

September THW Monthly Newsletter

September is here—time to fall back into routine and spring forward with new goals!

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EOCCO Updates

NEW! EOCCO CBIR RFA Grant-- Open Now!

EOCCO has opened its next round of Community Benefit Reinvestment grants. Proposals can be an Opt-In Project, Continuing Current Project, Public Health Fund, or New Ideas Project. Any proposals for creating unique THW trainings will be considered, but requests for funds to send individuals through THW trainings will not. For more information, visit EOCCO Grants.

NEW! Recruitment for the THW Workforce Committee | Apply here

Want to help shape the future of THW work in Eastern Oregon? Join EOCCO's THW Workforce Committee to give your perspective and feedback, review/propose materials, and contribute to innovative project! The committee will be filled with THWs, community partners, and clinics. Meetings will take place monthly-- apply now!

THW Satisfaction Survey for Members | Access here

EOCCO wants to know how members perceive THW services and THWs. This quick survey allows members to give EOCCO general feedback and rate their THW experiences without identifying information. After a visit, send members this survey! This is a reporting requirement for OHA.

Birth Doula Referral Form | Access here

EOCCO has created a birth doula referral form for providers to refer patients seeking support during pregnancy or labor from a birth doula. Birth doulas offer personal, non-medical assistance to pregnant individuals and their families throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. EOCCO will facilitate connecting patients with a birth doula in their area.

Annual EOCCO THW Survey -- win \$25 | <u>Take it here</u>

Every year, EOCCO must report on its THW Network to OHA. Please take a moment to fill out this year's THW Survey (all questions are optional). All survey responses will remain anonymous to OHA. *Every THW who completes the survey will be entered to win one of two \$25 gift cards!*

Join EOCCO's Provider Registry | Join here

Want to be searchable and finable 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!

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.

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. For information and to start your application, please email THW@eocco.com.

Resources

- <u>Birth Doula Flyer</u> (EN, for providers)
- CHW Flyer (EN, for members)
- THW Flyer (EN, for members)
- <u>THW Satisfaction Survey</u> (EN/SP, link for members)
- <u>THW Satisfaction Survey postcard</u> (EN, for members)

- <u>THW Satisfaction Survey postcard</u> (SP, for members)
- EOCCO THW Quick-Start and Billing Guide
- EOCCO's Community Resource Guide
- Become an EOCCO DMAP Provider

Community Updates

NEW! THW CLSS Program: Engagement Sessions

Hear about OHA's proposal of Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services

Enhances Payment Program for THWs. Listen, provide feedback, and shape the program. Two sessions are available:

- September 16, 3pm | Register here
- September 18, 10am | Register here

NEW! OPHA Discounted Membership for THWs | Sign up here

The Oregon Public Health Association is offering a year-long membership to all THWs, Health Care Interpreters, QMHAs, and youth for just \$25. Membership includes discounted conference registration, opportunities to participate on committees, OPHA voting rights updates, and connection to a statewide network. Sign up today for a special membership! When registering, select "Special" as the member type.

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 inperson skill assessment. **Tests for all THW types are now available.**

OHA Q&A Sessions | Register here

OHA is offering monthly Q&A/Help sessions for THWs to get their questions answered, navigate the new <u>THW Provider Portal</u>, and discuss application questions. More dates to be announced soon.

Meetings

EOCCO Meetings

THW Monthly Collaborative

Second Mondays | 10 am - 11 am PST | Register here

The September meeting has been rescheduled to the third Monday of the month!

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. See below for topic outlines:

- September: SDoH Screenings & THWs
- October: Unite Us for THWs



Training Opportunities

Featured Trainings

NEW! CHW Foundational Training

\$1200 | September - December | Virtual | Register here

This program addresses all competencies required for approval as a CHW training program in Oregon: Students who complete and pass the course are eligible to apply to become certified CHWs in Oregon. Students complete a series of online learning modules and virtual sessions for 80 contact hours. Add yourself to the waitlist now!

Featured Continuing Education

NEW! CHW Public Health Professional Development Series

FREE | August - March | Virtual | Register here

UT Health San Antonio is hosting a 7-part series on Public Health Skills for CHWs. The entire series is DSHS-certified and worth 10.5 CEUs. Each session is 1.5 CEUs and covers project management, data, evaluation, health literacy, and public health policy & advocacy. Sessions will run through March 2025.

EOCCO 12th Annual Summit

FREE | October 10th | In-person, Pendleton | Register here

The 12th Annual EOCCO Summit brings together providers, clinic staff, traditional health workers, community-based organizations, wraparound services and all other member advocates to help discuss how to improve care for our community. Eligible for 4.5 CEUs. See registration link for more details.

LAST CALL! Palliative Care Training for CHWs

\$50 | September 14 - October 11 | Virtual | Register here

This palliative care continuing education course provides a skillset and knowledge base that can improve the quality of life for patients with serious illness. This online course is an essential introduction to palliative care and hospice education, and it can serve as a stepping stone to further learning in end-of-life care.

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.

Have a success story or want to be featured for your work?

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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