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Kitzhaber Signs Overhaul of Oregon Health Plan

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Written by JONATHAN J. COOPER, Associated Press, Friday, July 1, 2011

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Gov. John Kitzhaber took a victory lap Friday, signing in a public ceremony his ambitious proposal to overhaul the Oregon Health Plan with a focus on providing preventive care.

The overhaul is one of Kitzhaber's signature legislative accomplishments. Together with another bill creating a health insurance exchange, Kitzhaber's "health care transformation" is aimed at lowering the cost of health care and expanding coverage to people who lack it.

Health care has been one of the state's most rapidly rising expenses, and lawmakers faced a nearly \$250 million gap in the budget for the Oregon Health Authority, which administers state-funded health care. The gulf between revenue and anticipated expenses is about 40 percent.

"Most states facing the same kind of discrepancy have responded by simply throwing people under the bus, by simply dropping people from coverage," Kitzhaber said in a speech in downtown Portland.

"This state is forging another path."
Kitzhaber said kicking patients off of Medicaid is
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Robert Whitaker and Thoughts on Psychiatric Medication

Written By Maggie Bennington-Davis, MD
Chief Medical and Operating Officer for Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare

I recently had the interesting experience of serving on a panel facilitated by Robert Whitaker that focused on the use of psychiatric medications. Whitaker's book, *Anatomy of an Epidemic*, emphasizes uncertainty about the place and value of psychiatric medications, and (more concerning) calls into question the risks of how medication may in fact precipitate the very symptoms they are meant to diminish.

As a person who has used antidepressant medications, I found them to be the difference between being able to cope through new motherhood and medical school, or not. I also found them to be a good (perhaps necessary) starting point for finding the wherewithal to add other, more robust and long-lasting wellness strategies to my life.

As a physician prescribing all sorts of medications, I have witnessed a huge variety of requests, symptoms, reactions, suffering (and relief from suffering), side effects, terrible effects, and miracles that are related to medications. I agree with Meghan Caughey's comments from last month's newsletter... it is not a simple good/bad issue at all. An even deeper issue, from my point of view, is using
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counterproductive because they'll end up seeking more expensive, uncompensated care in the emergency room. The governor hopes Oregon can save money by reducing expensive hospitalizations, particularly on the most-expensive patients with chronic illnesses.

His plan would change the Oregon Health Plan from a fee-for-service model to one that rewards doctors and other care providers for keeping their patients healthy. The health plan is Oregon's version of Medicaid, a program for low-income health care jointly funded by the state and federal governments.

The bill lays out a framework for creating community-based nonprofits called coordinated care organizations that would be responsible for patients in their region. A CCO would coordinate mental health, physical health and dental care in a way that reduces duplicated treatments and ensures patients have access to the resources they need to stay healthy and away from the hospital.

The plan leaves much to be decided. Kitzhaber's health care advisers will spend the rest of the year working out details of how the plan should be implemented, and the Legislature will have the sign off when they meet again in February. It's unclear whether the plan would be able to reduce costs by the needed \$250 million.

The proposal calls for restructuring payments and incentives to move away from the current system in which doctors are paid for the services they provide. Kitzhaber, a former emergency room physician, wants doctors to be paid based on their effectiveness at keeping patients healthy. Kitzhaber and the proponents of his plan hope it will serve as a model for other states looking to lower their health care costs.

Rep. Jim Thompson, a Dallas Republican who worked on the bill, said Oregon didn't follow the path of other states that are mired in debate over President Barack Obama's federal health care overhaul. "While there's still question at what will happen at the federal level, we're relatively sure we're on the right track for Oregon," Thompson said.

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coercion with regard to psychiatric treatments generally, and certainly in the context of medications which carry with them potential for complications and harm.

As a person who seeks to be a healer, I am deeply troubled by the label of 'prescriber', understanding completely that prescribing medications will never be the healing answer in entirety. Whitaker's book causes me to increase vigilance about the potential for harm from medications, but frankly, the potential for harm from anything that occurs between physician and those we serve is always on my mind. Humans, our bodies, and our emotions are vulnerable, and we must treat our bodies and minds, as well as our hearts and souls and relationships, with great care.

It seems to me that a lot of what we thought we 'knew', through science or history or practice, is not necessarily so. In the same way that Whitaker questions our 'knowledge' of psychiatric medications, others question what we think we know about nutrition, disease, sex, politics, and so on. I doubt that even Whitaker's careful and considered analysis of medications is the end of the story. We still have much to learn. There is a constant dialectic between what seems to make sense in the moment with what might do harm in the long run. We are wise to understand this in the context of psychiatric medications (and other medications), and to constantly hedge our risks through conservative, careful, multi-pronged approaches to the many forms of suffering we humans endure.

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Whitaker's Mad in America blog
www.psychologytoday.com/blog/mad-in-america

New Tri-County Metro-Area Consumer/Survivor Council Holds First Meeting on July 28

By David Green

It has been almost twenty years since the Portland Metropolitan Area had a Consumer/Survivor Organization that covered the whole territory. It's about time! This exciting development happened as a result of conversations on OCSC-Talk (see page 10 for how to be a part of this). Local Consumer/Survivor activist Ann Kasper, who is the co-Chair of Multnomah County's Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse Advisory Council, has been leading this effort.

Way back in 1989, Duane Haataja (Editor of this Newsletter) created Metro Consumer Network, which recruited its membership from the many Drop-In Centers which existed at that time. Duane served as the first President, and I was his Vice President. Metro Consumer Network lasted a few years, and put out a newsletter, and even had a radio show briefly.

Over all the years since, many of us have thought about how nice it would be to again have a Tri-County Metro Area organization, and now, we get our wish...

If you would like to be a part of this new Council, please RSVP to pretcoregon@yahoo.com.

When: Thursday, July 28th 2011, starting at 6pm

Where: the offices of Mental Health America of Oregon, 3534 SE Main Street, Portland, Oregon, 97214

The MHAO office is in an orange brick building that says 'SE Uplift' on its front. There is a parking lot on the east side of the building, and street parking is also available.

Mental Health Association of Portland Recent Website Postings as of July 9th

www.mentalhealthportland.org

The Mental Health Association of Portland is a great resource for current news on mental health issues. Go to their site and check them out! Also includes a link to their Facebook site.

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Oregon State Hospital annex at Junction City still alive

Sign the Peer Medication Statement

Frustrated by the one-size-fits all medication approach of traditional care? Concerned that too many people are often harmed by psychiatric drugs, and want to see more non-medication options? Join the effort for a new approach to medications in mental health! Please read and sign the Peer Medication Statement at www.portlandhearingvoices.net

Gina Nikkel, Ph.D. Named as the First Executive Director of the Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care

From: CooperRiis News and Events, July 5, 2011

The Foundation is a new national community foundation for mental health recovery that seeks to turn the rising tide of chronicity and premature death through the power of philanthropy and the shared work of scientists, users and providers of mental health services and their families. The Goal: to find and promote the best ways to achieve long-term recovery and to help people with mental health challenges to thrive.

The Foundation was established in response to nationwide interest in Robert Whitaker's book, *Anatomy of an Epidemic*, and the desire to examine existing research, create support for new innovative research and programs, and sponsor symposia to build a new paradigm of care that focuses on long-term recovery and wellness. Strong evidence demonstrates that our 25-year long over-reliance on a purely medical model has not advanced mental health recovery. The number of individuals diagnosed with "chronic mental illness", disabling enough to place them on the Social Security rolls has tripled since 1987.

Dr. Nikkel has several decades of experience as a mental health therapist, an elected public official, and for the past 11 years as the Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs. Her doctorate is in Education with an emphasis in social public policy and leadership from the University of Oregon. She brings a broad background and expertise in the development of innovative and evidence-based community mental health and addictions programs.

The Foundation has already established a Scientific Advisory Committee to guide activities of mental health reform and Dr. Nikkel's direct involvement in coordinating this and other initiatives will be of critical importance in changing treatment practices throughout the United States as well as abroad.

