



Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington
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Updates

HLC Quarterly Meeting Updated Meeting Date

The next HLC Quarterly Meeting has been rescheduled from October 26th to **November 14th from 1 pm - 3:30 pm at the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** in Ridgefield.

We received information from a number of our partners and advocacy groups that they are waiting to finalize their policy agendas until after the November election. Since they help inform our policy agenda, and the results of the election will impact how they move forward, we felt it would be best to move the meeting until after the election, when we will have clear guidance from our partners.

New Program Manger begins November 1st.

We are excited to welcome new leadership to the Healthy Living Collaborative. Diana Avalos Leos will join the HLC as the new Program Manager and will assist with overall support and management of the HLC. Diana comes with a wide range of expertise, most recently as the Family Community Resource Coordinator for Vancouver Public Schools. She is also the founder and current director of the Latino Youth Conference and Programs, which includes

supporting the Latino Parent Leadership Program. Diana will join the HLC team November 1.



CHWs and CHAs attend ORCHWA Conference

It was a time of great connections and education at the Oregon Community Health Worker Association (ORCHWA) Annual Conference September 29th and 30th in Hood River, Oregon. The Annual Conference is ORCHWA's signature event bringing together and educating Community Health Workers (CHWs), Peer Support Specialists (PSS), Personal Health Navigators (PHN), Peer Wellness Specialists (PWS), doulas, Supervisory staff, and other Traditional Health Workers. The conference provided our team a great opportunity to learn from CHW leaders in Oregon.



Healthy Living Collaborative (HLC) Community Health Workers and Advocates (CHWs/CHAs) and HLC Committee members participated in the Philanthropy Northwest conference in Vancouver on October 4th.

Rose Village CHWs and HLC Partners talked about how they work to address health equity in the community at the individual, interpersonal, organization, community, and policy and systems improvement levels and how funders can partner closely with community to support this work. South Kelso CHAs presented the beginning of their Photovoice project, which seeks to highlight and center community members' perspectives of the strengths and opportunities for change in South Kelso. Photo above shows Rose Village CHW Brandi Williams presenting the work CHWs and the HLC have done to address gentrification and lack of affordable housing in Vancouver.



South Kelso CHA Heather O'Shea presents the photo story by CHAs in South Kelso at Philanthropy Northwest conference with Ophelia Noble, South Kelso CHW Coach, and Nichole Perkins, CHA for South Kelso.

Events

Southwest Washington Community Health Advocates and Peer Support (CHAPS) Network Meeting is October 19 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Pacific Continental Bank Community Room, 101 E 6th St in Vancouver. The topic for this month's meeting is Supporting our Youth Transitioning to Adulthood with a focus on mentoring for education, employment and social life skills. It will be exciting to be a part of a two way open discussion between our local service providers and the community health advocates and peer specialist professionals in the area.

Southwest Washington ACH is hosting a Community Conversation on October 23rd from 5 - 7 pm at the YWCA Clark County Community Room, 3609 Main St. in Vancouver. We hope to bring community voices to the table to learn more about the Medicaid Transformation Project. This is a family-friendly event with a children's activity corner and dinner provided for participants. Those interested should RSVP to jennifer.lule@southwestach.org.

Workshops at the new YWCA Women's Leadership Center

To advance women's empowerment, YWCA Clark County is focused on a new initiative for the next century of service: a Women's Leadership Center. Modeled after successful leadership centers around the world, the Women's Leadership Center will empower

women of all ages to realize and harness their innate leadership abilities. [Click here](#) to learn more about the new center and see the upcoming workshops for women and girls.

Safe Routes to School National Partnership - Pacific Northwest Regional Network is hosting a Walking School Bus Workshop on October 25, 2017 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Cowlitz County Health & Human Services, Large Conference Room A, 1952 9th Avenue in Longview. [Click here for more details.](#)

WSU Extension Diabetes Prevention Program for Spanish Learners. ¿Está usted en riesgo? ¡Un Programa de Prevención de la Diabetes que ayuda a reducir el riesgo de diabetes! Program begins on Tuesday, October 17th, from 6pm-7pm, at the Washington State University Extension Heritage Farm location. Contact Carmen McKibben at 360.397.6060 Extension 5721 for more information or to learn how to join the program. Inscríbese lo mas pronto posible - el espacio es limitado!

Lower Columbia School Gardens Fall Fundraiser

Lower Columbia School Gardens (LCSG) empowers our community by connecting kids and families with real food and hands-on learning. Please join us for our Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, November 11th from 6:00-9:00 pm at Bowers Building, 1338 Commerce in Longview and help these gardens grow! [More information and to buy tickets here.](#)

Opportunities

Apply for a Community Change Grant from America Walks

America Walks, partners of the Every Body Walk! Collaborative, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and other generous sponsors, are excited to announce another round of our popular micro grant funding. This program will award grantees up to \$1,500.00 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play. Applications are due by November 10th at 5pm Eastern. [More information here.](#)



Clark County Public Health Department is hiring [Healthy Communities Program Manager II](#). This position provides overall leadership and management of the Public Health Department's Healthy Communities teams and programs, which includes cross-departmental and community supporting functions of epidemiology, health assessment, community engagement, Public Health accreditation, chronic disease prevention, and program evaluation.

Free Clinic of Southwest Washington is hiring a [Clinic Coordinator and Patient Care Coordinator](#). Clinic Coordinator is a full time position supporting medical clinic operations during urgent care clinics; the Patient Care Coordinator is a 20 hours/week position which facilitates and coordinates referral and enrollment of low-income, uninsured patients into a specialty care program.



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