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State hospital seeks volunteers for patient care committee

Oregon State Hospital is in need of volunteers from the community to serve on its Seclusion and Restraint Committee. Oregon law mandates that the committee must have at least three community members.

Committee members support the hospital's goal to reduce and eliminate the use of seclusion or restraints. Community volunteers should have some knowledge of the state's mental health system. For example, mental health care providers, mental health professionals or former consumers of mental health services would be considered.

Volunteers will be asked to sign a confidentiality statement because committee members review data that includes patient names and other identifying information. Members must also be comfortable with reviewing and discussing data reports, including tables and graphs, to analyze the hospital's use of seclusion or restraints.

Interested individuals will be interviewed by the OSH director of quality improvement and appointed by the OSH superintendent. The committee meets on a monthly basis, usually the third Friday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Ted Ficken, director of quality improvement, at 503-945-0916.