Foundation Board member, philanthropist, and co-founder of the CooperRiis Healing Communities Donald R. Cooper, who has given and raised more than \$25 million for improved mental health care says, "The selection of Dr. Nikkel as our inaugural Executive Director bodes well for the Foundation's success. She is helping to lead an amazing group of

Board and Scientific Committee members that should attract the attention and confidence of other philanthropists in the nation who will help us to make great strides in achieving our mission."

Board Chairman and President Virgil Stucker says, "Imagine a better world for individuals and families whose lives have been impeded by mental illness. In the face of despair and diminishing public resources, the Foundation is positioned to use creative philanthropy effectively to help hundreds of thousands in the coming years. Dr. Nikkel's tenacity, intelligence and unwillingness to accept anything but success will help the Foundation to become the New Mainstream in Mental Health Care."

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Cascadia Hires Meghan Caughey As Its New Senior Director of Peer & Wellness Services

By David Green, July 10th, 2011
From Mentalhealthportland.org

One of the good things that Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare has done over the years for Consumers of the services they provide is to take Consumer involvement seriously enough to create a management-level position to support it. The first person to hold this position was Donita Diamata. One of the most important things Donita did was to lead the effort to create Cascadia's Consumer/Survivor Advisory Council.

Over the years, the Council has, among other things, organized Forums to give Cascadia Clients a chance to have their voices heard; taken surveys of Clients to inform Cascadia management about Client needs; made presentations about their work to Cascadia's Board of Directors; and received grants to enhance their ability to do their important work.

The job title has changed a bit over the years, but Meghan Caughey will, as our new Senior Director of Peer & Wellness Services, continue like her predecessors to help Consumers by providing support to the Council. Meghan will also work directly with the top management of Cascadia to ensure that 'peer specialists' (Consumers and Survivors of the mental health system who work within that system) will be used in the provision of Cascadia's services. She will also help develop the policies that guide the recruitment, employment, training, and supervision of peer specialists.

This would be a big job for anybody, but Meghan Caughey is a woman of many talents.

Award-Winning

She has received awards for her work in the field of mental health. Most recently, the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs gave her an award at an inaugural celebration in Salem on June 22nd. Also honored were her boss, Derald Walker, CEO of Cascadia; and Senator Alan Bates.

Meghan also received the 'Howie the Harp' Award at the 2010 Alternatives Conference. It speaks volumes about Meghan that she would receive an award named after Howie the Harp, who was a legendary Consumer/Survivor activist starting

back before many of us were even born.

The Wellness Model

Prior to working at Cascadia, Meghan worked as Benton County's Peer Wellness Coordinator. On their website it says 'Our goal is to excite, inspire and support clients of Benton County Health Department to have the interest, courage and ability to move their lives on the path of greater health, recovery and wellness.' Couldn't we all use some of that philosophy?

On Meghan's own website, it says 'Meghan created the Wellness Model as a way to help mental health consumers/survivors and mental health providers reach a new way of thinking about what the possibilities are for our lives and well-being'.

Credentials

Meghan's full professional credentials are Meghan Caughey MA, MFA. 'MFA' is 'Master of Fine Arts', and Meghan is both an accomplished artist, and a teacher. She has taught in schools in Oregon and California. Her artwork has been shown in exhibitions in California and Texas.

Meghan is also President of the Board of Mental Health America of Oregon, one of the leading Consumer/Survivor advocacy organizations in Oregon.

And More...

If you Google 'Meghan Caughey', you get so much good information that I didn't have time to look at it all. Some of the more interesting included:

Meghan Caughey, Artist Portfolio

www.meghancaughey.com/

This website has Meghan's own artwork, info about her consulting business, and a lot more info about her than I have been able to include in this article. She says "I survive because I am able to draw and paint the edge where I find myself."

VISIONS:A.R.T. at www.visions-art.org

This is the website of VISIONS A.R.T., an organization she created that 'will inspire persons who have lived experience of mental health challenges to create art that expresses their unique stories, creating opportunities to educate, inform, and transform public perception of what it means to have mental health challenges'. Bob & Gina Nikkel both serve as officers on its board. VISIONS A.R.T. brought

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Consumer/Survivor artwork to the Mental Health Day Rally in Salem recently (see the Slide Show on their website). Also, their website says ‘we have been able to reach an agreement with Oregon State Hospital administration to designate an historic cottage on the Hospital grounds to become a functioning arts studio for hospital residents’.

The Art of Meghan Caughey

http://psych.imng.com/fileadmin/content_pdf/cpn/archive_pdf/vol33iss3/70025_main.pdf

This is an insightful interview of Meghan that provided some of the material for this article.

Scribd - www.scribd.com/mcaughey

This has powerful, at times painful, essays written by Meghan. Very few of us would have the courage to open ourselves up like this. The essays include:

(Excerpt from ‘Secluded and Restrained’)

Everything I know is contained inside my head and I want the hot-fire images there to extinguish. I pound my head against the wall as it is the only thing that I know that lessens the painful images and feelings that hold me and shake me like piece of meat in the jaws of a lion (...)

Like I said a lot earlier in this article, Meghan Caughey is a woman of many talents, and Cascadia is lucky to have her.

Governor Calls for Nominations: Help Shape the Future of Healthcare in Oregon

With the passage of HB 3650 and SB 99, there are big changes coming to healthcare in Oregon. But there are a lot of details to be worked out – and Governor John Kitzhaber wants you to volunteer to help make those decisions.

Go to health.oregon.gov/OHA for more details.

Deadline for nominations: July 15th

New county facility is ‘piece of the puzzle’ for mental health patients

By Peter Korn, The Portland Tribune, Jun 20, 2011

Multnomah County will get more mental health treatment options Tuesday when the long-awaited 16-bed Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center begins operation at 55 N.E. Grand Ave.

Portland police were among those who have pushed hardest for what is sometimes called a sub-acute facility because it gives officers an alternative to jail or a hospital for people in custody who are suffering psychiatric crises.

“It’s the one puzzle piece that’s missing,” says David Austin, Multnomah County spokesman.

The center cost \$4.5 million to build and will use up about \$3.5 million in annual operating expenses. Funding is shared between Portland, Multnomah County, nonprofit Central City Concern and the state of Oregon.

Most of the new facility’s patients will stay between four and 14 days, according to Austin. The center will give them a place to become stabilized, with the idea that they will leave with a plan for follow-up treatment from other providers.

“We’re not just going to say, ‘It’s time for you to go.’ We’re going to be making connections,” Austin says.

Assuming there is an open bed, police officers will be able to take to the center people they suspect are having mental health crises. In addition, members of the public can access the center.

The center is expected to serve about 850 people a year. Austin says that people have questioned why a larger facility was not built, but that the 16-bed center is as large as it can be without being considered a hospital, which would require a more extensive state approval process.

“What we’re trying to do is avoid that expensive jail time and that expensive hospital stay,” Austin says.

Police often have no place to take people suffering psychiatric crises other than hospital emergency departments, where officers must wait, often for hours, before a person is admitted. Sometimes there are no psychiatric rooms available at hospitals, and Portland patients sometimes are taken as far as Southern Oregon in search of open psychiatric beds.

People who may need admission to the center can call Multnomah County’s mental health call center, 503-988-4888.

Psychiatric Security Review Board Reform Bills Set to Become Law

Although both House Bill 3100 and Senate Bill 420 passed the Legislature handily, doubts still remain

By: Amanda Waldroupe, The Lund Report

June 29, 2011—Two bills that will reform the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) have passed the House and Senate. Expected to soon become law, they represent the most substantive changes to Oregon's mental health system in many years.

“[Senate Bill 420] is long overdue,” said Sen. Jackie Winters (R-Salem), before the Senate approved the bill by a 20-9 margin.

House Bill 3100 and Senate Bill 420 change the PSRB's authority in terms of the board's involvement when a court decides if a criminal is “guilty except for insanity,” and when certain patients are released from the Oregon State Hospital.

