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SUBJECT: February 20 Subcommittee Questions

Dear Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

Please find below information requested by members of the Joint Ways and Means Human Services Sub-Committee at the February 20 meeting related to OHA's Key Performance Measures (KPMs).

1. KPM – *Quality of Life: Poor Mental Health*: How is OHA ensuring the sample for this measure is as diverse as Oregon? How are you including adults with I/DD??

For adults, OHA collects data for this KPM through the CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Core survey, a telephone survey that randomly selects households (using landline) and individuals (using cell phones) to obtain a sample of non-institutionalized adults across the state.

Data are weighted to be representative of adult Oregonians, based on sex, race/ethnicity, household income, age, etc. OHA has received permission from the CDC to include REALD questions to capture granularity on race/ethnicity.

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This includes the series of REALD disability questions, which would capture adults with I/DD.

2. KPM – *Mortality from Drug Overdose*: Does OHA have metrics on rates of drug use, distinct from the KPM on rates of overdose?

OHA also collects data for this KPM through the BRFSS survey described above. Specifically, the survey asks about:

- Alcohol use (current/within the past 30 days and binge drinking)
- Tobacco use (cigarettes/menthol cigarettes, e-cigarettes/vaping, flavored tobacco/vaping products, chewing tobacco/snuff/snus, hookah, small and large-sized cigars)
- Marijuana/Cannabis use (current/within the past 30 days, how it was used: smoke, eat or drink, vape, dab)

The Student Health Survey is an online survey that is administered to 6th, 8th and 11th graders in public schools statewide. collects data on:

- Alcohol use (current/within the past 30 days, and binge drinking)
- Tobacco use (cigarettes/menthol cigarettes, chewing tobacco, vaping, flavored tobacco/vaping products, cigarillos or little cigars, hookah or waterpipe)
- Marijuana use (ever used, current use/within past 30 days, how it was used [smoke, eat or drink, vape, dab])
- Prescription opioid use without a doctor's order (ever and current/30 day use)
- Ever and current/30 day use of illicit drugs, such as cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, shrooms, heroin, fentanyl or meth (asked as one question, not separately)

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Data are weighted by school enrollment to be representative at the county and state levels.

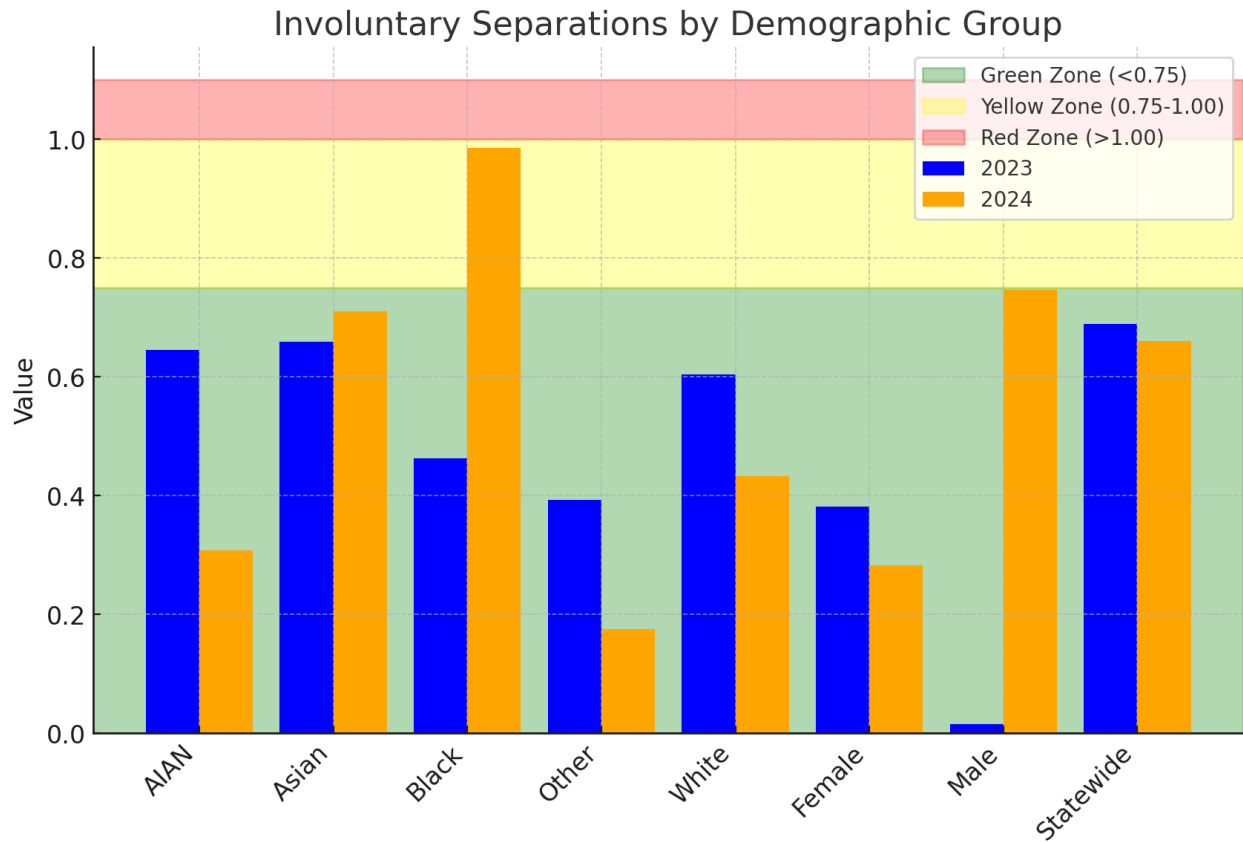
Here is the link to the [2022 SHS results](#). OHA is currently processing the 2024 SHS data.

3. Is there a KPM related to involuntary separations?

There is no KPM for involuntary separations. However, OHA does track this information as an outcome metric in its performance system. Involuntary separations include dismissal, dismissal during trial service, and layoff; this total is divided by all agency separations to determination a ration.

On the next page is a chart comparing the ratio of involuntary separations among various demographic groups. “Value” is a comparison of the ratio between different groups. A high value – especially over 1.0 – indicates a relatively high representation of that group in involuntary separations from the agency, compared to the agency as a whole. Note that this chart represents a relatively small number of individuals, so slight variations from year to year can show large differences.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are any further questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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