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## April THW Monthly Newsletter

April's springing up with lots of opportunities! Many new CEUs and training are available for you to expand your skills.

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## EOCCO Updates

### **NEW!** EOCCO Grant Applications -- Due May 31

EOCCO's 2024 grant application cycles for Community Capacity Building Funds are officially open! This grant will give recipient funds to support the new Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) benefit and build sustainable programs. All EOCCO providers and CBOs are encouraged to apply.

For more information, including the application and technical assistance, refer to EOCCO's Grants page: <https://www.eocco.com/providers/grants>

### EOCCO's Community Resource Guide (EOCRG) | [Access here](#)

The EOCRG was developed to support health care providers, community partners, and EOCCO members in identifying food, housing, and transportation resources that exist in their county. Needs related to food, housing, and transportation are the most prevalent social needs among Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Eastern Oregon, and across the state of Oregon. THWs can use this guide to look up and refer members to county-level resources.

### Personal Health Navigator Certification

EOCCO is supporting qualified individuals who want to become an OHA-certified Personal Health Navigator (PHN) through the Legacy Clause. A PHN is an individual who provides information, assistance, tools and support to enable a patient to make the best health care decisions.

If you have worked in a similar role as a PHN for at least 3000 hours in the past five years, you may be eligible to be certified at no cost! For information and to start your application, please email [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com).

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## Community Opportunities

### **NEW!** OHA Health Workforce Registry

On April 1st, OHA launched their new online portal that allows Traditional Health Workers and Health Care Interpreters to apply and renew their certifications online. You can create an account at this link: [Welcome Page - Health Workforce Registry \(oregon.gov\)](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ohac/healthworkforce/WelcomePage.aspx)

To learn more about the registry and portal, register for a Lunch and Learn on 4/16 or 5/16 with EOCCO's THW Liaison:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsc--ggzMoE90jC6T9IIHTu-dGC7PE5JbQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/844111111111)

### **NEW!** Unite Us THW Workflows & Billing

April 17th | 11am PST | [Register here](#)

Any THWs currently using or interested in using Unite Us, an online platform for sending and receiving health/health-related referrals are invited to attend this meeting. This session is geared towards THW users, so Unite Us can learn how to support THW workflows and billing best. This will be an interactive session in which Unite Us will ask open-ended questions about what functionalities are essential for THWs.

### **CDC Project Firstline "Mico-Learns"**

Free infection trainings by the CDC to learn about infection control concepts and actions to stop the spread of germs. Available to healthcare professionals and patients. Provides printable resources for professionals to use with members.

### **Rural Business Development Grant**

This opportunity supports small and emerging private businesses to start or expand. Funds can be used for a variety of purposes. Applications are open year-round.

### **Rural Population Health Innovator Grant Program**

This grant program provides rural organizations with up to \$10,000 in funding to create or maintain an innovative program that supports needs around population

## Meetings

### EOCCO Meetings

#### THW Monthly Collaborative

Second Mondays | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. PST | [Register here](#)

EOCCO wants to provide a space for THWs to connect with each other, collaborate on ideas, share experiences, and ask and answer questions. For questions, presentations, or ideas, email [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com).



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

### THW Monthly Collaborative Meetings

- Connect with other THWs
- Meet EOCCO's THW Liaison
- Build community
- Share experiences
- Learn about updates, opportunities, & programs

**Sign up here:**



Meetings held over Zoom  
10 AM second Mondays of the month

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#### Lunch and Learn: OHA's Health Workforce Registry

Join this meeting to learn about OHA's new portal that allows Traditional Health Workers to keep up-to-date on their certifications, monitor applications, and update personal information.

- April 16th, 12-1pm PST | [Register here](#)
- May 16th, 12-1pm PST | [Register here](#)

# Training Opportunities

## Featured Trainings

### **FINAL CALL!** ORCHWA Community Health Worker Training

\$1500 | April 30 - June 27 | Virtual | [Apply here](#)

Apply by March 1st. The Oregon Community Health Workers Association invites you to apply to its OHA-approved Foundational CHW Training! Completing all of the requirements of this training provides an opportunity to become a certified community health worker recognized by the state of Oregon.

### **NEW!** Family Support Specialist Foundations

\$470 | May 20 - 24 | In-Person | [Apply here](#)

If you're looking to get trained as Medicaid Billable Peer Support Specialist, this foundations training is for you! This course includes comprehensive training, interactive learning, and peer-to-peer collaboration. Scholarship available. Registration closes at 16 participants.

## Featured Continuing Education

### **NEW!** Poverty and Related Social Determinants of Health

\$175 | April 29 - May 26 | Online | 15 CEUs | [Register here](#)

In this course, you will investigate the multiple links between poverty, race, ethnicity and trauma with healthcare. You will also look at evidence-based approaches that you can implement as a CHW to improve health equity for disadvantaged and low-income populations.

## Other Trainings

For more training and CEU opportunities, follow [this link](#) to an updated Google Sheet. If you know of training opportunities you'd like to see in the sheet, please email [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com).

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## **THW Spotlight**

This month's spotlight is on Montia Raboin-Smith!

Montia is a Community Health Worker at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center in Pendleton, Oregon. A central part of Montia's role is providing resources and education to patients to inform them of food, housing, medication, transportation, and blood pressure monitoring. Montia is heavily involved in the community, participating in wellness tables at community fairs, conducting community outreach, and conducting community/home visits.



Montia is invested in CHW education, as she is a tobacco cessation facilitator beginning classes this month! Montia is a shining example of a CHW, and we're glad she is part of the EOCCO THW Network!

**To be featured on the THW Spotlight, submit your story. We want to hear about your accomplishments and successes, and feature you next month.**

**Submit your THW Spotlight here!**

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If there is something you would like to see in our Monthly THW Newsletter, please reach out to the THW Liaison by email at [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com) or by phone at (503) 952-4995. TTY users, call 711.

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