Hospital patients who lobbied for the bills, particularly Senate Bill 420, are jubilant.

“We're proud of our legislators that worked to pass Senate Bill 420,” they wrote in a press statement released Tuesday. “This bill is the beginning of a long overdue modernization of the PSRB and Oregon's mental health system. This bill will improve our treatment, fight stigma, and help us to live full lives.”

PSRB's Jurisdiction Will Include Fewer Patients

Senate Bill 420 changes the jurisdictional authority of the five-member PSRB board that decides when a patient found by a court to be “guilty except for insanity,” meaning that the crime would not have occurred if the person wasn't mentally ill, is ready to be released from the hospital, either to live independently or in a community treatment program.

Originally, the bill would have given jurisdiction of all patients to the health authority. But a compromise was struck to gain the support of the Oregon District Attorney Association, as well as law enforcement officials, who argued that dangerous people would be released from the hospital.

The compromise creates “Tier I” and “Tier II” populations. “Tier I” refers to patients who committed Measure 11 offenses (violent person-on-person crimes such as murder, rape, etc.); Tier II to non-Measure 11 offenses. The PSRB will continue having jurisdiction over the Tier I population, esti-

ated to be approximately 60 percent of the hospital's patients.

As of May 1, there were 736 individuals under the PSRB's jurisdiction. Of those, 324 reside in the hospital, and the rest have been “conditionally released” into community treatment settings.

Advocates such as Chris Bouneff, the executive director of Oregon's chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), strongly lobbied for the bill's passage, arguing that doctors and clinicians who interact with patients on a daily basis are the best people to determine when someone is ready for release.

“The hospital [would have] some control over who comes in and leaves,” Bouneff said. “Right now, they have no control.”

The biggest hope for the bill is that it will help end what some perceive to be long hospitalizations of patients who no longer need intensive care, treatment and 24-hour supervision.

“In some instances, we're doing a job of warehousing individuals,” Winters said. “[Senate Bill 420] will help us...use our beds more wisely.”

PSRB is blamed for those long hospitalizations because of its hesitancy to release people they think may commit another crime. Its recidivism rate—the number of people who commit a crime once released—is 2.3 percent, compared to the Department of Corrections rate, which is in the 30th percentile.

In an earlier story by The Lund Report, Bob Joondeph, the executive director of Disability Rights Oregon, said the human toll of keeping people in the hospital is too great not to take action.

“It leads to hopelessness, and a level of despair that those folks are doing everything they're supposed to do, and it never leads anywhere,” he said.

Lawmakers Question Constitutionality of PSRB Legislation

Questions about the constitutionality of House Bill 3100 were raised for the first time.

Monday, before it passed the House. Even though the bill easily passed with a 45-14 margin, it was the subject of a lengthy floor debate.

Rep. Matt Wand (R-Troutdale) was uncomfortable with the court being required to use, as expert witnesses, psychologists or psychiatrists certified by a state agency.

Currently, the five-member PSRB decides who comes into the state hospital and chooses the

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evaluator who determines when they can be released. Mental health advocates question the consistency and objectivity of such evaluations, as well as the transparency of the current process.

With the bill's passage, there should be more consistency about how people are found "guilty except for insanity," meaning that a person wouldn't have committed the crime had they not suffered from a mental illness.

If there's concern that judges aren't properly evaluating the rules of what defines an expert witness, Wand said, "then we out to write out the rules in the evidence code," and also write out "what qualifies an expert, then let the judge make those determinations."

"I believe this bill is unconstitutional," he said, adding that the bill may result in a "lengthy legal challenge."

Rep. Phil Barnhart (D-Central Lane and Linn Counties) also objected to that section, saying he worked for 15 years as a forensic examiner where part of his practice included making similar evaluations.

"The rules of evidence are very clear about who [an attorney] can use as an expert witness," Barnhart said.

House Bill 3100, he said, doesn't include particular provisions about the credentials a certified psychologist or psychiatrist must have to be an expert witness.

"It becomes a significant problem, I think, in terms of who'd be allowed to be used as an expert witness," Barnhart said. "It certainly infringes on the prerogative of the court."

Rep. Brian Clem (D-Salem), one of the bill's sponsors, disagreed. "It clarifies that the product of a plea agreement needs to be vetted with someone with specific" training in forensic mental illness, Oregon's mental health system, and the difference between chemical dependency and mental illness.

Rep. Carolyn Tomei (D-Milwaukie), who carried the bill on the House floor, said the Legislature's legal counsel had said "there was no question brought up about the constitutionality."

The bill deals with what people colloquially refer to as the "front door," or admissions procedures,

of the state hospital.

Besides requiring that a state-certified psychologist or psychiatrist evaluate someone before they make a "guilty except for insanity" plea, the bill includes a provision that people committing misdemeanor-level crimes and Class C felonies be sent to the hospital only if they need intensive services.

Advocates hope those provisions will decrease the number of people admitted to the hospital.

"There are quite a few people who shouldn't be there," said Clem during his floor speech. "They are well now, and it's time for them to go home."

He pointed to the PSRB as the reason why some patients aren't released in a timely fashion. "They're too afraid that somebody's going to do something once they get out," he said.

The Legislative Fiscal Office estimates this bill will save \$300,000 over the next two years. It cost approximately \$200,000 to keep someone at the state hospital for a year.

Patients Call For Future Reforms

The bills' reform-minded content is part of a larger confluence of events bringing change to the state hospital's culture and the way it provides care, including the growing realization that the costs of hospital-level care are unsustainable. Its new superintendent, Greg Roberts, has also been emphasizing patient-centered care.

Hospital patients say more to be done. They asked that the sentences they receive be shorter and more reflective of how long they need to be in the hospital, as well increasing the number of community treatment facilities.

Their third request was the boldest: that the PSRB be completely abolished, arguing that it's outdated and not aligned with a recovery-centered model of treatment.

"Its days are numbered," they said.

DrugWatch.com

DrugWatch.com is a comprehensive resource featuring information on various medications, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs, and those currently available or previously distributed worldwide. DrugWatch.com is not affiliated with any pharmaceutical companies or drug manufacturers.

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NorthStar News

New hours: Mon-Thurs 10:30 am - 3 pm

Call for artists

Are you an artist, or do you know a peer who is an artist? There are opportunities to show original art at NorthStar.

Our plan in the near future is to have a group show when we have enough contributing artists. Also, aspiring artists may have opportunities to participate in special workshops to do art together at NorthStar. We will try to keep you updated in the Events section of The Compass if we plan to schedule creative classes.

For more information, please contact Jason Ingram at: creativealaskan@yahoo.com.

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Or see it online at www.northstarportland.org. Just click on Programs and Activities on top of the website.

Career Mapping Workshops

Career Mapping Workshops are a fun and interactive opportunity for members to explore their natural gifts and career interests. This workshop will help lay a strong foundation for determining the next steps for pursuing employment and training goals. Call 971-544-7485 or email info@northstarportland.org to become a member and attend the workshops.

NAMI Multnomah NorthStar positions open

NAMI Multnomah is hiring a Job Developer and Generalist Staff for NorthStar. NorthStar is a clubhouse to be modeled on the standards set by the International Center for Clubhouse Design (ICCD).

Go to www.nami.org/multnomah and click NorthStar for job descriptions and for instructions to apply for these positions.

For more information about NAMI Multnomah's NorthStar, email nami.multnomah@gmail.com.

Join us at NorthStar

What is NorthStar?

A place to go. A place to return to.
A place to find meaningful relationships.
A place to find fulfilling work.

NorthStar is a mental health recovery program for adults living in the Portland metro area who have a mental illness. NorthStar provides a safe and welcoming environment where members can participate in a peer-supported community, promoting independence, confidence, wellbeing, and recovery.

The NorthStar community provides acceptance and encouragement for individual goals and achievements while supporting members in employment, education, reaching-out, skill-building, social activities, and recreation.

