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Wishing all of us a happy, healthy and year full of peace!

Next Meeting

February 12th

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

Aging Well

Jim Clay,
Cascade AIDS
Project

Multnomah County Accepting Applications for Community Involvement Committee

Do you care about community involvement in County decision-making? Do you want to help reduce barriers to civic participation? Do you enjoy working with a diverse group to identify common goals that benefit the community? If so, apply to join the County's [Community Involvement Committee \(CIC\)](#).

The CIC serves as Multnomah County's advisory body on community engagement and involvement, and plays a crucial role in bringing community voice into county decision-making. CIC members engage in an ongoing review of the County's community involvement policies and programs, bring community concerns to County leadership, and assist in facilitating communication between the County and the community.

In 2018, the CIC was on hiatus while the Office of Community Involvement conducted a review of the County's community involvement process and the role of the CIC. With the review complete, we are currently recruiting for fifteen CIC members. **Applications are due Monday, January 28th by 5pm.**

[Learn more about the CIC](#)
[Read about the community involvement review](#)

[Start your application](#)

Questions? Contact the Office of Community Involvement at community.involvement@multco.us or 503.988.3450.



America Saves Week

Planning and saving are core elements to a successful retirement. For over 80 years, Social Security has helped Americans achieve that goal. And each year, the American Savings Education Council and America Saves coordinate America Saves Week. The week is an opportunity for organizations to promote good savings behavior; it is also a great time for people to assess their own saving status.

Social Security is collaborating with America Saves Week to promote our shared mission of helping millions of people prepare for their future. This year, we're celebrating the week from February 25 through March 2. Join the #ASW19 movement by using this hashtag when posting about your savings goals.

It's never too early to start planning for your retirement. Set a goal, make a plan, and save automatically. Savers with a plan are twice as likely to save successfully. Pledge to save for America Saves Week at www.americasaves.org.

Social Security has many tools for retirement planning. You can access our online information and resources at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire.

Younger people know that the earlier they start saving, the more their money can grow. Our website for young workers at www.socialsecurity.gov/people/earlycareer has resources that can help you secure today and tomorrow.

Thank You,

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UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY SURVIVORS BENEFITS

Unfortunately, tragedy can strike without any warning. The loss of the family wage earner can be devastating both emotionally and financially. Social Security helps by providing income for the families of workers who die.

Some of the Social Security taxes you pay go toward survivors benefits for workers and their families. The value of the survivors benefits you have under Social Security may even be more than the value of your individual life insurance. When you die, certain members of your family may be eligible for survivors benefits. These include widows and widowers (and divorced widows and widowers), children, and dependent parents.

Here are the people who can get survivors benefits based on your work:

- Your widow or widower may be able to get full benefits at full retirement age. The full retirement age for survivors is age 66 for people born in 1945-1956, with the full retirement age gradually increasing to age 67 for people born in 1962 or later. Your widow or widower can get reduced benefits as early as age 60. If your surviving spouse is disabled, benefits can begin as early as age 50.
- Your widow or widower can get benefits at any age if they take care of your child younger than age 16 or disabled, who is receiving Social Security benefits.
- Your unmarried children, younger than age 18 (or up to age 19 if they're attending elementary or secondary school full time), can also get benefits. Your children can get benefits at any age if they were disabled before age 22. Under certain circumstances, we can also pay benefits to your stepchildren, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, or adopted children.
- Your dependent parents can get benefits if they're age 62 or older. (For your parents to qualify as dependents, you must have provided at least half of their support.)

You can read more about Survivors Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10084.pdf.

How much your family can get from Social Security depends on your average lifetime earnings. The more you earned, the more their benefits will be. For more information on widows, widowers, and other survivors, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/survivors.

Social Security is with you through life's journey. Be sure to tell friends and family about our Survivors Benefits and how we can help in times of need.

Thank you ,

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Message from Oregon Health Authority

Dear Behavioral Health Stakeholders,

You are invited to help identify priorities for the next State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The SHIP identifies key health concerns for our state— along with strategies that will lead to improvements. A community based committee, called the PartnerSHIP, [has identified 14 strategic issues](#) that need to be addressed. We need your help to understand which issues are most important to your community. There are a number of ways you can provide your feedback and help spread the word:

An online survey ([in English](#) and [Spanish](#)) is available to collect your feedback on these issues. Please take and share this survey with your professional and personal networks via email listserves, social media platforms and other communication channels. **We are especially interested in hearing from people and communities that experience health disparities. Please consider ways to share this survey with clients, consumers, patients, service recipients, or other people with lived experience.**

Those who identify as a person from a marginalized community (e.g. person of color, LGBTQ+ identified, person with a disability, person with low-income, etc.) are invited to provide feedback through one of seven community-based organizations helping to inform this effort.

