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## Wishing everyone a smooth and successful open enrollment

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## Next Meeting

October 9th,  
9-10:30 a.m.  
800 NE Oregon

Amanda Hurley  
and Jesse  
Herbach,  
Multnomah  
County Health  
Department

Agency "Speed  
Dating"

OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT

Be sure to register your event for World AIDS Day at  
[www.worldaidsdaynw.org](http://www.worldaidsdaynw.org)





## **Have SSI and you are thinking about getting a job**

**Alan Edwards, Social Security Administration**

Work means different things to different people, but it can give you a sense of self, a community to rely on, and much-needed structure. Some people define themselves through their careers, while others enjoy the social aspect of their jobs. If you rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments and want to start working or return to work, we can help.

A plan for achieving self-support (PASS) is a plan for your future. This plan lets you use your income or resources you own to help you reach your work goals. You could set aside money to go to school and get specialized training for a job or to start a business. The job that you want should allow you to earn enough to reduce or eliminate your need for payments provided under the SSI program.

You can have a plan if:

- You want to work;
- You get SSI (or can qualify for SSI by having this plan) because you have a disability or are blind; and
- You have other income and/or resources to use to get a job or start a business.

A PASS can even help you receive or keep SSI or could mean a higher payment. Under SSI rules, any income that you have may reduce your SSI payment. But, if you have an approved plan, you can use that income to pay for the items you need to reach your work goal.

We don't count money set aside under this plan when we decide your SSI payment amount. This means you may get a higher SSI payment. However, you can't get more than the maximum SSI payment for the state where you live. A PASS can also help you set aside money for most work expenses. With an approved plan, you can set aside money to pay expenses to reach your work goal. You can read all about what work expenses are covered and more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-11017.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-11017.pdf).

The plan must be in writing, and Social Security must approve it. To start, contact your local Social Security office for an application (Form SSA-545-BK). You can access this form at [www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-545.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-545.html).

Your job isn't just a source of income — it can be a vehicle to independence or a beginning to fulfilling your dreams. Let Social Security's Plan for Achieving Self-Support help you achieve your goals.



## HIV Services Planning Council

**Do you have an opinion or experience that you think impacts the broader HIV Services community in the Portland Metro area? Are you looking for ways to provide advocacy and impact?**

**The Ryan White HIV Services Planning Council provides space for public testimony at the beginning of all Planning Council meetings.**

### **What is the HIV Services Planning Council?**

The Planning Council is a 30-member citizen involvement group dedicated to improving the quality of life for those infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, ensuring that members of our community play lead roles in planning and assessment of HIV resources. They decide how \$3.5 million in federal funds will be spent by: setting priorities and allocating funds to HIV service programs; guiding the delivery of HIV specific medical and social services in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Yamhill, Washington and Clark Counties; and involving the community in assessing the healthcare and social service needs of people living with HIV.

### **What is public testimony?**

At the beginning of each meeting, individuals are given the opportunity to provide **two minutes** of testimony on agenda items. This may be identifying an unmet need, providing feedback on a type of service currently being offered, or giving input on where you believe funding should be prioritized. Public testimony is not a dialogue; make your presentation but don't expect a discussion session or follow up questions. No written materials may be distributed to Council members before or during the meeting.

To get on an email list and receive agendas for the meetings, or for further information about the HIV Services Planning Council or public testimony, email

[Jennifer.hampton@multco.us](mailto:Jennifer.hampton@multco.us)

**All council meetings are open to the public, held at the Gladys McCoy Building, 426 SW Harvey Milk St (formerly Stark St), 10<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, from 4pm to 7:30pm.**

### **Upcoming meeting dates:**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 5<sup>th</sup>**



### **Events happening at the Day Center**

2941 NE Ainsworth  
 Portland, Oregon 97211

#### **10/10/2018 10:00am –12 noon**

“Keeping It Real” (An African American base discussion in regards to living with HIV in the black community) a light lunch will be served.

