

New Staff in the State Office

We are happy that, after a period of understaffing, we have filled our existing positions for the HIV Prevention Team. This will obviously allow us to be more effective, increase our capacity at identifying where we need to put time and resources during a stressed budgetary time, and be more responsive to the requests of our funders at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the state government. Our new “Program Analyst 2” staff members:

Dano Beck began in his role as our Technology Intervention Specialist on March 21st. He will make recommendations to enhance HIV prevention efforts through appropriate and efficient use of available technologies and help guide state and local efforts in these endeavors. He will not have assigned local agency contractors, but will be a resource for local partners and state staff. He can be reached by telephone at 971.673.0170 or by email at daniel.w.beck@state.or.us.

Dano’s previous position was with the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Prevention Section as the Research and Evaluation Team Leader. Earlier, he was also the Behavioral Surveillance Coordinator and the Special Projects

Coordinator. Additionally, he has experience as an MPowerment Coordinator and conducting training on public health topics.

Loralee Trocio began in her role as our Program Evaluator on April 4th. She will have local health departments assigned to her for whom she will provide technical assistance and be the program contact. Please see the bottom of page two for Loralee’s assigned counties. She will provide leadership in our program monitoring and evaluation activities.

Loralee’s previous position was with the Oregon Immunization program here at the Public Health Division as the Operations & Policy Analyst 2, “Operations Technician.” Her background includes international work on HIV/AIDS initiatives, World Vision, hurricane relief, AmeriCorps work in California, experience as a Wellness coach...and more! Her certifications include Health Education Specialist and Advanced Motivational Interviewing. She can be reached at 971.673.0165 or by email at loralee.j.trocio@state.or.us.

We celebrate the arrival of these new team members and are sure our partners will benefit by the skills and competencies they bring.

AXIS

A new opportunity has just made its debut in Portland at Cascade AIDS Project (CAP). Axis is a FREE one-on-one safer-sex counseling program offered over two sessions to guys who are into guys. These confidential counseling sessions are open to guests who are either HIV positive or negative. Axis does not cost a dime and gift cards are available to those who participate. Sessions generally last about twenty minutes and can be scheduled at the clients’ convenience. Referrals from collaborating agencies are welcome and appreciated.

Axis is a great way for clients to talk with someone, in private, about the challenges of sex and dating and find new or better ways to have a safe and healthy sex life. If your clients have questions our Axis counselor has answers.

Clients can schedule sessions by emailing Andrew at axis@pivotpdx.org or calling 503.278.3841.



Upcoming Events

April 2011 STD Awareness Month

April 27-28, 2011 Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness 23rd Annual Conference, Hood River

May 2011 National Hepatitis Awareness Month

May 3-4, 2011 Client Focused Counseling training, Portland. To register please visit: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/SafeLiving/HIVPrevention/Pages/register.aspx>.

May 14, 2011 Queer Youth Summit, Portland

May 18, 2011 HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 18, 2011 Statewide Planning Group Meeting, Portland. For more information contact: warren.r.scott@state.or.us.

May 19, 2011 World Hepatitis Day

May 20, 2011 State Office Closure

May 30, 2011 Memorial Day Observed, State Offices closed

June 8, 2011 Caribbean American AIDS Awareness Day

June 24-26, 2011 Paint the Town, Roseburg

Program Contacts

Benton, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla: Larry Hill (971)673-0162 or larry.d.hill@state.or.us.

Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson, Marion, Multnomah, North Central Public Health District, Polk, Umatilla, Washington and comments about the newsletter: Cessa Karson-Whitethorn (971)673-0150 or cessa.karson@state.or.us.

Clackamas, Klamath, Jackson, Lincoln, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill: Loralee Trocio (971)673-0165 or loralee.j.trocio@state.or.us.

Please note that Clackamas, Jackson, Jefferson, Multnomah, Polk, Umatilla, and Washington have two program contacts. We believe that we will be better able to provide technical assistance in this way.

State of Oregon's New Website

The State of Oregon's website has a new look! This includes a new look for all the HIV/STD/TB program related webpages. We invite you to check out HIV prevention's webpage: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/SafeLiving/HIVPrevention/Pages/index.aspx>. Our webpage has some very useful content, including HIV prevention's program element, the Statewide Comprehensive Plan, our training registration page, and a number of fact sheets relating to HIV and different topics in Oregon. If you need help locating information on our webpage, please let your designated contact person know.

Future Changes Coming

Funding Formula

At the Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO) meeting on March 17th the CLHO-HIV subcommittee's recommendation on change to the HIV Prevention Funding Formula was approved and implementation is planned for July 2012. The revised funding formula will divide the local allocation of the grant award based on 65% Incidence and 35% Prevalence of HIV infection in the local community. High risk testing has been removed from the formula.

Community Awareness Grants

The HIV Prevention Community Awareness Grants have been successful. Ten mini-grants were approved to assist community based agencies, community partnerships and others providing HIV prevention and education services in their efforts to increase community level awareness of HIV risk factors and prevention strategies. Across the state, grants have been used to purchase promotional and educational materials, focus group incentives, assist with facility costs, meals, equipment, advertisements, and speaker's fees.

The HIV Prevention Program is reviewing the processes and outcomes achieved with the grants that were approved, and expect to implement some modifications in July 2011.

More information can be found at: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/SafeLiving/HIVPrevention/Pages/fso.aspx>