Now in the foundational stage as a program of NAMI Multnomah, NorthStar will ultimately seek certification through the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD). For more information about the ICCD Clubhouse model go to www.iccd.org. The Clubhouse model has been very successful with helping people with mental illness to stay out of hospitals while achieving social, financial, educational and vocational goals.

An ICCD Clubhouse is fully run by members with the assistance of a few paid staff personnel. Because members operate NorthStar, they share ownership and responsibility for it's success.

The ICCD model offers members a "work ordered day.." Members and staff meet together, decide objectives and assign tasks for the day. Staff and members work together as equals in decision making and daily operations. The skills, ideas and abilities of each member are recognized and encouraged. Members also organize and lead classes and activities. NorthStar has opportunities for members to contribute in several units: Clerical/Outreach, Health and Wellness, and Creative Design.

Contact us for more information!

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OREGON CONSUMER SURVIVOR COALITION (OCSC)

OCSC unites mental health consumers and psychiatric survivor organizations state-wide throughout Oregon! OCSC wants to include you!

OCSC Mission Statement

To establish a statewide network of people who identify as having a psychiatric diagnosis, and/or who feel labeled by one; to share ideas; provide mutual support; work toward common goals; strengthen peer-run organizations; and advocate for positive change in the mental health system.

We support inclusion and ask you to speak up - tell us what you want to CHANGE ABOUT OREGON'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM! Tell us who you are (or not). What works for you? What doesn't? What is your vision and your story. How do you think OCSC can be a force with the Oregon state legislature?

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PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN

2011 – 2012 DRO Goals & Priorities Survey

Each year we ask for community assistance in setting our goals & priorities by conducting a survey. Our goals are the changes we think are needed to create opportunity, access & choice for people with disabilities. Our priorities are ways we can advocate to help us reach the goals.

Go to disabilityrightsoregon.org to fill out the online survey. The survey will be open through August 15, 2011.

CASCADIA CONSUMER/SURVIVOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Meets on the third Thursday of each month at
Cascadia's SE Plaza at 3 - 4:30 pm**

Take part in our Consumer Advocacy Project which will allow us to be participants in multiple forms of health reform advocacy at the local and state levels, including Cascadia.

Contact: Amy Anderson at 971-340-8942 or by email at advocate55@q.com

Cascadia's SE Plaza is at 2415 SE 43rd – go to the 43rd Street entrance, then to the 2nd floor, and we are in conference room 3 on the right (if the door isn't open yet, please sit in the waiting area until the meeting starts). Guests are welcome.

Garlington Client Council

**Meets on the first Thursday of each month
at Cascadia's Garlington Clinic at 10-11:30am**

Cascadia's Garlington Clinic is at 3034 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and we meet in room G4

Contact: Ryan Hamit 971-340-8774 or at Garlingtontrust@gmail.com

Want to help improve interactions between police & people with disabilities in Portland?

Disability Rights Oregon helped establish crisis intervention training here in Portland in 1995, and we have been involved ever since, including presently by participating in the Crisis Intervention Team's (CIT) Advisory Group to ensure that the on-the-ground interactions that the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has with people with disabilities continues to improve. Please contact CIT Coordinator Liesbeth Gerritsen if you are interested in joining: 503.823.0183.

Oregon Consumer Advisory Council

The Oregon Consumer Advisory Council (OCAC) meets on the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in meeting room HSB 166 at the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building (DHS main office), 500 Summer St NE, Salem, OR.

Send email to the Council at:
oregon-cac@googlegroups.com

Purpose statement:

- A) To inform the state mental health authority on mental health policy and service delivery from the perspective of people who receive or have received mental health services (consumer/survivors);
- B) To provide a forum for consumer/survivors to communicate special and unmet needs and concerns to the state mental health authority;
- C) To provide a forum for the state mental health authority to inform consumer/survivor leadership of efforts being made to provide a better system of mental health delivery.

Oregon DHS Mental Health Planning and Management Advisory Council

This Council advises the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) in areas vitally important to the Consumers of Oregon

Meetings - 1st Thursday of odd numbered months, 9 - 11:45 am, Room 137C+D, Human Resources Bldg., 500 Summer St. NE, in Salem.

Website - <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/tools-policymakers/main.shtml#mh>.

Watch Advocate for Wellness episodes

on blip.tv at: <http://blip.tv/advocate-for-wellness>
with host Ann Kasper

Advocate for Wellness is a show about health issues in the state of Oregon.

Multnomah County

AMHSA Meeting - Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Council

This Consumer-run committee includes discussions about what is going on within the County and at Provider Agencies, and makes recommendations to Multnomah County.

Meetings - 1st Wednesdays, 10 am to 12 pm at the Lincoln Building at 421 SW Oak (2 blocks south of Burnside). Enter the front door, turn right, go to the receptionist desk in the County Mental Health office, and ask for directions.

<http://web.multco.us/mhas/mental-health-services>

Quality Management Committee

The Committee advises the Quality Management Unit of the Mental Health & Addictions Services Division, which helps to protect County residents who receive public mental health services, and to continuously improve the quality of those services.

Meetings - 2nd Thursday of every month, from 3pm to 5pm, in Conference Room 112 of the Multnomah Building, at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, in Portland.

Website - <http://web.multco.us/mhas/quality-management>. They include Minutes of their Committee, Publications (including analysis of Multnomah County surveys), and detailed Contact Info for their Staff.

Wash. Co. Behavioral Health Council

Website - <http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/Addiction/behavioral-health-council.cfm>

Clackamas County

Mental Health and Addictions Council

Meetings - 4th Tuesdays most months. To confirm meeting time/location, call Karen Erwin at 503-742-5310.

Website - www.clackamas.us/community_health/behavioral/councils.html

Mental Health America of Oregon

Mental Health America of Oregon is an inclusive grassroots organization dedicated to empowering consumer / survivor voices to drive services and policies that foster wellness and full participation in the community.

3534 SE Main St., Portland OR 97214
503-922-2377(voice) 888-820-0138 (toll free)
TTY: use 711 relay mhaoforegon@gmail.com
www.mhaoforegon.com

Disability Rights Oregon

www.disabilityrightsoregon.org

A great place to keep up to date on Oregon's 2011 Legislative news.

Oregon Health Authority Facebook

Keep up to date on the Oregon health care reform news by going to the Oregon Health Authority's Facebook

www.facebook.com/OregonHealthAuthority

Oregon Health Connect

www.oregonhealthconnect.org

We link you to information about health care and health insurance in Oregon. Use the Resource Directory to find public health programs like Oregon Health Plan. Locate affordable medical services at health clinics and county health departments. Learn how private health insurance works, including your appeal and complaint rights. Track health care reform. Find programs for healthy living. Uninsured? Approaching Medicare? Have a pre-existing condition? Make this your one stop for information on Oregon health coverage options.

Write Around Portland

Nonprofit organization for writers. Provides facilitated workshops in safe, accessible and respectful environments for people to write and share. Holds community readings to promote the exchange of stories. Publishes anthologies to connect writers and readers.

917 SW Oak St. #406 503-796-9224
Hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday
www.writearound.org

The Mental Health Association of Portland is seeking consumer perspectives on mental health and addictions issues

mentalhealthportland.org

The Mental Health Association of Portland is seeking writers and editors from the mental health community to present a consumer perspective on mental health and addictions issues.

For more info send email to:

info@mentalhealthportland.org

EYES & EARS

Welcomes your contributions

Contact the editor or subscribe to Eyes&Ears at eyes.ears@cascadiabhc.org

The Plaza Consumer Office at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare at 2415 SE 43rd Avenue will soon be undergoing remodeling as well as the clinic. The new office will reopen after the remodeling is finished.

Street Roots

www.streetroots.org

Street Roots is a nonprofit newspaper assisting people experiencing homelessness and poverty by creating flexible income opportunities. Through education, advocacy and personal expression, we are a catalyst for individual and social change.

