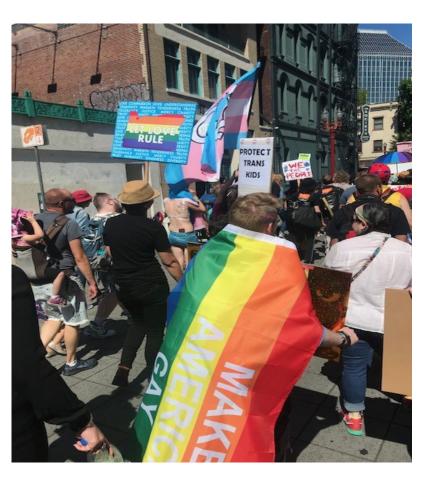


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What an incredible Pride 2019!!





# **Next Meeting**

July 9th

9-10:30 a.m. 800 NE Oregon

Kim Toevs,
Director of
Multnomah
County
Communicable
Disease and
Sexually
Transmitted
Disease
Programs: Recent
increase in HIV
diagnoses

&

Derrick Travers,
Youth Sexual
Health Equity
Program, MCHD:
What are they
learning? Healthy
Sexuality and
Relationship Ed
for School Aged
Oregon Youth



Staff, Providers and volunteers of Partnership Project/Transgender Health Program





Staff of OHSUs Partnership Project/ HIV Program





Leadership of OHSUs Partnership Project, Cascade AIDS Project, Our House and CAREAssist

# Oregon Health Authority Staff



Cascade AIDS Project Staff and families



# Multnomah County Staff and families





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#### **COMMUNITIES FIGHTING FRAUD**

Regional Public Affairs Office, Community Outreach, Social Security Administration

Older people are at a greater risk of fraud and other forms of financial exploitation. The United States Postal Service has seen an increase in mail fraud and is promoting community strength and fraud awareness as a way to prevent abuse. Social Security agrees. You can help your more vulnerable loved ones fight fraud.

You or a loved one might receive an advertisement in the mail, but it could be from a private company or even a scammer. United States law prohibits people or nongovernment businesses from using words or emblems that mislead others. Their advertising can't lead people to believe that they represent, are somehow affiliated with, or endorsed or approved by Social Security.

Scammers commonly target people who are looking for Social Security program and benefit information. If you receive misleading information about Social Security, send the complete advertisement, including the envelope it came in, to:

Office of the Inspector General Fraud Hotline Social Security Administration P.O. Box 17768 Baltimore, MD 21235

Community can simply mean your family unit. The more you know about what your loved ones are exposed to, the better you can protect them.

We also receive reports where someone pretending to be a Social Security employee has contacted members of the public. The intent of this type of call may be to steal your identity and/or money from your bank accounts. They may state that your Social Security number will be suspended or they may demand immediate payment. The caller generally asks you for personal information such as your Social Security number, date of birth, your mother's maiden name, or your bank or financial account information. You should not provide any of this information to these individuals.

It's possible that a Social Security employee may contact you to follow-up on a previous application for Social Security benefits or to follow-up on other business you initiated with Social Security. Remember, Social Security employees will never threaten you or demand any kind of payment in exchange for services.

It's important that you report any and all fraud. This can only strengthen our communities and your family. You can report Social Security fraud at oig.ssa.gov/ report.



Defining Equity is a monthly podcast series that tackles the numerous health equity issues facing underserved communities highlighting public health professionals using strategies to empower and center communities living at the margins.

https://www.nastad.org/defining-equity-podcast

Episode 1: Queer and Bisexual Women to the Front: Addressing Invisibility and **Health Inequities** 

Episode 2: Unpacking the Interconnections

# United States Preventive Task Force Issues Recommendation on PrEP - one more step in the prevention of new HIV infections!

