



CONVENING STAKEHOLDERS

Tomorrow's Healthcare Workforce: Defining · Training · Transforming

In June 2011, OHWI brought together health care industry, education, government and workforce leaders in a first-of-its-kind Summit. Participants identified workforce competencies emerging from patient-centric primary care home pilots and forged alliances to guide the transformation of health profession education and training. OHWI is working on outcomes from the Summit, including the role of and curriculum for medical assistants in the transforming delivery system.

Clinical Training

Over the last two years, OHWI has stepped up efforts to increase clinical training capacity and streamline processes for students, educational programs and sites themselves. OHWI brought together representatives from Oregon's public allied health care education programs to discuss barriers and solutions to improve student access to health profession education. OHWI's work has revealed solutions to improve preparation, collectively manage allied health site availability, and alleviate burdens on providers. In addition, OHWI has connected with the Jesse F. Richardson Foundation as a partner for clinical training in developing countries.

Public and Private Funding

OHWI vets funding opportunities with stakeholders, establishes partnerships and provides information for proposals and applications. Oregon's higher education systems, workforce investment boards, health care industry and others have benefited from OHWI's efforts which in part have helped bring in millions of dollars in federal support for health care workforce development.

Department of Education Skill Sets

OHWI served on the Oregon Department of Education's Career Skill Sets Revision Team regarding program compliance with the federal Carl Perkins Grant Requirements. To assist the DOE in producing educational standards that are valued by industry, OHWI participated on a task force, connected the DOE with industry partners, and conducted a focus group to identify the technical knowledge and skills that high school students need to enter health care careers.

Input on OED projections

To assist the Oregon Employment Department in its industry employment and occupational projections, OHWI convened industry experts for input on factors that affect calculations and to assess educational requirement accuracy.

Healthcare Career Pathways Summit

In partnership with the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, OHWI arranged the first statewide Healthcare Career Pathways Summit of the hospital and long-term care industries, state educational institutions and workforce organizations to create health care career pathways for new students and incumbent workers.

Behavioral Health Workforce Development Taskforce

OHWI facilitated the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Taskforce, consisting of employers and educators, to align curriculum and clinical skills training with employer needs and to increase the behavioral/mental health workforce. OHWI also identified a significant funding opportunity for the development of community college programs and distance learning in mental health occupations.