Madness Radio

voices and visions from outside mental health

Madness Radio focuses on personal experiences of 'madness' and extreme states of consciousness from beyond conventional perspectives and mainstream treatments. The show also features authors, advocates, scientists, healthcare practitioners, and artists. Hosted by Will Hall.

Madness Radio wants your involvement! Got an idea for a topic or guest? Want to leave feedback on a particular show? How about asking local stations to broadcast Madness Radio? And we can always use donations. Visit our website at:

wwwmadnessradio.net

You can also access the shows from The Mental Health Association of Portland's website at:

www.portlandmentalhealth.org

TriMet Bus Pass Discount After the 15th

If you need a bus pass and it's after the 15th, you can purchase one for half price from TriMet.

TriMet Ticket Office 701 SW 6th Ave.
At the Pioneer Courthouse Square
503-238-7433

Oregon Health Plan's OHP Standard Reservation List is Open

OHP Standard provides free or low-cost health coverage to Oregon residents who:

- Do not have health care insurance
- Are ages 19 through 64
- Are not pregnant
- Have limited income

You or someone you know can place your name on the reservation list in one of three ways:

- **Fill out a request online:**
at www.oregon.gov/DHS/open
- **Mail a request.** Forms are available at all DHS/AAA offices, county health departments and most hospitals and clinics **including the Cascadia Plaza clinic at SE 43rd & Division.**
- **Sign up by phone.** Call 1-800-699-9075 or 503-378-7800 (TTY) Mon. thru Fri., 7 am to 6 pm

Mental Health America

Mental Health America keeps you informed on the latest that is happening in Congress on crucial legislation that affects access to care, federal funding and services. Their website makes it very easy to send emails to congressional leaders with your personal input on legislative issues.

Go to www.mentalhealthamerica.net and click **Take Action Now** under the **Action** menu

The Department of Human Services Wellness Initiative

Get empowered by finding out ways to improve your mental and physical well being

DHS provides a Wellness Initiative web site at oregon.gov/OHA/mentalhealth/wellness/main.shtml

The site has links to helpful articles, resources and web links, as well as reports, research, presentations and newsletters.

Disability Rights Oregon

(formerly Oregon Advocacy Center)
www.disabilityrightsoregon.org

Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) provides legal advocacy to individuals with disabilities who have an issue related to their disability.

DRO's website is designed to be a hub for Oregon's Disability Community, gathering a wide variety of current information in one place.

Multnomah County's Mental Health Call Center

Do you or someone you know need help with a mental health or addiction problem?

Multnomah County Mental Health and Addictions Services Call Center is Portland's mental health information and referral hub for persons in crisis. The call center is staffed by mental health professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached at 503-988-4888 or 1-800-716-9769.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Personal Care Services (PCS) are services that support consumer/survivors in Oregon to help them live independently and participate in community activities. The state pays for the PCS services.

Consumer/Survivors who qualify for PCS can get up to 20 hours a month of assistance for:

- Nutrition
- Medication management
- Housekeeping tasks
- Personal hygiene
- Arrangement of medical appointments
- Emotional support
- And other tasks that are difficult because of your disability.

You may qualify if you have an Oregon Health Plan card (Eligible for Medicaid), and you are not receiving services from a licensed residential program such as a foster home or group home, and you feel that because of your mental health issues, you would benefit from this assistance.

If you are interested in receiving Personal Care Services, contact your case manager.

Need to Talk?

Call the David Romprey Oregon Warm Line

Staffed by trained Peers

People just want to be heard.

Warm line hours
1-800-698-2392

Monday 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday Noon -10 pm
Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 8 am - 6 pm
Friday Noon - 5 pm
Saturday 5 pm -10 pm
Sunday 5 pm -10 pm

This Warmline is NOT a resource line. Call to have a confidential conversation with a Peer who will listen without judgment or criticism.

Together we can learn and grow. For more info:
www.communitycounselingsolutions.org

At Cascadia

Want to Go Back to School?

Whether you want to:

**Enroll in a college
Complete your GED or,
Improve your Reading, Writing or Math Skills**

**The Supported Education Program
at Cascadia can help!**

**Come to an orientation
And learn all about our program!**

Mondays at 1 pm
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
2415 SE 43rd, Second floor, Room #1

Cascadia

Garlington Center Recovery Services

Cascadia Garlington Center is an outpatient clinic, that provides multi-disciplinary, culturally relevant treatment services to persons with a mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder with specialized culturally specific services available for African Americans. We are located at 3034 NE MLK Blvd. Portland, OR 97212. Phone: 503-283-3763.

We offer a variety of classes for:

- Depression - Anxiety - Stress management
- Healthy relationships - Bipolar
- Skills training for various topics
- Culturally specific classes are also available for African American Women.

If you are interested in attending a class, please contact your case manager.

Music Therapy

Come sing, play instruments, and listen to music. Music therapy helps you reduce anxiety, improve your mood, think more clearly, develop connections with peers, express yourself and have fun.

No music experience or knowledge is necessary. This is not a drop in group; ask your case manager for a referral.

Tuesdays 2:30-3:30 and 3:30-4:30
Cascadia Plaza Clinic in the Hope Center, main floor, 2415 SE 43rd Ave. 503-238-0705

Support and Education Groups Offered by Portland Hearing Voices

Open to all. Inclusive, non-judgmental, pro-choice and pro-diversity. Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. People who hear voices, have unusual beliefs, altered states of consciousness or mental health diagnosis are especially invited.

Extreme States And Hearing Voices Support Group led by Will Hall. Open to people who have these experiences.

Meetings are held at

Empowerment Initiatives - 3941 SE Hawthorne
on the first and third Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm

July 19, August 2, 16

See other coming events at the Portland Hearing
Voices website at

www.portlandhearingvoices.net

What is it like to live with voices, visions, and extreme states of consciousness? What do these experiences mean to you? How can we learn to accept and live with who we are? What are ways to cope with fear, trauma, isolation, and overwhelming responses? Are there positive, creative, and spiritual sides to what we go through? What is mental diversity all about?

Will Hall was diagnosed with schizophrenia and is an internationally recognized mental diversity educator, advocate, and counselor. www.willhall.org

For more information contact
portlandhearingvoices@gmail.com
www.portlandhearingvoices.net
413.210.2803

See Eyes&Ears on the Mental Health Association of Portland Website at:

mentalhealthportland.org

Has links to articles and resources.

NAMI Programs and Classes

NAMI provides free classes to family members of children and adults with mental illness. To learn more about our program offerings, contact:

Multnomah NAMI: (503) 228-5692
nami.multnomah@gmail.com
<http://www.nami.org/multnomah>

Clackamas NAMI: 503-344-5050
nami.clackamas@gmail.com

Washington NAMI: 503-356-6835
FamilySupport@NamiWash.org
<http://www.namiwash.org/>

Family-to-Family is a twelve week course which educates families with an adult family member (spouse, parent, adult child, etc) suffering from mental illness. The class focuses on major brain disorders, family coping mechanisms, as well as advocacy and communication techniques.

NAMI Basics course consists of a series of workshops for caregivers of children with brain disorders. It covers educational material and provides the basics for day-to-day caregiving skills.

In Our Own Voice (IOOV) is a consumer based presentation program that creates awareness about the possibility for recovery from mental illness. IOOV presentations are held for other consumers, family members, health care providers, law enforcement officials, faith community or any other community or civic organization.

Peer To Peer, a nine week course on the topic of recovery for any person with a serious mental illness who is interested in establishing and maintaining wellness. This course is taught by trained "Mentors" who have personal experience with living with a mental illness.

Empowerment Initiatives

Serving people with mental health diagnosis. Help in finding and securing resources most effective for their mental health and well being.

empowermentinitiatives.org
(503) 249-1413

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups

NAMI Connection is a weekly recovery support group for people living with mental illness in which people learn from each others' experiences, share coping strategies, and offer each other encouragement and understanding. The groups are free to attend.

