

**Rural Health Coordinating Council
Draft Minutes
July 25, 2025**

I. **Call to order** – Kim Lovato, Chair 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Jamie Daugherty – Oregon Association for Home Care

Alison Whisenhunt – Health Service Area 1 (previously), Behavior Health Services member at large

Melissent Zumwalt for Eric Wiser - OHSU

Ray Hino – Hosp Assoc of OR

Mona McArdle – OMA

Kim Lovato – OR Society of Physicians Associates

Nigel Jagoo – Oregon Osteopathic Association

Jennifer Little – Conference of Local Health Officials

ORH Staff – Robert Duehmig and Laura Potter

II. **ORH Updates**

Conference Update

- The 2025 Conference is coming together well; better than expected partnership dollars and attendance, given the challenging circumstances facing rural health care.
- Concerned about HR1 starting and how it will impact 2026 and beyond.
- Will we need to go virtual?
- RFI's are out for Forum.
- 2026 Forum will be virtual (as we alternate in-person with virtual every other year)

III. **Legislature & Policy update**

See attached powerpoint.

IV. **RHCC member reports** – none, in view of upcoming deep dive into legislative updates

VI. **Old Business** - none

VII. **New business** - none

VIII. **Announcements**

Next meeting is October 17, 2025.

IX. **Adjourn**

11:40 PM