#### **10/24/2018 5pm-7pm**

“Cultural Awareness Dinner” We will be celebrating the “Transgender Community” Dinner will be served at 6pm (Asking all of those that can and will to come out and take part.



### **Who are the current Multnomah County DIS staff?**

- Mary Batson
- David Cuevas
- Tuesday Graham
- Christopher Hamel
- Miriam Morehart
- Nicole Ovregaard
- Joseph Ramirez
- David Zambrano

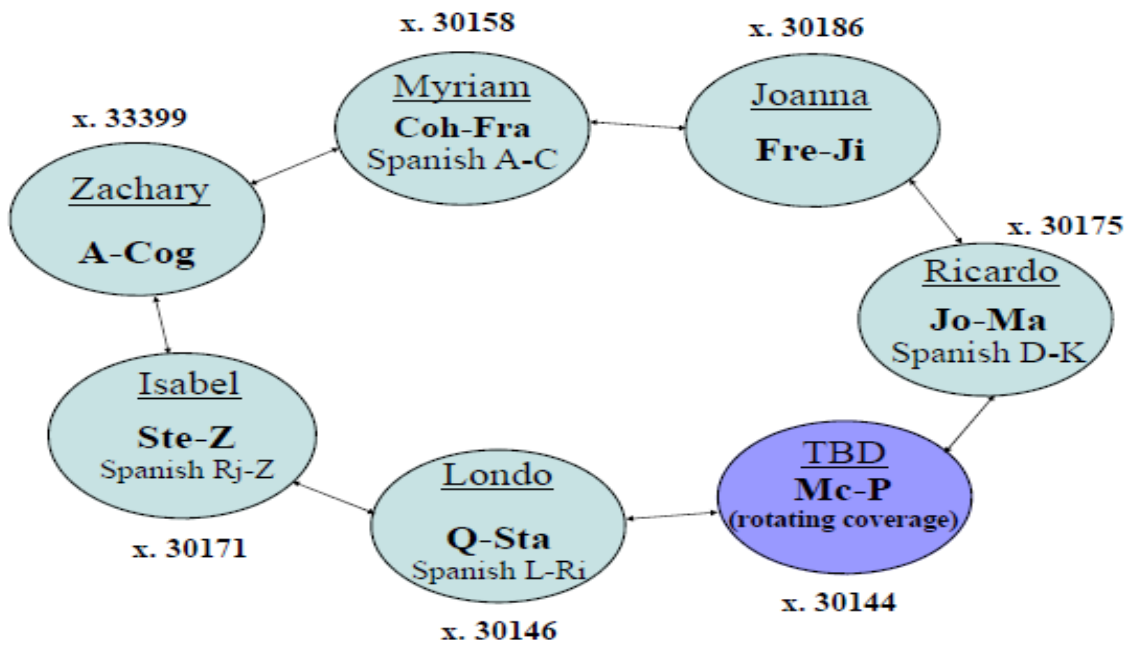
DIS line for service providers only: 503-988-3702  
 DIS confidential client line: 503-988-3780



## Who do I contact at CAREAssist for my clients?

Here is the list of the current client distribution.  
 Welcome to the new CAREAssist staff Richardo and Zachary!!

### CaseWorker Client Distribution (eff. Oct. 1, 2018)



- ENGLISH**
- A-Cog Zachary
  - Coh-Fra Myriam
  - Fre-Ji Isabel
  - Jo-Ma Myriam
  - Mc-P TBD
  - Q-Sta Londo
  - Ste-Z Isabel
- SPANISH**
- A-C Myriam
  - D-K Ricardo
  - L-Ri Londo
  - Rj-Z Isabel

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>Zachary</b>	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30
<b>Myriam</b>	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	
<b>Joanna</b>		6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30
<b>Ricardo</b>	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30	9:00-5:30
<b>TBD</b>					
<b>Londo</b>	8:00-4:45	8:00-4:45	8:00-4:45	8:00-4:45	8:00-4:45
<b>Isabel</b>		6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30	6:00-4:30

Phone Shifts:
8:00-12:00, Warren
12:00-1:00, Amy
1:00-5:00 Axel





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](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 let me know.

