on the land". He struggled in life but in the end he found a home and peace in his final days.