Multnomah NAMI - 503-228-5692 for more info

Tuesdays, 11:00 am Luke Dorf, 9255 NE Halsey Street, Portland Oregon 97220.

Saturdays 3:30 pm 5228 NE Hoyt Street, Bldg. B., Portland, Oregon 97213

Clackamas NAMI - 503-344-5050 for more info or Email: nami.clackamas@gmail.com

Wednesdays 3 pm at Clackamas Community College, in the Community Center, Rm CC112

Wednesdays: 12 - 1:30 pm, Hilltop- 998 Library Ct, Oregon City

Saturdays: 1 - 2:30 pm. Call Steve Levine for more info at: 503-697-1854 or email at: steve.levine@comcast.net

Join over 2,700 Fans of Mental Health Association of Portland on Facebook

The Mental Health Association of Portland invites you to join their Facebook at:

www.mentalhealthportland.org

Schizophrenia Support Group

Every Wednesday; 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
NAMI Multnomah office, 524 NE 52nd Ave, Port.

Contact: Arlene Stine, (503) 228-5692

Mission Statement - A safe place for people with schizophrenia to relax, socialize, and develop skills.

NAMI Major Depression Support Group

Would you like support and a welcoming environment to connect with other folks who deal with depression? Don't let depression get you down!

Come hang out with us on Thursdays!
2 pm - 3 pm NAMI Multnomah Office
524 NE 52nd Ave., Portland, OR
Questions? Call 503-228-5692

Rose Haven

627 NW 18th Ave
503-248-6364

New website address: rosehaven.org

Women support groups, classes and activities
Referral & advocacy

Services for housing, legal aid, medical & mental health care; Counseling; Compassionate listening; Assistance navigating the social services maze; Clothing & Hygiene items; Mailing address; Voice mail; Support Groups

Independent Living Resources

Offering Advocacy, Information & Referral, Peer Counseling, and Skills Training for people with disabilities. Classes, support groups, recreation and volunteer opportunities

1839 NE Couch St. 503-232-7411 www.ilr.org

FolkTime

New things are happening at FolkTime.

FolkTime's mission is to provide opportunities for individuals facing the challenge of mental illness, to regain their sense of community, by providing a supportive environment which promotes peer support and self determination

The schedule of activities at FolkTime is determined by members at a monthly community meeting. Hot lunches are served at 12:30 Mondays and Wednesdays, and are prepared on site and shared together. Members are asked to donate \$1 towards lunch. Also open on Thursdays. And Fridays offer special events.

Every week, except Tuesdays, members gather to participate in a variety of activities, including art and craft projects, writing group, guest speakers, games, bingo, karaoke, and discussions on current topics of interest. Each week we venture out to a bowling alley, local parks, museums, and gardens, or participate in community events.

New - Erin Vaughn, Program Manager of the new Sandy site (See below) and Gloria Giddens, Manager of the NE site have been trained as Peer Employment Specialists and can now work with individuals in recovery who are interested in exploring career interests and options.

Open to all persons, 18 and over, with a mental health diagnosis and connected with a mental health provider or social worker.

-Couch Street site: 4837 NE Couch St., 503-238-6428
Mondays & Wednesdays 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Thur. from 10:30 am to 3 pm. Fridays at noon.

-Oregon City site - 142 Molalla, Oregon City 503 -722-5237 Mon, Tue, Thurs 10 am to 2 pm. Fri. at 11. Wednesday bowling at 1.

New Site Opened

-Sandy - Sandy Community Center, 38348 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy, OR, (503) 238-6428 (Main Office). Mon., Tue., Thur. and Fri. 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Closed Wed.

To view the schedules of each site go to

www.folktime.org

Online mental health and recovery support sites

This is a listing of some online sites that offer various types of support for persons with mental illness, their friends, family and those that work in mental health.

Check them out and find the support you need.

Forums at Psych Central - An abundance of forums to choose from.

<http://forums.psychcentral.com/>

What a Difference a Friend Makes

<http://www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov>

Voice-Hearers - This group is for people who hear, or who have heard voices.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/voice-hearers>

Online Recovery Support - An online resource for the recovery community.

<http://onlinerecoverysupport.ning.com>

Rose City Recovery Connections - An online site for the Portland recovery community.

www.rc-rc.info/index.html

About.com:mental health Explore mental health
<http://mentalhealth.about.com>

Voices Across the World: Living with Mental Illness. This Facebook page was created to give those of us diagnosed with mental illness a collective voice in a safe "no stigma zone". www.facebook.com/VoicesFightingTheStigma?ref=mf

No Kidding, Me Too! - Fights stigma through education and breaking down societal barriers. An amazing number of actors and other entertainment professionals are involved. <http://nkm2.org>

Dialectal Behavior Therapy - Info about DBT (Dialectal Behavior Therapy). This site was written primarily by PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH DBT, not DBT professionals. We cannot give advice, but we can talk about our experiences on our DBT journey. www.dbtselfhelp.com

SMART Recovery

Self-management and Recovery Training

The scientific alternative for people seeking independence from addictive behaviors including alcohol, other drugs and gambling

- Discover your personal power and strengths, and regain your confidence.
- Use supportive groups to brainstorm solutions to real personal problems.
- Clarify your values and find life, purpose, and hope.
- Learn tools and techniques for self-directed change.
- Be motivated to recover and live a satisfying life.

There are several meetings held in and around Portland.

For more information call Hank Robb at 503-635- 2489 or email him at robhb@pacificu.edu.

Visit SMART's website at smartrecovery.org for a list of current meetings.

Dual Diagnosis Anonymous of Oregon

Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

www.ddaoregon.com

DDA is a program based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with an additional 5 steps that focus on Dual Diagnosis. DDA's unique 12 steps + 5 program offers hope for achieving the promise of recovery.

DDA Central Office 521 SW 11 Avenue (2nd floor). Monday thru Friday from noon to 1 pm. Open meetings. Call 503-222-6484.

Meetings are subject to change without notice. Please contact DDA at 503-737-4126 for more information.

Go to DDA's website listed above for a complete listing of meetings taking place in and around Portland and elsewhere.

COMING EVENTS

Next Rethinking Psychiatry General Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 7:00-9:00 PM
at the First Unitarian Church
1011 SW 12th, Portland, Oregon

Please remember that this is an ongoing movement that is continually evolving. Your presence, your ideas and your passion are welcome whenever it best works for you. So do stay connected and continue to spread the word about the necessity of Rethinking Psychiatry. Hope to see you in August!

Contact persons:

Marcia Meyers 503-665-3957
Terry Danielson tdaniel333@comcast.net

Art Lovers:

Visit NAMI's Open Minds Art Studio

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Clackamas County invites you to engage in our Open Minds Art Studio. NAMI volunteers recognizing the natural therapeutic value art has had in their own lives created Open Minds Art Studio. The studio is open to Peers living with a mental illness, friends or family who care for someone with a mental illness and any supportive persons who love arts and crafts.

Use NAMI's donated supplies and/or bring your own! Art Studio is open Tuesdays 1:30 pm to 3:00pm & Thursdays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Drop-in, but we'd love a call or e-mail that you're coming!

- (503) 344-5050
- nami.clackamas@gmail.com

Art Studio at NAMI of Clackamas County office
10202 SE 32nd Ave, Suite 501, Milwaukie 97222
(middle of green buildings on Providence Hospital campus).

Mental Diversity Meetups

Informal public social gatherings open to all
Last Sunday of Every Month
4 pm-6:30 pm

Backspace Cafe 115 Northwest 5th Avenue at
Couch

Next meetup Sunday July 31

Everyone is invited to join Portland Hearing Voices for an informal gathering with drink, eats, and socializing. Meet new people, learn from each other, and build community. An antidote to loneliness!

Upcoming meetups are:
Sunday Aug. 28, Sept. 2

NAMI Multnomah's Annual Potluck Picnic!

