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June THW Monthly Newsletter

As we approach the midpoint of the year, consider the summer ahead as a chance to explore the many updates coming your way. Embrace the season and all the possibilities it holds for growth and progress!

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EOCCO Updates

NEW! Join EOCCO's Provider Registry | [Join here](#)

Want to be searchable and findable through EOCCO? Join EOCCO's Provider Registry! All THWs are encouraged to add their information to the Provider Portal so members can search by specialty type and contact you for services. Fill out the form above so we can list you!

NEW! Onboard onto Unite Us

Unite Us is a virtual platform to send, receive, and manage patient referrals across a network of providers, CBOs, and community resources. Unite Us also has built in social needs screening (OHA-compliant), seamlessly blending into THW work. If you'd like to be onboarded, contact THW@eocco.com. Learn more on the attached flyer.

EOCCO THW Quick-Start and Billing Guide | [Access here](#)

EOCCO developed a guide for THWs and THW employers to easily reference training requirements, supervision guidelines, scopes of practice, state and Medicaid enrollment, and billing for all THW worker types. The guide will be regularly updated and is available on EOCCO's website.

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 3,000 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@eoocco.com.

Community Updates

NEW! Birth Doula Billing Code Changes

Starting 7/1/2024, Birth Doula billing codes will shift to T-codes. EOCCO will start accepting the new codes 7/1/2024 with a complete sunset of the old codes 10/1/2024. To learn more, register for EOCCO's New Birth Doula Billing Codes webinar (in the Meetings section).

NEW! [Future Ready Oregon Workforce Ready Grants](#)

The HECC will award a combined total of approximately \$40 million to recruit and retain a diverse workforce in key sectors of Oregon's economy (healthcare, manufacturing, and technology) through focused Requests for Applications (RFAs). CBOs and workforce service providers can apply by July 31, 2024.

NEW! ORCHWA CHW Survey - Win \$150 | [Take the survey here](#)

The Oregon Community Health Workers Association is conducting a survey of CHWs from across the state. They want to hear about your experiences as a CHW.

Your voice can help make an impact in shaping the future of the CHW workforce in Oregon. All CHWs who take the survey will be entered for one of six \$150 gift cards.

[Competency Testing for Lapsed THW Certification](#)

If your THW certification has lapsed and is expired by more than six months, OHA is now requiring Competency Testing to renew your certification (in addition to CEUs). You no longer have to go through another training! Testing involves written and in-person skill assessment.

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 \(oregon.gov\)](#).

Meetings

EOCCO Meetings

IT'S BACK! (Re)Certification Workshop

June 26 | 12 pm - 1pm PST | [Register here](#)

Looking to get OHA-certified or need to renew your THW certification? This hour-long workshop will discuss the requirements and steps to apply for (re)certification through OHA using OHA's new Health Workforce Portal.

NEW! New Birth Doula Billing Codes

June 20 | 12 pm - 1pm PST | [Register here](#)

As of 7/1/2024, Birth Doulas must start billing using new T-codes. Join this webinar to learn all about the new codes, how to bill for them, and get your questions answered. Review the new codes [here](#).

THW Monthly Collaborative

Second Mondays | 10 am - 11 am 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. **NEW!** Beginning June, these meetings will have time for specific topics and continuing education. See below for topic outlines:

- June: Billing for THWs
- July: CLAS Standards
- August: THW/Behavioral Health Integration



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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Training Opportunities

Featured Trainings

Peer Support Specialist Training

~\$700 | June 24 - July 16 | Blended | [Apply here](#)

Central Oregon Community College is offering a summer PSS-- Adult Mental Health training. This course prepares students to be certified as a Peer Support Specialist (PSS) through the Oregon Health Authority. Scholarships are available to those who fully participate in the training.

CHW Foundational Training

\$1,300 | August - December | Virtual | [Register here](#)

NEON is offering an OHA-certified CHW training beginning this August. The course consists of 20 online sessions. For every week of class, there is about an hour of independent/group homework. Upon completion of this training, participants will qualify for certification as a Community Health Worker. Contact Kinda Cable at kcable@neonoregon.org for availability.

Featured Continuing Education

41st Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference

\$399 | October 2 - 4 | In-person, Bend | [Register here](#)

This is the 41st Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference, supporting rural health in Oregon, bringing together health care leaders from all over Oregon to share

challenges and solutions to improve health in our rural communities. CEUs available.

CHW Mental and Behavioral Health

\$250 | July 8 - 28 | Virtual | 12 CEUs | [Register here](#)

Oregon State University is offering a virtual, three week course about mental illness and addiction, including the risk factors, behaviors and stigma often associated with these conditions. You will explore evidence-based therapies and services for supporting people living with these conditions.

Other Trainings & Continuing Education

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.

THW Spotlight

We haven't received any submissions for this month's spotlight, but that's alright because we want to shine a light on all the incredible THWs who passionately provide inclusive and affirming care within their communities. Especially during Pride Month, we celebrate those who tirelessly work to make care accessible to all. Your dedication is truly inspiring. Thank you for the invaluable work you do!

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!

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 or by phone at (503) 952-4995. TTY users, call 711.



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