

### Funding Update

The State HIV Prevention Program received notice that federal funding for fiscal year 2011-2012 (January–December 2010) will remain at \$2,969,192. Local health departments will receive notice of their allocation soon. Cessa and Larry hope to complete the bulk of program planning starting in mid to late February 2011, so that all forms required by the Department of Justice will be completed and reviewed in time for the Department of Justice’s deadline. This deadline is April 8, 2011.

### Staffing Update

The position postings for the two open program analyst positions (technology intervention specialist and program evaluator) closed in late December 2010. We had an excellent response to the postings and anticipate that we will have a highly skilled applicant pool to draw from for both positions. We hope to have the positions filled by the end of February 2011!

### Supporting Healthy Options for Prevention

Partnership Project is the contract holder for a statewide HIV prevention intervention called SHOP (Supporting Healthy Options for Prevention); it’s also known as Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services (CRCS) in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) speak. SHOP works with people who are at **high risk** for contracting or transmitting HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases to reduce their risk through a series of six intensive counseling sessions. This includes people who are HIV positive, people who are HIV negative and people whose status is unknown.

SHOP is a statewide program, meaning that people who live in all counties of the state are eligible. Counseling sessions can occur by phone or in person and incentives are available for people who participate in the program. This is a great resource for individuals who come in to see you for a HIV test and seem like they are interested in additional risk reduction counseling! To be eligible for SHOP, individuals must be Oregon residents. For additional information about eligibility requirements, please contact Partnership Project at 503-230-1202 and ask for Kurt.

### HIV Prevention Leadership Summit

This past December, our Program Manager, Ruth Helsley, and Statewide Planning Group (SPG) Community Co-chair, Tuesday Johnson, traveled to Washington DC to participate in the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS). Tuesday’s travel was sponsored by the State HIV Prevention Program. The following is her description of HPLS (edited for length):

“The night before the conference began, I attended an Indian Prayer Gathering hosted by Tony Fuller’s (former prevention coordinator at HIV Alliance and SPG

### Opportunities

The HIV Prevention Program offers opportunity grants to support local community HIV prevention activities. Grants of up to \$1,000 per year/per organization may be awarded to fund your special event. More information can be found at [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hiv/fso/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hiv/fso/index.shtml)

Please remember that the State HIV Prevention Program can supply a small amount of rapid tests for your event. Please submit your brief request via email describing the testing event (date, location and how many people you plan on testing), and how you will reach priority populations at your event to [cessa.karson@state.or.us](mailto:cessa.karson@state.or.us).

## Upcoming Events

### January 13, 2011

**CALL TO ACTION:** Improving the sexual health of gay, bisexual, transgender, genderqueer, and other men who have sex with men, 7pm, Pivot (209 SW 4th Ave, Portland). For more information, contact Alison Goldstein: [alison.j.goldstein@multco.us](mailto:alison.j.goldstein@multco.us).

### Monday January 17, 2011

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. State offices closed.

### Tuesday January 18, 2011

Pizza Night, 7pm, Abby's Pizza, Newport. For more information, contact Dan Beck: [danielbeck@charter.net](mailto:danielbeck@charter.net).

### Tuesday January 25, 2011

Men's Night Pot Luck, 7pm, St. James Episcopal Church, Lincoln City. For more information, contact Dan Beck.

### January 28, 2011

Free HIV rapid tests at Project Homeless Connect from 10am–6pm. Location is Sunrise Church 6701 NE Campus Way, Hillsboro. For more information, contact Vikki Moore: (503)846-2815.

### February 7, 2011

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

### February 14–21, 2011

National Condom Week

### February 16, 2011

Condom Fair, 10 am–1 pm, PCC Rockcreek Campus in Building 3. For more information, contact Vikki Moore.

### February 17, 2011

Condom Fair, 10 am–1 pm, Pacific University. For more information, contact Vikki Moore.

### February 16, 2011

Statewide Planning Group, 9am–4 pm, Portland State Office Building, room 1A. For more information, contact Warren Scott: [warren.r.scott@state.or.us](mailto:warren.r.scott@state.or.us).

### March 10, 2011

National Women & Girl's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

### March 20, 2011

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

## HPLS cont...

member) new employer, the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center based out of Denver, Colorado. The Prayer Gathering was an enlightening experience!

There were several tracks offered at HPLS and as the co-chair of the Oregon SPG, I attended the tracks specified for Community Planning Groups. I was eager to hear how other states conducted their SPGs. And, with the recent decision to combine the prevention and care planning groups, I was curious to hear how other places handled such merges. The discussion among session participants focused on how different states approached the merge, and their successes, challenges and words of wisdom. The key points I walked away with are: 1) preparation in establishing this new integrated planning group is key (particularly deciding who will be involved from each previous planning group and how those personalities will mesh), 2) combining funding streams and funding requirements can be a challenge therefore it is essential to find "common ground" to work from, and 3) in one state (New Jersey) it took two years of planning to merge prevention and care.

HPLS offered so many interesting seminars — I wish I could have attended them all! I am appreciative for the opportunity to attend the conference and look forward to using what I learned as we proceed with SPG and the integration of care/prevention services!"

## HIV Planning Groups Update

The first planning committee meeting regarding the integration of the Statewide Planning Group and the Oregon HIV Care Coalition will occur January 13, 2011 from 1-3 pm in the Portland State Office Building.

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