Saturday, August 13, 2011
11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Laurelhurst Park

Food, prizes, games, fellowship and fun! Hot dogs, veggie burgers and sodas will be provided

Bring your own favorite picnic food to share! Join your friends and meet some new ones!

Laurelhurst Park is at the corner of SE 37th and Oak St. Look for us at Picnic Area C, across Oak St from the tennis courts.

Questions? Call us at 503-228-5692 or email us at nami.multnomah@gmail.com.

Alternatives 2011 to Be Held in Orlando, FL

Alternatives 2011, the annual national conference organized by and for individuals with psychiatric histories, will be held from Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, through Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at the Caribe Royale Orlando in Orlando, Fla.

Go to www.alternatives2011.org for application and other information about the conference.

WorkSource Portland Metro

www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org

Your local WorkSource partners have the resources you need to sharpen your skills, find the perfect job, and advance your career. Our centers are open to all job seekers and career advancers age 18 and older.

At the WorkSource Centers you can access:

- iMatchSkills and other internet-based job search tools
- Job postings - web-based and employer posted
- Telephones, fax, and copy machine to help with your job search
- Resume writing tools
- Information on local industries and jobs – and their pay rates
- Workshops to help focus your job search
- Information about community resources

We help you compete in today's job market:

- Identify your skills, interests, and strengths
- Find out which skills businesses value most
- Learn how to interview and network
- Target your job search toward high growth industries
- Staff assistance with career advancement planning

Our staff will connect you with training options, such as:

- Occupational skill training
- Apprenticeship programs
- Continuing education in your field
- Adult Education, including GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Financial Literacy classes

Worksource Portland Metro Southeast
7916 SE Foster Road, Suite 104
Portland, OR 97206 (503)772-2300
For other locations go to the website listed above.

Resources

Multnomah Mental Health
Crisis Number: 503-988-4888
Or 1-800-716-9716

Mental Health Organizations -

-Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare - Central Intake - 503-674-7777. Urgent Care Walk In Clinic 7 am-10:30 pm 7 days a week - 2415 SE 43rd 503-238-0705 Integrated Treatment Services (drug/alcohol) 503-230-9654
-Central City Concern 12th Avenue Recovery Center - 503 - 294-1681 www.centralcityconcern.org
-El Programa Hispano - work, housing and more; downtown Portland: 503-236-9670, Gresham: 503-669-8350 www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org
-Life Works Northwest -503-645-9010 www.lifeworksnw.org. E-mail intake@lifeworksnw.org.
-Portland Veterans Center - 503-273-5370 PTSD and sexual trauma counseling (individual & group), employment services, and more; www.va.gov

The Khan Academy

www.khanacademy.org

A free world-class education for anyone anywhere. We're a not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education to anyone anywhere.

Over 2400 videos. Our library of videos covers K-12 math, science topics such as biology, chemistry, and physics, and even reaches into the humanities with playlists on finance and history. Each video is a digestible chunk, approximately 10 minutes long, and especially purposed for viewing on the computer.

Oregon Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers

Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers are advocates who visit the residents of long-term care facilities, identifying complaints and concerns. They investigate these complaints and work with the staff of the facilities to resolve problems, advocating from the resident's point of view.

Go to www.oregon.gov/LTCO/ to learn more.

Resources

Mental Health Drop - In Centers:

-Folk-Time Socialization & Support - 4837 NE Couch St., 503-238-6428 Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30 - 2:30
www.folktime.org

-Safe Haven (Folk Time program) - 142 Molalla, Oregon City 503 -722-5237 Mon, Thurs & Fri 10 am to 2 pm

National Mental Health Organizations:

-Mind Freedom - Campaigns for human rights in mental health; also contact if have been abused by the psychiatric system. 1-877-MAD-PRIDE; www.mindfreedom.org

-National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Education, support, advocacy, info/referral; www.nami.org/Multnomah; 503-228-5692

-National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse; 800-553-4539; www.mhselfhelp.org

-Mental Health America - Education, support; 1-800-969-NMHA (6642); www.mentalhealthamerica.net

-SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center - Mental health information; 1-800-789-2647; www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov

Mental Health Support Groups or Information:

-Northwest Autism Foundation - info on autism and contact info on treatment. autismnwaf.org. 503-557-2111

-Portland Aspergers Network 503-284-4507, 503-682-1609 contact@aspergersnet.org. Web: aspergersnet.org

-Bereavement Support Group (coping with loss) - offered by Adventist Medical Center. To register, call 503-251-6192 ext. 5670. **Healing Grief** - Call 503 251-6105 for more info and to register. Both groups are free.

-Brain Injury Support Groups - Brain Injury Association of Oregon, 1.800.544.5243, biaoregon.org

-Children & Adults with Attention Deficit - 503-294-9504. Free. www.chaddpdx.org

-Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance - 800-826-3632; Portland support groups: west side: Jason-503-227-2423 east side Jean 503-231-7513 www.dbsalliance.org

-Family to Family Support Group - NAMI - free group for loved ones of individuals with mental illness. Educational group. 503-228-5692

-National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Suicide Support) 1-800-273-8255.

-Obsessive Compulsive Disorder support group - 503-494-6176; OHSU - 503-494-8311

-PSU Community Counseling Clinic 503-725-4620 Portland State University. Individual, couple and family counseling. \$15 per session, reduced fees negotiated. 10 week commitment.

-Recovery, Inc. International - Self-help for people with depression, anxiety, phobias, fears, anger, & low self-

esteem. www.recovery-inc.org / georjw@comcast.net.
-Women's Crisis Line – 503-235-5333 or toll free at 888-235-5333. www.pwcl.org

-YWCA Counseling Center 503-294-7440; 333 N Russell St. (at MLK) - Individual, couple, group counseling, and assessments. Sliding scale starts at \$13. Mon-Sat, 8 am-8 pm. Appointments only.

Employment Resources:

Benefits Planning Assistance - Disability Rights Oregon (formerly known as Oregon Advocacy Center) has PIP benefits planners to help you figure out how going to work will effect your benefits. 503-243-2081

Better People - 4310 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Portland, (503) 281-2663 Helps people with legal histories find and retain jobs. Recently released and current parole participants have access to classes on interviewing skills and job application preparation. www.betterpeople.org

Central City Concern Workforce program 2 NW 2nd Ave. 503-226-7387 Provides employment workshops, job resource center, daily job announcements, career advancement and training services, employment-related housing and veterans' services, and more. Enroll to learn interviewing skills and prepare for job searches. Hours: 8 am-6 pm, Monday-Friday. www.centralcityconcern.org

DePaul Industries - 4950 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 8 -5 Monday - Friday 503-281-1289 Temporary staffing service specializing in employing the disabled or people in recovery. Employment options for people with disabilities, including injury and illness related disabilities. www.depaulindustries.com

Easter Seals Latino Connection Program 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. Suite 300C 503-335-6161 Vocational rehabilitation services, including employment for Latinos with disabilities, ESL and computer classes in Spanish, job development and job placement; translation and interpretation, resume and interview workshops; ESL support and referral. www.or.easterseals.com

Elders in Action - 1411 SW Morrison St. 503-235-5474 Employment, personal and community safety advocates for adults age 50 and over. www.eldersinaction.org.

Employment Marketplace: "Bringing employers & job seekers together". Every Friday though Workforce http://wfn.pcc.edu/EmployerMarketPlace/EMP.asp

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 800-669-4000; www.eeoc.gov; Discrimination/rights

Free online education: OpenCourseWare educational programs are offered at various colleges. www.ocwconsortium.org, **About U.** also offers free online classes at http://u.about.com/

Goodwill Industries of the Columbia-Willamette 1943 SE 6th Ave. 503-239-1734 - Jobs available at stores or donation centers, and free employment service in the

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community. Call for appointments 10 am or 1 pm, Monday-Thursday. www.meetgoodwill.org

Hands On Portland -Volunteer jobs in & around Multnomah Co. (503)200-3355 www.handsonportland.org.

