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OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT



Next Meeting

Next Meeting November 10th

9-10 AM
Post Election
Check/In Support
with Lusijah Marx,
RNPMHNP, PsyD
Quest Center

10-1030 AM
Drew Gibson,
Policy Manager for
HIV and Drug
User Health AIDS
United policy
update

Email
lagermes@ohsu.edu
for the link to the
meeting

World AIDS Day will occur on December 1st and while most of our events will be virtual they will still occur to raise awareness, needed funds to support critical services and to honor and remember those who came before us.

You can find events or list your event at <https://www.worldaidsdaynw.org/home> Not sure what kind of event you should plan, the website also provides you with ideas.

Check out our [Facebook page](#) for events happening statewide.



THE TIME IS NOW.



Last month United States Conference on HIV/AIDS occurred virtually. It was an incredible experience to be able to “be there” while being here in Portland. If you registered you can login whenever you are able to have access to all the sessions for a year.

There have only been a couple of sessions that are accessible online without registration. One is this [opening plenary](#) which provides a variety of speakers speaking to the Black Lives Matter movement and the impact structural racism has on the HIV pandemic. It is a powerful and an important piece to watch and share with others.

The other session that is publicly available is the [closing plenary](#). This plenary provides an opportunity to hear from those working in the federal government including Dr. Fauci talking about their plans to end the HIV epidemic.



Your Client May Be Eligible for an In-Person Appointment



During the pandemic, Social Security has continued to provide service online and by phone while our offices remain closed for walk-in service. Our local office employees are busy answering calls to their office. While we offer many online and phone options to help you, we recognize that in-person assistance is sometimes necessary.

Though walk-in service is not available, we may be able to schedule an in-person appointment in certain situations. We have updated information on our [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) web page](#) to explain situations involving help with benefits or a Social Security number when we may be able to schedule an appointment. If you believe your client qualifies for an in-person appointment, ask your client to call their local office. They can look up the phone number for their local office by accessing our [office locator](#). Please note that appointments may not be immediately available, depending on local health and safety conditions and staffing.

An in-person appointment may be possible if your client:

1. Is without food or shelter, including utilities or is without medical care or coverage and needs to apply for or reinstate benefits.
2. Currently receives benefits and has an urgent need for payment to meet expenses for food, shelter, or medical treatment, and cannot receive the payment electronically.
3. Is age 12 or older applying for their first SSN card.
4. Needs to update or correct their SSN information (e.g., name, date of birth, or citizenship) to obtain income, resources, or medical care or coverage, or other services or benefits (e.g., filing a tax return, applying for housing, seeking an Economic Impact Payment).

Please visit and subscribe to our [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) web page](#) to keep up to date during the pandemic.

If You are a Man with a Physical Disability You may be Eligible for Participation in a Study that will Benefit Your Community!

We are testing a peer program to help men with physical disabilities manage stress and improve their mood.



Measures will be taken to ensure the safety of participants during the pandemic.

If eligible you can choose to participate in the peer program

OR choose to participate in the control group

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT EOCIL: Kirt Toombs: 541-889-3119, ktoombs@eocil.org OR Kelly Rumsey: 541-889-3119 ext. 101, kelly@eocil.org.

You will receive a total of \$225 in compensation for study participation. (eIRB 16358)

The Social Security Administration has begun the initial rollout of **its new electronic Consent Based Social Security Number (SSN) Verification (eCBSV) service.**

The agency is rolling out the service to selected participants through 2020, and plans on expanding the number of users in 2021.

"Our new electronic SSN verification service helps reduce synthetic identity fraud by comparing agency records with data provided electronically by approved participants," said Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security. "This is an important online service that helps us provide participants and their customers fast, secure, and more efficient SSN verifications."

Social Security created eCBSV, a fee-based electronic SSN verification service, to allow select financial institutions and service providers, called "permitted entities" and including subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, subcontractors, or assignees of a financial institution, to verify if a person's SSN, name, and date of birth combination matches Social Security records.

Social Security needs the person's written consent and will accept an electronic signature in order to disclose the SSN verification to the permitted entity. eCBSV returns a match verification of "Yes" or "No." eCBSV does not verify a person's identity.

Social Security is committed to rolling out eCBSV to all selected permitted entities. The participants approved for the initial rollout are:

Capital One Services, LLC
Computer Information Development, LLC
Discover Financial Services
Early Warning Services, LLC
Experian Information Solutions, Inc.
ID Analytics, LLC
SentiLink Corp.
Synchrony Financial
Zions Bancorporation

Each of the service providers selected can serve up to 20 permitted entities, and with the financial institutions, there is the potential of 124 permitted entities participating in the initial rollout.

This announcement does not affect the existing Consent Based SSN Verification service.

For more information, see www.socialsecurity.gov/dataexchange/eCBSV/.



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.

Multnomah HIV Health Center Welcomes

Housing Navigator, Sam Junge (he/him), who started in this position on 10/1/20.

Congratulations to

Em Burchell (she/her) has transitioned into a new role as a Medical Case Manager.

The HIV Day Center announces: Staff Role Changes:

Taylor Gleffe promoted from Client Services Coordinator to Program Manager.
Marcus Coleman promoted from Program Assistant to Project Coordinator

New Staff:

Daniel Howell- Long Term Survivors Coordinator

New Quaker Volunteer:

Celia Rayfiel- Activities & Events Coordinator

Changes to Programming:

We have been awarded a grant through Ryan White Part C for a Long-Term Survivors Project. More to come on what this means!

[Engaging People Who Inject Drugs in Healthcare](#)

Friday, December 4th, 8:30am-12:15pm

Oregon has seen a significant increase in HIV, hepatitis C, and syphilis infections among people who inject drugs in recent years. Join the Oregon AETC for an upcoming forum on how to best serve people who inject drugs (PWID) in a health care setting. This training is intended for rural healthcare professionals and staff serving PWID, particularly those in emergency, urgent care, and primary care clinical settings.

For registration and more information, click [here](#).

Note: All participants will be eligible for free CME credit.

Cascade AIDS Project is hiring the following positions

Davis Street

[Grants Specialist](#)

[Employment Services Coordinator](#)

[Peer Support Specialist](#)

[Donor Stewardship Coordinator](#)

[Development Associate](#)

Prism Health

[Certified Medical Assistant](#)

SW Washington

[SW Washington Wellness Case Manager](#)

[SW Washington Peer Navigator](#)

[HIV/STI Test Counselor - SW Washington](#)

Welcomes

Kai McBride (he/him) licensed marriage and family therapist at Prism

Lindsey Sipos (she/her/hers) RN Gender Care Coordinator at Prism lindsey@prismhealth.org

Rusty Shorey (He, Him, His),temporary Benefits Navigator rshorey@capnw.org

Déja Fitzgerald (she/her/hers) Equity and Inclusion Advocate dfitzgerald@capnw.org

Says Farewell

Star Amerasu, Peer Support Specialist



Thanks for your help in keeping the community updated. Please send them your new staff announcement, farewells and program updates to lagermes@ohsu.edu to be included in the next newsletter.

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