

## **Traditional Health work Commission Background Info**

**House Bill 3407 (see attached) requires the director of the Oregon Health Authority to appoint members to the THW Commission.**

### **Traditional Health Worker Commission Executive Summary**

The Oregon Health Authority's Traditional Health Worker (THW) Commission promotes the role, engagement and utilization of the traditional health workforce, which includes Community Health Workers, Peer Wellness Specialists, Personal Health Navigators, Peer Support Specialists and Doulas, in Oregon's Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System.

The Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Oregon Health Authority on the development, implementation, and sustainability of this program; and ensures that the program remains responsive to consumer and community health needs. The Commission supports and fosters the utilization of the traditional health workforce as a strategy to assure the delivery of high-quality, culturally competent care and to achieve Oregon's Triple Aim of better health, better care and lower costs.

Nineteen members are appointed by the Director of OHA to serve on the Traditional Health Worker Commission. Ten of these members must be Traditional Health Workers, at least six of whom must be appointed from nominees provided by the Oregon Community Health Workers Association. Nine members represent various medical organizations and other state entities.

### **Traditional Health Worker Sub-Committees**

Traditional Health Worker Subcommittee activities consist of directing the ongoing body of work as assigned by the THW Commission and the Oregon Health Authority needed to integrate Traditional Health Workers within Oregon's integrated health care system. There are three subcommittees: Training Evaluations Metrics and Program Scoring (TEMPS), Payment Model Subcommittee (PMS), and Systems Integration (SI) that meet monthly (on the same day as the Commission). *Subject matter experts of the THW community can sit on subcommittees without being a part of the Commission.*