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Thank you to all who went out, got your friends & co-workers to go out & ate a little extra that day!

We are still receiving the donations and will let you know the totals when we have them!

## Next Meeting

**Next Meeting  
May 8th**

**Ryan White  
System– Year in  
Review**

**Amanda Hurley,  
HIV Care  
Services  
Program  
Manager and  
Marisa  
McLaughlin, HIV  
Program  
Specialist Sr**

OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT



**Thank you Portland for  
Dining Out For Life!!**





# Celebrate National Nurses Week

MAY 6-12, 2018

To all the incredible nurses throughout the State of Oregon, thank you for amazing dedication, skills, compassion and expertise!

You are a critical part of the continuum of care for  
Persons Living with HIV in Oregon!

## Legislative Updates

### [Changes in Essential Health Benefits](#) ( [adapted from Positive Women's Network update](#) )

On April 10th, DHHS finalized new regulations that will take effect by 2020. These regulations will allow states to choose out-of-state plans to use as their benchmark as to what services are covered and the amount of out-of-pocket expenses. States will remain obligated to include 10 Essential Health Benefits but this would allow states to limit or completely drop specific services from within each category. The concern is that States would opt to cover less and if they wanted to expand beyond the benchmark plans they would have to pay for it out of State budget. The concern is that this is unlikely due to the cost.

### Understanding SESTA/FOSTA

#### **FOSTA= Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act / SESTA= Stop Enabling Sex Trafficking Act**

These acts were signed into law on April 11th and basically put publishers/websites like Craigslist at risk of being held liable if any their personal ad pages were used to advertise sex workers. There are significant concerns from the sex worker community that not having these platforms puts them at great risk as these platforms were used as communication tools, a way to screen potential clients and provided for documentation should something go wrong in an interaction with a client.

More information can be found [here](#)

US Congress just passed [HR 1865, "FOSTA"](#), seeking to subject websites to criminal and civil liability when third parties (users) misuse online personals unlawfully.

Any tool or service can be misused. We can't take such risk without jeopardizing all our other services, so we are regretfully taking craigslist personals offline. Hopefully we can bring them back some day.

To the millions of spouses, partners, and couples who met through craigslist, we wish you every happiness!

A screenshot from the personnel section of Craigslist

## You Are Cordially Invited



**What: HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day Picnic**

**When: June 3, 2018 – All Day**

**Where: Peninsula Park Rose Garden – N. Albina & N. Rosa Parks Way**

**Hosted by: Let's Kick **ASS** (AIDS Survivor Syndrome) - Oregon**

Every year on June 5, the U.S. recognizes *HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day*. This year, Let's Kick **ASS** (AIDS Survivor Syndrome) – Oregon will hold its annual picnic to commemorate the event on Sunday, June 3.

Please join us at the Peninsula Park Rose Garden in the Sheltered Picnic Area A to celebrate our long-term survivor community. We'll have picnic tables, food, non-alcoholic beverages, and lawn games available throughout the day.

This event is free for all long-term survivors, their loved ones, and partner organizations. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**To register, donate, or for additional information about the event, please contact us at:**

**Email: [info@letskickasspdx.org](mailto:info@letskickasspdx.org) / Phone: 971-CALL-LKA**

**Let's  
Kick  
ASS**  
AIDS Survivor Syndrome  
Oregon



Office of  
Equity & Inclusion

The **Community Advisory Council (CAC)** is a group of community partners that helps OHA stay connected with the needs of diverse communities in Oregon. They are recruiting for new members.

The primary goal of the Community Advisory Council is to center Oregon's community voices in OEI's efforts to promote health equity and reduce health disparities. As advocates for vulnerable communities, the CAC helps OEI proactively identify and address emerging and ongoing issues and opportunities.

CAC members can expect to commit to two hour meetings every other month, with an additional two hours per month outside of meetings. Please see the attached Purpose Statement for more information and for member responsibilities.

They are especially looking for diverse geographic, demographic, and other representation within Oregon.

Please visit this [link](#) for the applications and REALD form.

Applications and optional demographic sheet (REALD form) are due on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 11:59 pm to Allison Varga, OEI Community Engagement Coordinator ([Allison.varga@state.or.us](mailto:Allison.varga@state.or.us)) or (FAX: 971-673-1128).

## [Calming Corner](#)





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 in the Network Newsletter.

If you have programmatic and staff changes please report them to me at [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 please let me know.

### **Multnomah County Health Department HIV Clinic**

Farewell : Marshall Beatty ( Eligibility Specialist) and Maurice Evans (Patient Navigator)  
Welcome: Laurel Kurtz is moving from the front desk to Eligibility Specialist

### **Cascade AIDS Project**

Congratulation Kaylon Sanders has moved to Peer Support Program Coordinator from his former position of MAI African American Services Case Manager

Welcome: Jessie Feltz, Housing Case Manager who will sited 2 days a week at Partnership Project Kayla Epp,New Housing Case Manger (working on chronically homeless grant)

Farewell: Samson Stritzl—hiring to replace that position of mental health housing case manger

### **Oregon Health Authority**

Congratulations: Josh Ferrer is the new HIV/STD Prevention and TB Program Manager  
Farewell: Ruth Helsey who held that position has retired. Thank you Ruth!

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