

OREGON'S SUICIDE CRISIS

864

Oregonians died
by suicide
in 2019

1,049

Oregonians died by
fatal overdose or
poisoning in 2018

5

Oregonians die daily
from alcohol-related
causes¹

State and elected officials can, with a few simple steps, begin to address the crisis. You can help:

1 Ask state officials to offer more inpatient psychiatric beds for the most vulnerable Oregonians in crisis.

This means approving pending applications for new facilities and even expanding the number of beds available in current facilities. You can do so by visiting us online and sending a letter directly to OHA director Pat Allen:

cedarhillshospital.com/our-community/events/

2 Ask the state legislature to require OHA to prove statewide network adequacy.

CCOs can contract with IMD facilities, but many won't. Without CCO contracts, many inpatient psychiatric facilities are unable to afford Medicaid patients, leaving many Oregonians behind. Simply put, the state should clarify with its CCO contractors to contract with freestanding facilities that offer inpatient psychiatric care.

Let's fix the crisis, together.

¹All statistics from the Oregon Health Authority