## **Cascade AIDS Project**

### **Welcomes:**

- Zach Ledbetter – Peer Support Specialist started 9/21
- Aaron Phipps – Accounting Specialist started 9/17
- Nicholas Pokorney – Payroll Specialist started 9/17
  
- CAP SW Washington: Joseph Campbell, Wellness Case Manager – 9/1

We're excited to announce that CAP will be opening a Fourth office in Longview, Washington! We'll be working on a transition plan with Lifelong AIDS Alliance over the next couple of months to shift Medical Case Management, Housing, and Peer Navigation over to Cascade AIDS Project.

Positions are currently posted – and we're looking forward to expanding our HIV Care Services Programming in SW Washington up to Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. More info to come!

## **HIV Alliance**

### **Welcomes:**

- Cory McGuire he will be starting as a Care Coordinator in our Eugene office on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Hilary Bons was just hired for our Site Supervisor job in our Roseburg office
- Eva Albert has started her position as a new Care Coordinator for our Jackson office

### **Currently Hiring**

1 full time Care Coordinator position open for our Eugene office

A part-time Care Coordinator position open for our Roseburg office

Employment includes paid holidays, vacation and sick time prorated to FTE and health insurance (medical, dental, vision) is available to employees working .75 FTE and above. For anyone who is interested in reading the full job descriptions for any of these positions, please go to our Employment Opportunities page at <http://hivalliance.org/category/employment-opportunities/> Employment application and application instructions can also be found there. If anyone has any questions about any of these jobs, please email the hiring manager. Their email can be found at the bottom of each job description.

## **Oregon AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC)**

Oregon AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) is growing to better meet the needs of rural Oregon and has secured funding for additional positions to support AETC training efforts across the state.

### **Ashley Allison: [ashley@oraetc.org](mailto:ashley@oraetc.org)**

Ashley brings to the team over six of experience in direct patient care, research, and project coordination in reproductive health and HIV care. Ashley has spent the past several years of her career splitting her time between Portland, Oregon and Johannesburg, South Africa working to improve the health outcomes of diverse and underserved populations. In Portland, Ashley worked in direct patient care at Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette providing care, support, and health education to patients accessing services. In Johannesburg, Ashley worked as a Development Officer and Project Coordinator in the design, implementation, and coordination of several large-scale HIV testing and medication adherence support projects and programs. Ashley brings expertise in clinic workflows, HIV prevention, and building partnerships with diverse stakeholders to ensure program success. We are fortunate to have her join the team!

### **Jim Winkle, MPH: [jim@oraetc.org](mailto:jim@oraetc.org)**

Jim will be working out of Bend, Oregon to better serve the Central and Southern part of our state as a Training Coordinator. Jim has delivered training to hundreds of primary care and emergency medicine clinicians on addressing substance use, intimate partner violence, and behavior change with patients. For nine years, he served as Project Manager of SBIRT Oregon, which became a nationally recognized resource for implementing Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment in health settings. His experience in the field of HIV prevention includes working as a Training Specialist for the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center in Minneapolis, and serving patients at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Bend, Oregon.

We are excited for our growth and the innovative ideas our newest team members bring as we expand to better serve rural Oregon. Please join me in welcoming them to the fold and don't hesitate to check out our website [www.oraetc.org](http://www.oraetc.org) or reach out with questions.

## **Partnership Project**

### **Welcomes**

- Hollis Kinner, MSW Intern
- Jill Seale, MSW Intern
- Frank Mollel, Navigator for Refugees and Immigrants (working with David Ochan)

**Thank you for all your updates!!**

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