## Welcome Tyler Whitmire, ONA Labor Representative

![Tyler Whitmire](image1.png)

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) labor team covering PeaceHealth is excited to welcome Tyler Whitmire to our team. Tyler is very excited to join ONA to support nurses. He has spent the majority of his adult life fighting for better working conditions and livable wages.

Tyler helped manage political campaigns on behalf of the AFL-CIO, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Service Employee International Union (SEIU), and many of the trade unions, working with more than 30 individual candidates and 10 initiatives across six states. Following those campaigns, Tyler worked as a lobbyist for the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA)/AFT for one session before becoming an OSEA field representative, a position he held for over seven years.

One of Tyler’s proudest accomplishments in the past few years has been to bring greater safety into the public education system by getting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules rewritten that exempted schools from many safety reporting standards. Tyler holds a bachelor of science from Eastern Oregon University in political science, philosophy, and economics and an ExMPA from Portland State University.

Tyler can be reached via phone at (503) 293-0011 x1372 or email at Whitmire@OregonRN.org.

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### CONTRACTS ARE HERE!

Our new contracts have finally arrived! The ONA executive team will be helping to distribute them to your mailboxes over the next week.
New ONA Executive Team Members

Diane O’Connor and Desi Atwater have been appointed to fill the vacancies on the ONA/SHHCS executive team. Thank you to these nurses for stepping up to serve in this important role!

Diane has been an RN for 21 years. Her background includes med/surg, ICU, labor and delivery/post-partum, hospice, and surgery center. Diane has been in home infusion for two years and loves it! Diane is married with three kids. She enjoys traveling and serving vulnerable populations and living in the country with her horses.

Desi Atwater joined the home health department this past June after spending the first two years of her nursing career in the ICU at Riverbend Medical Center. She thoroughly enjoys the work so far and appreciates the opportunity to build relationships with patients that support them improving their health in their own homes and communities. She is inspired by the work of ONA stewards and executive members who represented her former unit and hopes to represent the voices of the nurses in her department with passion and patience. When not nursing, Desi is an avid outdoor enthusiast, renaissance fair attendee, volunteer with local homeless advocacy organizations, dancer, partner, and cat parent.

SAVE THE DATE!

ONA Convention and House of Delegates
May 18-19, 2020
Portland, OR

The convention's theme is "Rising Up Together" and will feature sessions on professional development, nursing practice and workplace issues, as well as topics critical to ONA's strategic plan including equity and inclusion.

Registration is open at oregonrn.org/events