

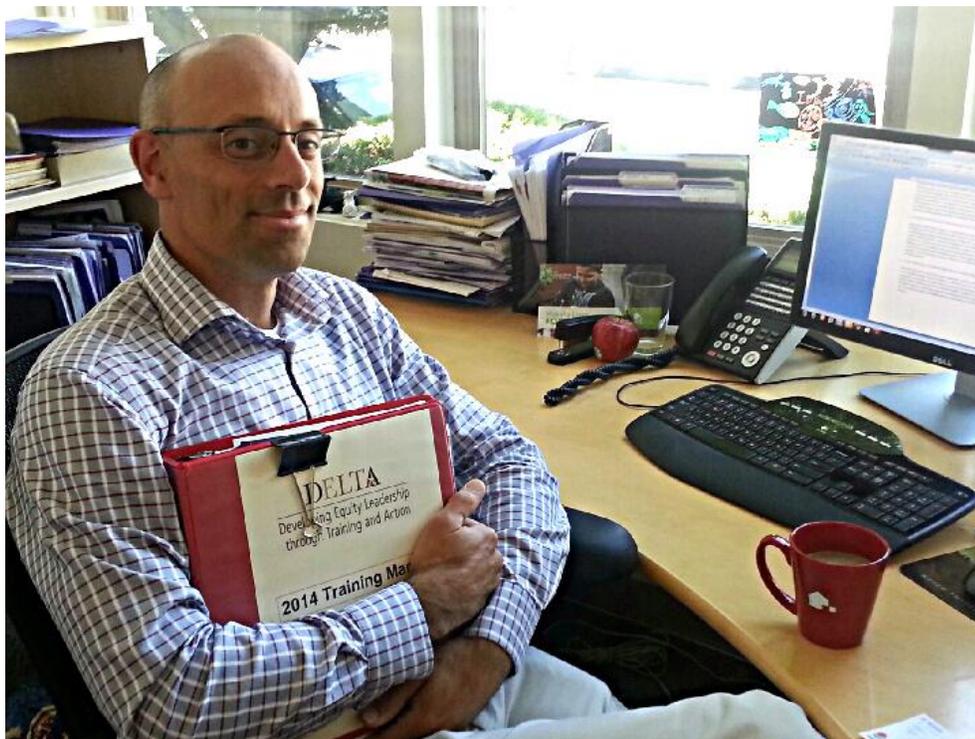


Pursuing Equity

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DELTA making a difference

Program prepares leaders to promote health equity in communities



Matt Bartolotti of Metropolitan Family Service is one of 23 members of the 2014 DELTA Cohort class (Photo by Rene Ferran).

Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.

- Wilma Rudolph, polio survivor and Olympic gold medalist

The Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) has spent the past year focused on the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by embedding its goals and directives actively within the Oregon Health Authority.

The Oregon Health Authority could not fulfill its mission of health equity without staff members in OEI and throughout the agency committing to achieve the dream so eloquently verbalized by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the March on Washington the summer before President Johnson signed the Act into law.

It has been my personal and professional honor to support and celebrate their courageous and unwavering leadership.

However, our agency and the OEI team have always known that we cannot expect to realize our value of health equity without partnerships and leadership from across Oregon. For this reason, OEI has invested in programs that support health equity leadership development in local and regional communities across the state.

The DELTA Program (Developing Equity Leadership through Training and Action) is one of these strategic investments. It brings leaders who represent a broad range of Oregon's geographic and cultural diversity together from the fields of health policy, public health, clinical care, and the social determinants of health. Together, they share and learn about challenges and opportunities for putting the principles of health equity into action. It is an investment in Oregon's collective greatness.

This statewide investment in local leadership has been a source of innovation, but more importantly, of transformative relationships that connect us at the "human spirit" level, honor our diversity, and help us achieve our vision of all people, communities and cultures co-creating and, maybe more importantly during these beautiful summer months, *enjoying* a healthy Oregon. I invite you to [learn more about the value of the DELTA Program](#) and consider applying to be a part of the 2015 DELTA Cohort.

Warmest regards,



Tricia Tillman
Director, Office of
Equity and Inclusion

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OHA and DHS News

OEI releases REAL+D Standards report

OEI recently presented [its biennial report](#) to the Oregon Legislature detailing progress in implementing Race, Ethnicity, Language and Disability (REAL+D) standards.

Among the July 2014 report's findings is the need to standardize the collection of REAL+D data in order to provide key information for DHS and OHA leaders and stakeholders. Challenges to collecting this data include funding, nationally defined standards, and client/respondent burdens or concerns.

Plans to address these challenges include pursuing state and federal funding, assessing business processes for improvements, and developing a staged business plan for implementation.

DHS grants improve services to people with disabilities

The Department of Human Services recently awarded nine grants to Oregon organizations to test new ideas for improved services for older adults and people with disabilities through innovative projects and pilots.

Among [the awards](#), which are supported by DHS' Aging and People with Disabilities Innovations Fund, include:

- \$350,000 to Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, which will pilot services to vulnerable, hard-to-reach consumers with very high medical and social service needs;
- \$50,000 to Rogue Valley Council of Governments, which will pilot a certification program for housing accessible to people with disabilities;
- \$50,000 to the City of Sandy, which will pilot dental and oral health services to people with disabilities without dental insurance.