- [Q Center](#)
- [Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living](#)
- [Micronesian Islander Community](#) (of Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)
- [Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board \(NPAIHB\)](#)
- [Self Enhancement, Inc.](#)
- [The Next Door](#)
- [Unite Oregon](#)

Provide written feedback to the Public Health Division. All organizations, coalitions and community groups are welcome to submit prioritized issues and/or additional feedback to publichealth.policy@state.or.us.

Feedback from communities is being collected through January 31, 2019. The feedback collected will be shared with the PartnerSHIP in February to inform their decision about the final set of priorities.

To receive this information in another language or format, please email publichealth.policy@state.or.us.

For more information about the current State Health Improvement Plan which will end December, 2019, visit healthoregon.org/ship.

For more information about the process for developing the 2020-2024 State Health Improvement Plan, visit healthoregon.org/2020ship.

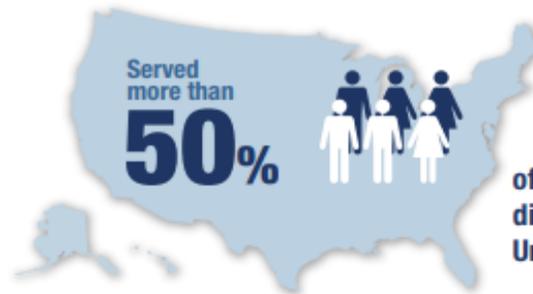
To receive ongoing email updates about the SHIP, [sign up for the listserve](#).

For other questions or comments, please contact Christy Hudson (Christy.j.hudson@state.or.us), Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority

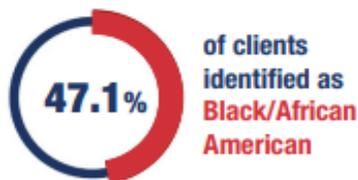
HRSA'S RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

BY THE NUMBERS: 2017

Served **534,903** clients in 2017



73.6% of clients were racial/ethnic minorities**



45.2% of clients were aged 50 years and older



62.8% of clients were living at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

*Viral suppression is based on data for people living with HIV who had at least one outpatient ambulatory health services visit and at least one viral load test during the measurement year and whose most recent viral load test result was less than 200 copies/mL.

**Clients self-identified as 26.7% White and less than 2% each American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and persons of multiple races. Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.

Data sourced from [2017 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Annual Client-Level Data Report](#)





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.

HIV Day Center

Says Farewell to:

Terrence Rawls– Client Services Coordinator

Position is posted [here](#)

Welcomes:

Jose Jimenez-Smith – Food Program Coordinator – jjimenez-smith@emoregon.org

Ebony Frison – Program Assistant – efrison@emoregon.org

Washington County Health Department

Welcomes:

Tessa Robinson RN has joined the Washington County Public Health STI/HIV Team this month. Tessa is a seasoned public health nurses passionate about removing barriers and linking clients and their contacts to care and treatment. Tessa comes from Marion County Public Health and will be working closely with clients at risk for HIV due to recent syphilis infections. She will also be part of the High Risk Testing Services in Washington County that offer no cost STI screening and treatment in Beaverton and Hillsboro

Program Update:

Washington County and Cascades AIDS Project have expanded their High Risk Testing Services to a second site in downtown Hillsboro. These will include STI screening services, STI treatment and PrEP navigation at no cost to clients. The address is 266 W. Main Street, Hillsboro 97123 on Thursday's from 12noon to 4pm (Blue Line MAX Line: Hatfield Government Center Station)

Washington County and CAP continue to offer the same services in Beaverton on Monday nights from 3-7pm at 12550 SW 2nd St Beaverton OR 97005.



April 18th, 2019

For the past several years a number of community members and community agencies have come together to create an event in honor of National Transgender HIV Testing Day.

We are collaborating again with amazing humans to make this years event meaningful, safe and affirming for community but we need help.

Please take a few moments to [take this survey](#) and help us create another meaningful event.

Please share far and wide with your communities and consider joining us in the planning!

Visit our page [National Transgender HIV Testing Day - Portland](#) for details about planning meetings and interesting information.

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