

May 14, 2026, Forum on Rural Population Health

Growing Public Health from the Ground Up: Rural Workforce Perspectives



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Where do you call home?

How has that place shaped your health career or interest in health?



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Today's goal: Explore public health practice workforce issues in Oregon, identifying challenges and opportunities.

Agenda:

- ▶ Context and framework
- ▶ Panelist conversation
- ▶ Questions and discussion



Context & Framework



Panel discussion



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