Health Equity in the News

Articles

Local

[Health Klamath: Minorities Affected Most by Poor Health](#)

[Conference Focuses on Health Disparities by Touring Neighborhoods](#)

National

[Community Health Workers Help Latinos Control Diabetes](#)

[Racial Disparities in Breast-Feeding May Start with Hospitals](#)

[Racial Stereotypes Linked to Health Care Disparity](#)

Resources

African Health

[The African Immigrant and Refugee Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile](#)

[The Health of African Immigrants in the U.S.: Explaining the Immigrant Health Advantage](#)

Asian American/Pacific Islander Health

[The Asian Smokers' Quitline](#): A federally-funded treatment program is now available for your Asian-language speaking patients.

[Racial and Ethnic Differences in Mental Illness Stigma in California](#)

Health Care

[In Pursuit of Health Equity: Comparing U.S. and EU Approaches to Eliminating Disparities](#)

[Federal Collaboration on Health Disparities Research \(FCHDR\)](#) - A Federal Partnership working together to identify, promote, and support interagency health disparities research to help inform programs, policy, and practice.

[Data Brief: Characteristics of Uninsured Adult Males by Race and Ethnicity](#)

Slavic Health

[The Slavic Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile](#)

Research

[What is Participatory Health Research?](#)

[IRB Case: Public health practice vs. research](#)

Career Moves - Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

Oregon Health Authority/Department of Human Services Positions

Director's Office - (Legislative Coordinator) Operations and Policy Analyst 3

Office of Health Analytics - Operation and Policy Analyst I

Principal Executive/ Manager G - Innovator Agent

External Positions

Cascade AIDS Project - Director of Prevention and Education Services

Oregon Primary Care Association - Technical Assistance and Training Project Manager

CCO Oregon - Policy Coordinator

Salem Psychiatric Associates - Executive Director

Internship/Volunteer Opportunities

African American Health Coalition, Inc. - Volunteer Opportunities

The African American Health Coalition began as a group of volunteers committed to reducing racial health disparities in Portland, Oregon. We see the dedication put forth by our volunteers as one of the cornerstones of our organization. Our mission of being the healthiest African American community in the nation continues with your passionate support and vision. Your skills, talents and experience have an important role in AAHC's success.

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

APANO is seeking volunteers to serve as Mentors for our Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Institute (APICLI), a six-month intensive leadership development and advocacy program organized by APANO and IRCO. The online application is available by [clicking here](#). Application deadline is Friday, Sept. 5. For more information about the APICLI program, [read about it here](#).

International Center for Traditional Childbearing - Volunteer Opportunities

ICTC needs your help! We want to expand our efforts to reduce infant mortality, improve healthy birth outcomes and provide direct services to women and families throughout Oregon and abroad, but we need *you* to make it happen. Positions include: Camp Counselors, Office Assistant, Outreach and Promotion, Fund Development, Driver and Photographer, Videographer and Film Director. For more information contact ICTC via email volunteer@ictcmidwives.org or phone 503.460.9324

Community Events

Neerchokikoo Honoring Pow Wow

Date: September 6th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Location: NAYA Family Center - 5135 NE Columbia Blvd Portland, OR 97218

ORCHWA's Annual Conference - Community Health Workers: Agents of Change for Health Transformation

Date: September 12th - 13th

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: University of Oregon - 1585 E 13th Ave, Eugene, OR 97403

Community Health Advocates of Oregon 2014 Conference "Show Us The Way"

Date: September 18th

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Disjecta, 8371 N. Interstate Avenue

Center for Intercultural Organizing's (CIO) Annual Gala

Date: September 25th

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Oaks Park Historic Dance Pavilion - 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, OR 97202

CAUSA's 2014 American Dreamer Awards

Date: October 2nd

Time: 6:00p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Location: Eliot Center - 1226 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97201

Urban League of Portland's 2014 Equal Opportunity Day Awards Dinner

Date: October 7th

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

IGNITE: Basic Rights Oregon's Gala

Date: October 10th

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Location: Portland Art Museum - 1219 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205

Get Involved with the Office of Equity and Inclusion!

Health Equity Policy Committee (HEPC)

The Health Equity Policy Committee aims to proactively explore, develop, evaluate, recommend, and coordinate stakeholder engagement in advancing cross-cutting, cross-community policy improvements to inform State Health Policy Leadership. The Committee's next meeting will be from 1-4 p.m. on **Monday, Sept. 15th**. For more information, contact Emily Wang by phone: 971-673-2307 or email: Emily.L.Wang@state.or.us

Health Equity Researchers of Oregon (HERO)

Are you a health equity researcher? Join our committee for opportunities to network with other health equity researchers and connect with community based organizations for research opportunities. The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for 10 a.m.- noon on **Monday, Nov. 10th**. For more information, contact Charniece Tisdale by phone: 971- 673- 1333 or email: Charniece.Tisdale@state.or.us.

Health Care Interpreters Certification Program

The Oregon Health Care Interpreter (HCI) Program oversees the [Oregon Health Care Interpreter Registry](#) and the qualification and certification of health care interpreters for the state. Interpreters can now apply directly for Oregon HCI qualification or certification, and can submit their application along with their HCI Registry enrollment application at the same time at no additional cost. For more information, contact David Cardona by phone: 971-673-1286 or email hci.program@state.or.us.

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