Recommendation Summary		
Population	Recommendation	Grade (What's This?)
Persons at high risk of HIV acquisition	The USPSTF recommends that clinicians offer preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with effective antiretroviral therapy to persons who are at high risk of HIV acquisition.	A

"We have not previously had a guideline on PrEP, though HIV continues to be a major public health problem in the United States, with nearly 40,000 new cases diagnosed annually," Dr. Douglas K. Owens, an author of the new guidelines published in JAMA and a professor of medicine at Stanford University, told ABC News. "PrEP is highly effective if taken as indicated."

https://abcnews.go.com/health/prep-preventing-hiv-infection-offered-risk-uspstf/ story?id=63608717



In an effort to remain aware of all of our programmatic and staff changes throughout the HIV community in Oregon we would like to collect and share that information. Programmatic & staff changes should be sent to lagermes@ohsu.edu by the last Wednesday of the month.

I will also be emailing agencies to obtain that information but if I miss you let me know.

# **Cascade AIDS Project**

#### Welcomes:

**Dakota Lake** (he/him/his), Mental Health Housing Case Manager, started at the Davis Street Office on Tuesday 6/25/19.

**Michael Haglund** [he/him/his pronouns], Housing Case Manager at the CAP-Davis St. Office. His first day was Monday, June 24, 2019.

# **Congratulations to:**

Erin Butler (he/him or they/theirs) was promoted to Deputy Director of Prevention

#### **CAP Says Farewell to:**

Roman Vasquez, Mental Health Housing Case Manager left CAP 6/14/19. This position and others are posted on CAP's website www.cascadeaids.org/about/careers. Please pass on to your networks!

Caitlin Wells, Director of Healthcare Operations is leaving 6/28/19

# Day Center open on Wednesday 9-12 p.m.

Over the past year, we at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon HIV Day Center have received feedback from clients that it would be really helpful if we restored Wednesday service. Understanding that this was previously the case, and wanting to be responsive to our community, we will begin PARTIAL Wednesday service beginning in July. Instead of our normal service hours of 9am - 3pm, we will be open from 9am -12noon on Wednesdays. Instead of our regular hot lunch service at 1pm, we will be offering sack lunches "to go" between 11:30 and noon. All of our standard services will be available, laundry, clothing closet, showers, and referrals.

One thing to note, is that our buss pass attendance requirements will shift slightly due to the increased service days. Previously, clients would need to have 9 attendance days between the 1st and 25th of each month, and this requirement will increase to 11 days during the same time period.

We are very excited about being able to bring back Wednesday service, and are hopeful that this will provide some more consistency and stability in our clients' day to day lived experience and weekly routine.

Feel free to forward any questions our way! ceves@emoregon.org

# **Multnomah County HIV Clinic** Welcomes:

Trevis Hutsell is joining the clinic as an on-call Community Health Nurse. Katy Pranian joins the clinic as our FOCUS Hepatitis C Program Coordinator.

# Says Farewell:

Rachelle Coe's last day with the clinic's front desk was on 6/28/19. Jan Carpenter will be retiring the end of July.

# **Multnomah County HIV Care Services**

#### Welcomes:

Aubrey Daguiz is the new Community Engagement Coordinator for HIV Care Services at MCHD. Aubrey will staff the Ryan White Planning Council and will be responsible for the client satisfaction survey, focus groups, council membership recruitment, and other community engagement projects. Aubrey begins 7/1/19 and will be at the PC retreat held on 7/12/19.

Lisa Alfano is the new Business Process Consultant for HIV Care Services at MCHD. Lisa will be the CAREWare Administrator and will work with contractors on CW training, imports, and custom reporting. Lisa will work with Tri-Young Consulting on the CW6 upgrade in September. Lisa begins 7/1/19.

### **Program Updates:**

All are welcome and invited to the Ryan White Planning Council Retreat held on Friday, July 12th, 2019, 9:00 - 5:00 at the Gladys McCoy Building (619 NW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97209) room 850. Breakfast available at 8:30 am. During the retreat, we will make decisions to allocate Ryan White funds for services for the FY20-21 grant application. As a guest, you are welcome to fully participate in the discussions, but are not able vote. Please contact Jenny Hampton (jennifer.hampton@multco.us) if you plan on attending.

# **Partnership Project**

# Says Farewell:

Legacy Emmanuel Staff Angie Utter left her position 7/3 and Matt Deschaine will be leaving 8/6.

New Legacy staff will be hired. In the interim continue to refer to Partnership Project if you have patients that want to establish care at Legacy Emmanuel

Send your staffing and program updates to lagermes@ohsu.edu

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