Individual Development Account Program helps people save up money to start a business by matching \$3 for every \$1 saved. [Www.mercycorpsnw.org](http://www.mercycorpsnw.org)

Job Corps - PIVOT, 2701 N. W. Vaughn Street, Suite 151, Portland, (503) 274-7343 Provides hands-on career training for 30 trades for economically disadvantaged young adults 16-24. Students can also complete their GED and receive their high school diploma at Center. <http://pivot.jobcorps.gov>

Oregon Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers
<http://www.oregon.gov/LTCO/> 1-800-522-2602

Portland Habilitation Center 5312 NE 148th Ave. 503-261-1266 Training and employment in janitorial, landscape and clerical work. Low-cost/no-cost/Section 8 apartments available. Trimet # 87 www.phcnw.com The site also lists job openings and allows you to apply online. Weekly Info and Intake Meetings.

Senior Community Service Employment Program - A Title V training program free for senior citizens 55 and older. Promotes older workers as a solution for businesses seeking a trained, qualified, and reliable workforce. Facilitates economic self-sufficiency for older individuals and their families who are working. 2101 NE Flanders St. 503-232-7684. 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri. www.doleta.gov/seniors

State of Oregon Employment Offices - North Portland: 503-280-6046 Gresham: 503-669-7112 Beaverton: 503-644-1229 employment.oregon.gov

Trillium Artisans Program - 503-775-7993; Marketing support for artists interested in home-based business or contract work; www.trilliumartisans.org

Vocational Rehabilitation Division- Employment services for people with disabilities; Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program. Central 3945 SE Powell Blvd. 971-673-2555; East 305 NE 102nd Avenue Suite 200 971-673-5858 North 4744 N. Interstate Ave. 971-673-3055 www.oregon.gov/dhs/vr

WorkSource Portland Metro provides communities with access to information and resources to assist people in their career planning and job search activities. Self-directed resource rooms at each center provide access to computer workstations, job orders and listings, resume software, and a wealth of planning and job search assistance information. www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org

Alcohol and Drug:

-Al-Anon and Alateen (for friends and family) 503-292-1333; www.al-anonportlandoregon.org

-Alcohol and Drug Helpline; adult or teen; 1-800-923-HELP

-Alcoholics Anonymous - 503-223-8569; www.pdxaa.com

-Cocaine Anonymous - 503-256-1666; Help line and call center for people struggling with cocaine addiction.

-Crystal Meth Anonymous meetings www.crystalmeth.org

-Dual Diagnosis Anonymous - 503-222-6484
www.ddaoforegon

-Marijuana Anonymous - 503-221-7007; www.marijuana-anonymous.org

-Narcotics Anonymous - 503-727-3733; www.portlandna.com

-Nicotine Anonymous - www.nicotine-anonymous.org;
Toll free at 877-879-6422

-SMART Recovery - Hank Robb 503-635-2849 www.smartrecovery.org

Benefits:

-Aging and Disability Services - Helpline: 503-988-3646. Closed noon-1 pm; www.co.multnomah.or.us

-Coalition of Community Health Clinics Website
Provides info about free health care for uninsured people. www.coalitionclinics.org.

-Free Bus Pass - If bus at least three times/week for medical or mental health center 503-802-8700; Need to be on Oregon Health Plan

-Free custom made shoes and inserts for people with diabetes - Priority Footwear and Pedorthic Services provides a full line of Diabetic Shoes and Inserts for Men and Women. Medicare and Medicaid accepted. 503-524-9656 priorityfootwear.com

-Free prescription drug discount card - Save up to 30% or more on most prescriptions that are not covered or not fully covered by insurance.. Go to familywize.org

-Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)- 503-988-6295

-Needy Meds - Find help with the cost of medication - www.needymeds.org

-OHP Client Advocate Services Unit - 800-273-0557; For questions about coverage and billing in the Oregon Health Plan

-Oregon Health Action Campaign - 800-789-1599; Help with the Oregon Health Plan

-Oregon Helps - One stop place to learn about your eligibility for various human services. www.oregonhelps.org.

-Oregon Telephone Assistance Program - If on food stamps, OHP, SSI or TANF; 1-800-848-4442 or (503) 373-7171 www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/

-The PACS Program - Prescription and Community Services. A resource and support program for adults living with mental illness in Mult. Co. Peer run. Call 503-228-5692 for an intake and to schedule an appt.

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-Partnership for Prescription Coverage - 1-888-477-2669. www.pparx.org. Coalition of different groups that can help with prescription coverage.

-Social Security Admin. - 1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov

-West Burnside Chiropractic Clinic - Low & no cost services to those who cannot afford to pay for care. 221 W. Burnside St. Portland - 7:30am-6:30pm M-F. 503-223-2213. www.wschiro.edu.

Dental, Hearing & Eye Care

-Free Eye Care for Seniors- eyecareamerica.org.

-Medical Teams international Dental Van offers free dental van services at various locations in Portland. Must call specific locations for referral and scheduling.

St. Francis Dining Hall (503-234-2028)

William Temple House (503-226-3021)

Christ Community Food Ministries (503-239-1226)

All Saints Episcopal Church (503-777-3829)

-Lions Club - Eye care and hearing aids 1-866-623-9053

Legal:

-Disability Rights Oregon (formally called Oregon Advocacy Center) - 1-800-452-1694; 503-243-2081; Legal representation & disability advice;

TTY: 800-556-5351; www.disabilityrightsoregon.org

E-Mail: welcome@oradvocacy.org

-Lawyer Referral Service - 800-452-7636, 503-684-3763 www.osbar.org

-Public Assistance and Disability Rights (Legal Aid) - 503-241-4111

-Legal Aid Services of Oregon - 503-224-4094

www.lawhelp.org

-Senior Law Project - 503-224-4086 Free counseling in legal matters to any Multnomah County resident 60 and older. www.oregonlawhelp.org

Information and Referral:

-211 Information & Referral - DIAL 2-1-1 or dial 503-222-5555 or go to www.211.org

-City/County Information/Referral - (503) 823-4000

-Health Helpline by Oregon Health Action Campaign: 1-866-458-4457. Info on health services.

-Housing: www.housingconnections.org

-Network of Care - www.networkofcare.org

-Oregon Helps - This site asks a few questions about your income and expenses. The site then estimates your potential eligibility for 33 federal, state and local services. www.oregonhelps.org

-Resource web sites - www.thebeehive.org

-The Rose City Resource - www.streetroots.org

Health Resources:

HIV 7 Hepatitis C Resource Guide - www.oregonaidshotline.com

[oregonaidshotline.com](http://www.oregonaidshotline.com)

Other Resources:

-Community Cycling Center Complete five hours of safe commuting and bike maintenance training and get a free bike. Must be referred by a social service organization. Can not own an operating vehicle (503)288-8864. www.communitycyclingcenter.org

-Education - Portland Community College - (has GED classes) 503-244-6111, www.pcc.edu; Mt. Hood Community College (have a mental health program) 503-491-6422, www.mhcc.edu; Federal Financial Aide - 800-433-3243; www.fafsa.ed.gov

-Fair Housing Council - 503-223-8295 / Hotline 800-424-3247; www.fhco.org

-Free Geek - Free computers and training in exchange for volunteer work. 503-232-9350 www.freegeek.org

-In-Home Safety Repairs - Minor home safety repairs for people who have low-income and are 55 years or older and/or have a disability; 503.284.6827

-Local Renting Information: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - portal.hud.gov

-Metro Child Care - 503-253-5000 www.metroccrr.org/index.htm

-No Longer Lonely - Online Dating for adults with mental illness. www.nolongerlonely.com

-William Temple House offers low-cost mental health counseling, emergency social services including food and children's clothing, pastoral care. 2023 NW Hoyt St., 503-226-3021. www.williamtemple.org

-Write Around Portland - creative writing 10-week sessions; publish work; 503-796-9224; www.writearound.org

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