

# HB4052 Digest

August 2024

## Announcements

### Meet Jula Krewson

Jula Krewson (She/Her), joined the OHP Community Engagement Policy team as the Health Outcomes of Racism Lead in late July 2024.

Jula is a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and grew up mostly in the Portland Metro Area. She carries her heritage with her, embodying the values of resilience, community, and shared leadership that has been passed down through generations.



With support from her tribe and local community services, she carved out a path towards a higher education that eventually led to a career with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in 2019.

Over the years she has dedicated her passion for making a difference in the lives of Oregonians by advocating for inclusive policies and programs, with a special focus on underrepresented communities. Jula completed the DELTA (Developing Equity Leadership through Training and Action) Health Equity Cohort training in 2021. Soon after she took these skills, her passion, and values to a new position in the agency by serving as a Community Engagement Coordinator during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is truly honored for the opportunity to serve communities throughout Oregon during her time in that position.

Her career with OHA continued with taking a position with the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section of the Public Health Division. There she was the Native Quitline and Tobacco Retail License Program Communications Lead. During that time, she also served as the section's Tribal Contact and brought her lived and professional experiences to center health equity in her role. Jula also has a passion

for centering community and fostering diversity, equity and inclusion within OHA and has recently been nominated Tri-Chair for the OHA People of Color Employee Resource Group.

Beyond her professional achievements, Jula grounds herself in cultural activities with her tribal communities. She also enjoys traveling and water activities like stand up paddleboarding and has a desire to one day learn how to surf, or at least give it a try!

## Mobile Health Unit Pilot Program

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) received recent updates from our Grantees of the mobile health program initiative. Some recent highlights of their programs include:

- [Central City Concern \(CCC\)](#) continues to engage individuals and enroll patients at key sites in Portland, performing street medicine twice a week and hosting joint dental and primary care clinics each month with Medical Teams International. The CCC team looks forward to being fully staffed, moving into a new property, and continuing to serve patients at their partner sites.
- [The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde of Oregon](#) continues to provide much needed medication assisted treatment services paired with peer and substance abuse service to both Natives and non-Natives in the Grand Ronde, McMinnville, and Salem areas. Between April and June of 2024, they were able to serve more patients than their target amount projected for the quarter.
- [Raíces de Bienestar](#) held four events providing culturally appropriate methods to support the mental health of the Latine community. At community events where Raíces was present, participants received information and resources for mental health services and care packages. On some instances therapeutic intervention from clinicians was provided. Additionally, they are pleased to announce that they are working with Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), to expand care to the Latine community in Oregon.
- The Mobile Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) held their monthly meeting August 13, meeting notes are linked [here](#) and a recording of the meeting is available on our webpage.

You can learn more about the Mobile Health Unit Pilot Program at the webpage linked [here](#).

# Legislative Updates

OHA submitted an interim report to Oregon legislators and the public, as outlined in Section 2 of HB 4052. The report highlighted the agency's mission to reduce health inequities by 2030 and efforts to engage with community as the agency implements its 2024-2027 strategic plan. The interim report presents two key recommendations on how to operationalize robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs:

- Explore the feasibility of establishing a collaborative decision-making body consisting of state and community partners to analyze, prioritize, and develop community-gathered health equity recommendations to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention strategies and programs.
- Extend pathways for community engagement and participation to continually gather input and consultation on health equity recommendation development for as long as health inequities persist.

To read the full report, visit our webpage or read the document linked [here](#).

The Oregon Advocacy Commission Office HB4052 team has been hard at work preparing to operationalize the more than 100 health equity recommendations developed and listed in their Interim Report submitted to the legislation, which can be read [here](#).

As they take measures to transition the recommendations into actionable steps, their plan is to continue their community engagement process in preparation for legislative session 2025 and supporting existing programs that directly relate to the recommendations.

In addition, there will be a creation of subcommittees centered around specific focus areas related to the recommendations, details regarding recruitment for participants will be forthcoming.

# HB4052 Administration

In June, the team welcomed a new HB 4052 Public Affairs Specialist, Shanaè Joyce-Stringer, who has settled into her role quickly and actively supporting the work associated with HB 4052.

Joan Lofamia departed from her role as HB 4052 Public Affairs Specialist after accepting an internal position with Oregon Health Authority.

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