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May 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 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@eocco.com.

Community Updates

NEW! [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 \(oregon.gov\)](#)

To learn more about the registry and portal, register for a Lunch and Learn on 5/16 with EOCCO's THW Liaison: [Register Here](#)

[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.

LAST CALL! [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 health, health equity and/or social drivers of health. Applications due May 3, 2024.

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.

NOTE: May's meeting has been rescheduled to May 16th at 10am. In June, meetings will resume on the second Monday.



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.

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

Training Opportunities

Featured Trainings

NEW! Benton County Core Community Health Worker Training

FREE | July 19 - August 15 | Virtual | [Apply here](#)

Apply ASAP. Benton County has partnered with Healthier Together Oregon to provide a free OHA-approved CHW Training for qualified applicants. Registration is limited to 20 people total and each part of the state only has 3-4 seats reserved. Applications close May 8th.

NEW! Birth Doula Training

FREE | June 21 - 23 | In-person | [Apply here](#)

MotherTree Birth is offering an OHA-approved Birth Doula Training in Coos County! All applicants are eligible for a scholarship that covers training, lodging, travel, and childcare costs. Apply ASAP. Awardees will be notified by May 15th.

LAST CALL! 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

What is MAT and How to Support It

\$25 | May 13 | 1-4 pm | 3 CEUs | [Register here](#)

As part of NEON's Rural Oregon Opioid Trainings, participants will learn how to connect community members to MAT services and collaborate with providers to support community success.

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.

This month's spotlight is on the participants of EOCCO's Birth Doula Training Program!

EOCCO's inaugural Birth Doula cohort has commenced, and we're so excited to announce our 14 graduates are now eligible to serve pregnant individuals and become OHA-certified doulas. Congratulations!



If someone you know wants a doula, please fill out [birth doula referral form](#). EOCCO will connect them with a doula in their area.

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



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