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Oregon Home Care Commission meets February 1 and 2, 2012

Who: Oregon Home Care Commission
What: Public Meetings
When: Training Subcommittee, Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Registry Subcommittee, Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm
Full Commission, Thursday, February 2, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: 676 Church Street NE, Salem, OR

Agenda items for the full Commission meeting on Thursday, February 2 include HUBB Update, Public Testimony*, Budget Update, Tobacco Control Integration Project, Training Update, Workers' Compensation Update, Registry Update, STEPS Update, and Executive Director's Report. An Executive Session (ORS 192.610 – 192.710) will be held at 1:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with the governing body's representative. ORS 192.660(1)(d).

*Public testimony: A period of time will be given for public testimony. Any public person wanting to testify should bring a copy of his/her testimony to be given to the Commission.

The Commission is responsible for ensuring the quality of publicly funded in-home care services. The Commission has three major charges: (1) to define qualifications of homecare workers; (2) to create a statewide registry of homecare workers; and (3) to provide training opportunities for homecare workers and consumers. Beyond these responsibilities, the Home Care Commission is also the "employer of record" for purposes of collective bargaining for homecare workers whose pay comes from public funds. With the passage of House Bill 3618 during the 2010 Legislative Special Session, the Commission is now responsible to address the needs of persons with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, and their family members, and personal support workers when fulfilling its mission.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, or large-print materials. Individuals needing these types of accommodations should call DHS at 1-800-282-8096 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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