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Oregon Home Care Commission meets Jan. 7 and 8

Who: Oregon Home Care Commission

What: Public meetings

When: Training Subcommittee, Jan. 7, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Full commission, Jan. 8, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Where: 676 Church Street NE, Salem

Agenda items for the full commission include public testimony (10:20 a.m.), OHCC budget update (10:25 a.m.), HUBB update (10:35 a.m.), Workers' Compensation update (10:50 a.m.), legislative training (11:15 a.m.), STEPS update (12:15 p.m.), training update (12:30 p.m.), registry update (12:45 p.m.) and executive director's report (1 p.m.).

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. 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.

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