

Oregon Board Of Medical Imaging

House Interim Committee on Health Care
Workforce Capacity Discussion

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OBMI Mission Statement

“To promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of Oregonians who are undergoing medical imaging studies performed by agency license and permit holders for the purpose of medical diagnosis and therapy.”

OBMI has the Responsibility to Ensure:

- **Safety**
- **Skill**
- **Ethical Integrity**



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 12- Member Diverse Board
 - Governor Appointed/ Senate Confirmed
 - Meet Eight Times Yearly
- 4- Staff Members
 - Specialized Knowledge and a History of Experience related to Medical Imaging
 - Consistent Excellent Customer Service
 - Physical Presence During COVID-19



Program Summary

- Issues Licenses and Permits to Well Educated Professionals who Operate Medical Imaging Equipment
 - 9 Types of Licenses and Permits with over 37 Sub-Specialties
- Approves and Provides Oversight for Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) Educational Programs
- Continuing Education
- Enforcement and Compliance
 - 99% of Disciplinary Cases Resolved without Formal Hearings
- Continuous renewals



REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- Problem: Staff leaving Medical Imaging Profession causing labor shortage
- Reason: Work Environment/Conditions
 - Increase in Acuity of patients
 - Increase in emergent and inpatient exam orders



REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- OBMI Solutions:
 - Agency Efficiency and Automation
 - Student Temporary Licenses
 - PA and APRN Fluoroscopy Permits
 - OBMI Approved Employer Training Programs for Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO)
 - Collaboration with Medical Imaging Schools
 - OBMI Active Diverse Stakeholder Advisory Committee



REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- Agency Efficiency and Automation
 - Staff Changes Increase Efficiency
 - Renewals and New Applications in fewer than 3 business days
 - Simplify and Expedite Licensure Process using fully Automated System
 - Growth at 12% per year
 - 7,744 Current Active License and Permit Holders



REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- Temporary Licenses awarded to Students 6 months prior to graduation
 - Supplement workforce
 - Provide replacements and additional staff



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- PA and APRN Fluoroscopy
Permits-provide for:
 - Increased Physician Leverage and Extension especially in State defined Critical access facilities





REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- Approved Employer Training Programs for Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO)
 - Increases existing workforce
 - Pathway for clinics to build internal workforce



REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- OBMI works closely with Medical Imaging Schools
 - At or near Capacity
 - Flexible to Expand
 - Building student base as teaching staff recovers to pre-COVID capacity



REDUCE BARRIERS AND ENHANCE CAPABILITIES



- OBMI Active Diverse Stakeholder Advisory Committee
 - Comprised of Education and Facility focused members
 - Current state of workforce and imaging healthcare delivery



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIME
AND CONSIDERATION