

Oregon Health Policy Board Statement on Oregon Responses to Federal Actions

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The Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) believes that actions of the current federal administration pose a grave and credible threat to the health and safety of all Oregonians.

We urge and support the Governor and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director in undertaking a comprehensive threat assessment and taking all actions necessary to protect and preserve the health and safety of all people who live in our state, especially our immigrant communities; Black, Indigenous, people of color, and American Indian/Alaska Native people (BIPOC-AI/AN); people with disabilities; people living in rural areas of the state; and people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+).

The actions OHPB strongly support include but are not limited to the following:

- Clearly communicate the strident support of health equity and DEI programs throughout the state, including continued financial commitments to achieve health equity goals.
- Protect access to critical services, including reproductive health and gender-affirming care.
- Ensure the flow of comprehensive and accurate information regarding health care and combat any disinformation from public or private sources.
- Proactively prepare for and mitigate the potential disruptions in federal funding for the provision of healthcare services, especially for those communities listed above.
- Ensure access to needed medications and vaccines. Protect health care workers from any attempts to interfere with the delivery of needed care to patients, and
- Ensure the privacy and security of patients' and consumers' personal health care information. We urge the Governor and the Director of OHA to collaborate with other states to achieve the goals listed above.

The members of the OHPB offer their support and assistance – individually and collectively -- to the Governor and the OHA Director in carrying out these actions.

Sincerely,

Members of the Oregon Health Policy Board

- Kirsten Isaacson, Chair
- Tony Germann, Vice Chair
- Bill Kramer
- Brenda Johnson
- Dr. Rosemarie Hemmings
- Melina Moran
- Peter Starkey