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OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT

**Happy Pride Month!!**



**Next Meeting**

**Next Meeting  
June 12th**

**Working with  
Interpretation  
Services**

**Erin Neff-  
Minyard, Ed.M,  
CHI™ Legacy  
Good Samaritan  
Medical Center**

We wish everyone a wonderful Pride month! We realize there have been significant losses in our community recently, some due to violence and others not but losses none the less. As providers we take care of others but we can't do our work if we don't take of ourselves!

We will be at [Pride](#) Festival both Saturday and Sunday at booth Q-02! Come visit us! We will also be marching in the Trans March and Rally on Saturday, June 16th 2 p.m. at NW 8th Avenue and NW Davis. Hope to see you there!



**Opportunities this summer across the State to hear from  
OHA Director Allen about the future of OHP.**

OHA will gather public input on the policy options throughout the summer, and the Oregon Health Policy Board will adopt final recommendations this fall. Coordinated care contracts for 2020-2025 are expected to be awarded in summer 2019. For more information, [visit the CCO 2.0 webpage.](#)

**June 2018 community meeting schedule**

**Monday, June 18**

Hood River, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Hood River Inn  
1108 E Marina Drive

**Tuesday, June 19**

Hermiston, noon to 2 p.m.  
Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center  
1750 E Airport Road

Ontario, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Treasure Valley Community College, Weese Building, Room 110  
650 College Blvd

**Wednesday, June 20**

Bend, noon to 2 p.m.  
Central Oregon Community College, Health Careers Building  
2600 NW College Way

**Thursday, June 21**

Portland, 6-8 p.m.  
Madison High School  
2735 NE 82nd Ave

**Tuesday, June 26**

Corvallis, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Oregon State University LaSells Stewart Center  
875 SW 26th Street

Springfield, 6-8 p.m.

Holiday Inn  
919 Kruse Way

**Wednesday, June 27**

Astoria, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Astoria Armory  
1636 Exchange Street

Coos Bay, 7-9 p.m.

Red Lion Inn  
1313 N Bayshore Drive

**Thursday, June 28**

Klamath Falls, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Henley Elementary School  
8227 Highway 39

**Spanish language interpretation services will be available at the meetings.**



## How do Medical Providers learn about PrEP?

Many healthcare providers are not current with the recommendation to provide nPEP for all high-risk HIV-exposed patients as soon as possible within emergency departments (EDs) in the United States. The AETC Rural Health Committee, comprised of members from across the continental United States, Alaska, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, reached out to the following groups for input and involvement in developing a [nPEP Toolkit](#) for emergency and urgent care settings: the International Association of Forensic Nurses, the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, and the National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers.

After 5 months of conversations, email exchanges, edits, and additions, the [toolkit](#) was developed. It includes a pocket guide, a pen with a pull-out banner with information, a poster, and an infographic slide set. The purpose of this [toolkit](#) is to provide guidance for a streamlined and efficient approach to prescribing nPEP and other post-sexual exposure treatments.

Our hope is that it will help to increase the discussion and prescribing of nPEP to minimize HIV transmission to those with high-risk sexual exposure seeking treatment in healthcare facilities. The Oregon AETC is happy to provide onsite training, clinical consultation, and guidance around nPEP to increase uptake in our state and compliment the tools provided. Visit our website: [www.oraetc.org](http://www.oraetc.org) to learn more.

## Join the [Mountain West AETC](#) team!

The Mountain West AETC delivers innovative, evidenced-based, education and training programs to improve both access to care and quality of life for people who are living with or are at-risk for acquiring HIV. As a member of the Oregon AETC administrative team, the **Training Coordinator** is responsible for coordinating and handling day-to-day activities for AETC programs in Oregon and SW Washington that align with the Oregon's End HIV initiative. The primary aims of the Oregon's End HIV initiative are: Testing is Easy, Prevention Works, and Treatment Saves Lives. As a member of the Administrative team, the Coordinator will support key Oregon AETC leadership, and perform other office functions such as logistical support for visitors and trainings, coordination of committee work, and evaluation/reports for continuous quality improvement. The Coordinator will manage website and communication/promotional materials for Oregon AETC projects.

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## Upcoming Learning Opportunities

[Webinar: Retention of Transgender People into HIV Prevention and Care Services](#) June 12th 2-3 p.m.

[Webinar: Ways to Advance Integration of HIV Prevention and Care Services](#) June 13th 3-4 p.m.

