

# OCEACT Advisory Committee Meeting

1/13/2022



**9:30am-11:30am**

## **Attendees:**

Brenda Dennis – OHA  
Alyssa Kerlinger / Heidi Herinckx/ Cathy Bozarth / Christina Lindsey – OCEACT  
Alex Smith – Outside In  
Alba Garcia – Polk County  
Becky Goss – MCCFL  
Jack Haciaik – Private Consultant  
Katie Adams – Community Counseling Solutions  
Lisa Williams – Outside In  
Stacy Gallinger – Deschutes County  
Nancy Nunez – MCCFL  
Justine Cuthbertson – Coos County  
Matthew Bowen – Symmetry Care

## **Notes:**

Updates from Brenda Dennis

- There are many new staff at OHA.
- OCEACT and OSECE will be sharing a brief summary and outcomes from both programs statewide to inform new staff at OHA.

2022 OCEACT Conference

- We can't yet plan on an in-person conference with the state of COVID, so we are planning on doing the conference virtually again
- Suggested Topics:
  - CommonGround updates
  - Supervision of Peer Specialists
  - IPS focus on employment and not getting pulled into other tasks
  - Job development during COVID

Nursing Competencies Project

- ACT nurses are integral to the ACT program. What we have found is that there isn't a lot of specific training curriculum designed for the role of the ACT nurse. They need a specific skill set for working with people with SPMI. They have to be more comfortable working in the community. Sometimes nurses are experienced in nursing but may not have all the skills needed to work with ACT participants. One thing we have done is sponsor a Developing a Curriculum (DACUM) workshop. In one week, we brought together

ACT nurses from all over Oregon and a few from New York and Washington to flesh out all the roles and competencies of the ACT nurse.

- Next steps: OCEACT and Paula Gubrud are working to develop nurse competency assessments and trainings.
- To go along with the Nurse Competencies Project, including the DACUM and the development of ACT nurse trainings, we thought it important to speak directly with ACT participants to learn what their most important health care needs are to incorporate their valuable perspective into this process. The Regional Research Institute at PSU and OCEACT have partnered together to conduct an evaluation with ACT participants which will aim to help us learn about the services they are receiving from the ACT nurse. The study has been approved by PSU's IRB and the findings will influence our statewide initiative to further develop the core competencies of the ACT nurse.

We are currently reaching out to ACT teams statewide to help put us in contact with a diverse sample of ACT participants, such as those who have complex medical conditions or those who may not have chronic conditions but at least have working knowledge of the services they receive from the nurse.

Myself and our nurse consultant, Heather DePolitte, are conducting interviews by phone or zoom, whichever the participant is more comfortable with or has access to. Participation in this study means that ACT participants will complete a one-time interview that will last up to 60 minutes. A thank you gift card of \$20 will be offered in the form of an electronic amazon gift card. If the individual cannot access an electronic gift card, then we can mail them a local grocery store gift card.

#### CommonGround Cohort Announcement

- First Certified Personal Medicine Coach Training cohort is starting January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We are starting a waitlist for the next Cohort in April. Please reach out to OCEACT or OSECE if you or someone from an ACT team or SE team would like to be added to the waitlist.

#### January TA Call

- Brenda, Heidi, and ACT Staff from Lifeways Malheur shared on Crisis services on ACT. Those slides are available here: <https://oceact.org/monthly-technical-assistance-calls/>