



House Bill 2316 Advisory Group Charter

Oregon Health Authority

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Objective

Purpose: House Bill 2316 requires the Advisory Group convene to make recommendations for financing the development of community-based mental health housing to serve individuals with behavioral health housing needs including substance use disorder (SUD). This work also includes policy development, soliciting funding proposals, evaluating applications for funding and making recommendations for funding awards. The Advisory Group seeks to prioritize funding for projects that provide services to minoritized communities and historically underserved populations. The Behavioral Health Investments (BHI) Team, within the Oregon Health Authority, administers the grant agreements that will provide capital development and startup funding for the creation of these housing projects for persons experiencing behavioral health challenges.

Authority: The HB 2316 Advisory Group is established by the State of Oregon and as directed in House Bill 2316. The HB 2316 Advisory Group will be supported by OHA. This charter defines the objectives, responsibilities, and scope of activities of the HB 2316 Advisory Group. The HB 2316 Advisory Group will provide advice and make recommendations through a consensus-based process and will capture voices from minoritized communities to inform this work. This group is not tasked with implementation, creating technical solutions, or identifying funding streams. However, the workgroup will be asked to consider the resources needed to implement the recommendations. Funding as outlined in ORS 430.641 and ORS 430.643 will be spent from the Behavioral Health Housing Incentive Fund.

Panel

HB 2316 Advisory Group

Members:

- Jamaica Imani-Nelson
- Megan Marx
- E Drake Ewbank
- Therese Arnott
- Luke Shootingstar
- Mike Hovey
- Erica Scott
- Rich Malloy
- John McVay
- Dana Schultz
- Cissie Bollinger
- Chris Bouneff

Key Staff:

- LaDonna Lofland (manager)
- LaNae (Vivienne) Bowles (program lead)
- Leila Ortega (co-lead)
- Lisa Espinosa (co-lead)

Membership:

According to HB 2316, membership must include:

- Representative of a private provider of mental health treatment.
- Representative of a private provider of substance abuse treatment
- Representative of groups that advocate on behalf of consumers of mental health or substance abuse treatment.
- Consumer of mental health or substance abuse treatment.
- Representative of community mental health program.
- Expert in developing and financing community housing projects in rural communities.
- Representative of community corrections.
- Representative from the Housing and Community Services Department.
- Representative from the division of OHA that regulates mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.
- Representative of Planning Grant Partners.

Members were selected based on their availability and willingness to attend HB 2316 workgroup sessions, lived experience and subject matter expertise, and in a manner to ensure diversity of perspective and representation of the state. Members representing intersecting identities and Oregon's priority populations will be given a preference.

Language access and accessibility is a priority for the state and as such, interpretation, and access to materials in plain language and alternative formats will be provided as needed. Community and medical assistance program members will be offered compensation for their time.

Scope

The Advisory Group plays a crucial role in this process by:

- Co-developing and evaluating applications from housing community organizations
- Providing recommendations on which organizations should receive funding

Once the Advisory Group finalizes its recommendations, its role concludes, and BHI transitions to the next phase of fund distribution. In developing these recommendations, the Advisory Group will critically assess the historical and systemic barriers that have limited the recruitment and retention of providers equipped to deliver culturally and linguistically specific services—particularly those who identify with, or have deep engagement and extensive experience in serving, communities of color, LGBTQIA2S+ communities, and rural communities.

This analysis will inform funding decisions to ensure investments are intentional, equity-driven, and directly contribute to a more representative and culturally responsive behavioral health workforce.

Absence: If a member cannot attend a meeting, they can provide input via email or by talking with an OHA staff person.

Group Commitments

The following agreements were developed by the HB 2316 Workgroup Members. These are treated as living and breathing agreements and as such can be revisited or changed as the workgroup agrees.

HB 2316 Advisory Group members agree to:

- Prioritizing attendance to HB 2316 Advisory Group meetings.

- Building positive relationships with others.
- Communicating in a respectful manner.
- Holding oneself accountable.
- Maintaining a space which is free from discrimination, harassment, or erosion of group morale.
- We don't have to convince others to agree with us.
- Encourage diversity of opinion on all topics. Each member commits to the diversity of person and opinion, even when they may clash with one another. Every person's opinion matters. Hence, each suggestion is taken seriously and noted to be referred to later.
- Exploring progressive, innovative, and creative solutions.
- Holding hope that our work can create a meaningful bridge between those in the community in need and those who have the capacity and resources to address those needs.
- Valuing peers with lived experience as a sounding board.
- Being mindful and informing the group when we can't be present (e.g. to meetings and in meetings).
- Adherence to the titanium rule: treat others how they interpret respect.
- Engage with curiosity, empathy, understanding, and compassion.
- Bring needs and concerns to OHA: LaDonna, LaNae, Leila, Lisa E.

Application in a Zoom Format:

- Utilizing the chat often, especially if speaking out verbally isn't your jam.
- Keeping video on or informing group members when this isn't possible.
- Continue engaging via chat or unmuting.