[Get to Know the In It Together Health Literacy Project](#) June 14th 2-3 p.m. EDT

[Webinar: HIV Prevention for Transgender Communities](#) June 19th 2-3 p.m.

[Webinar: Hepatitis C: The State of Medicaid Access](#) June 28th 1-2 p.m.

## How is the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Doing?

Health and Human Services released the [2017 National HIV/AIDS Strategy Progress report](#). This is the 6th progress report since the strategy was released in 2010.

### [Key survey findings indicate that:](#)

- The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased by nearly 5% from 41,985 in 2011 to 39,876 in 2015.
- The percentage of persons living with diagnosed HIV who were virally suppressed increased from 46.0% in 2010 to 57.9% in 2014.
- The number of adults prescribed PrEP increased by more than 300% from 7,972 in 2014 to 33,273 in 2015.

For more details read the report [here](#)

# NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY for the UNITED STATES:

UPDATED TO 2020

2017 PROGRESS REPORT





In an effort to remain aware of our 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](mailto: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.

### **Washington County Health Department welcomes:**

- Mercy Henderson is the new Community Health Worker for HIV Early Intervention Services and Outreach
- Erin Parrish is the new Senior Program Coordinator for HIV Early Intervention Services and Outreach

**Washington County Public Health and CAP** are now offering full STI testing to persons at high risk for STI/HIV at no charge.

- Services include rapid HIV testing as well as syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia screening.
- Services are Monday evenings from 3-7pm at the Beaverton Public Services Building on 12250 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St (enter on SW Washington Ave), Beaverton OR 97005
- A second site will be starting soon in Hillsboro
- Please call 503-846-2972 for more information or to reach staff on the STI/HIV team

### **Cascade AIDS Project welcomes:**

- Jessie Feltz, Housing Case Manager housed part time at Partnership Project
- Yehoshua Ventura is heading to CAPs Vancouver office to be their Peer Support Specialist. The Portland office is currently hiring for a new Peer Support Specialist.

### **Farewell to**

Anthony Rivers (HIV Prevention Specialist) & Michael Lee Howard (Patient Services Coordinator)

CAP has made some changes to our client intake schedule. Intakes are still scheduled by calling the front desk. Intakes will now be at 10am daily and at 12:30 & 2:30pm on Wednesdays. If a client is unable/unwilling to come to the office, Omar (the Equity Outreach Coordinator) can meet with clients offsite for an intake.

### **MCHD HIV Clinic welcomes**

Claire Contreras as the new Community Health Nurse on Maria Kosmetatos' team

## MORE COMINGS AND GOINGS

### Day Center welcomes

- Terrence Rawls, Client Services Coordinator
- Meghan Lewis, DBX Coordinator
- Chris Eves, Program Manager

Farewell to Jesse Herbach. Thank you for coming back and being interim program manager!

### Day Center Updates

We have a new contract with Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services at Multnomah County which has expanded our capacity for the DBX home delivered meals program with a particular focus on Long Term Survivors and people aging with HIV. A full time coordinator has been hired as part of this expansion. Eligibility requirements for this new grant are: clients are age 50+, live in Multnomah County, and have a need for nutritional support. Clients meeting these requirements may self refer, or case managers may continue to refer. As part of this contract, clients will received yearly nutritional assessment and nutrition education.

### Multnomah County Health Department HIV Care Services

As of June 18th, Margy Robinson will no longer be working with the HIV Care Services Program. Amanda Hurley has been selected as the new HIV Care Services Manager. If folks need information between now and mid-June, they can contact either of us, but if it is about work that will continue after mid-June, it is best to contact Amanda. Thank you Margy for your all your work, support and dedication to the HIV community over the years. You will be missed!

### Russell St welcomes

- Yesinia Garcia is our new front desk patient receptionist- she is bilingual, speaking Spanish and English- and she is wonderful.
- Dr. Bevelee Cutler is our new interim Dental Director replacing Dr. Jay Anderson. Dr. Cutler is in the process of hiring a new full time dentist. Hopefully, the new dentist will start the end of July. With another full time dentist- we will be able to book patients in a more timely fashion.

We now have a Client Advisory Board- we have met three times. One schedule change we made, as advised by CAB, is to have openings available for Ryan White recipients with the root canal specialist (Endodontic Resident). The resident comes to the clinic once a week and appointments to see the resident are booked out for months. So we reserved sooner time slots for our Ryan White recipients.

**Thanks for all your updates!!**

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