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North Central Public Health District

North Central Public Health District Full Board of Health Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom: <https://wascocounty-org.zoom.us/j/82992226729>

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

- Introductions
- Establish a Quorum
- Requests to add items to the Agenda
- Requests for Public Comments

2. **Action Items**

- 4/8/2025 Board of Health Meeting Minutes
- April A/P Check Reports

3. **Non-Action Items**

- Fiscal Update
- Presentation from Oregon Recovery & Treatment Centers – Matt Owen & Megan Marx
- Contracts Summary
- Director's Report

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**North Central Public Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
April 8th, 2025**

Board Members In Attendance: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Commissioner Phil Brady – Wasco County; Shawn Payne – Sherman County, Roger Whitley – Sherman County, Bill Lennox – Wasco County

Staff Present: Martha McInnes – Director; Brita Meyer – Fiscal Manager; Kate Hendershot – Operations Manager; Paula Grendel – Environmental Health Specialist Supervisor; Tanya Wray – Community Outreach Programs Supervisor; Kathleen Wilder – Health Officer; Maricela Elias - WIC Program Coordinator; Mikey Goyette – Communications Coordinator; Maria Peña – Community Health Worker; Neita Cecil – TPEP Coordinator; Marta Fisher – Regional Epidemiologist; Lori Treichel – Public Health Nurse

Guests: Liz Hunt & Anthony Nickerson, OHA

Minutes by: Cynthia Rojas

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

MOTION by Shawn Payne seconded by Phil Brady, to accept the March 11th, 2025 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Commissioner Phil Brady – Wasco County; Shawn Payne – Sherman County, Roger Whitley – Sherman County, Bill Lennox – Wasco County
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
No: 0
Motion: Carried

MOTION by Bill Lennox seconded by Phil Brady, to accept the March 18th, 2025 Special Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Commissioner Phil Brady – Wasco County; Shawn Payne – Sherman County, Roger Whitley – Sherman County, Bill Lennox – Wasco County
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
No: 0
Motion: Carried

MOTION by Shawn Payne and seconded by Roger Whitley to accept the March 2025 A/P Checks Issued reports as presented.

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Commissioner Phil Brady – Wasco County; Shawn Payne – Sherman County, Roger Whitley – Sherman County, Bill Lennox – Wasco County
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
No: 0
Motion: Carried

MOTION by Phil Brady and seconded by Roger Whitley to approve the North Central Public Health District Fiscal Policies AD60-AD76 as presented.

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Commissioner Phil Brady – Wasco County; Shawn Payne – Sherman County, Roger Whitley – Sherman County, Bill Lennox – Wasco County
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
No: 0
Motion: Carried

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Joan Bird called the Public Board of Health meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Introductions:

1. All present introduced themselves.

Establish a Quorum

1. A quorum of the board members present was established.

Requests for Additions to the Agenda

1. None

Request for Public Comment

1. None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of past meeting minutes.
 - a. A motion was made and carried to approve the meeting minutes from 3/11/2025 as presented.
 - b. Discussion, questions and feedback were requested.
2. Approval of past meeting minutes
 - a. A motion was made and carried to approve the meeting minutes from the 3/18/2025 Special Board Meeting as presented.
 - b. Discussion, questions and feedback were requested.

3. Approval of A/P Check reports.
 - a. A motion was made and carried to approve the March 2025 A/P Check reports as presented.
 - b. Discussion, questions and feedback were requested.
4. Approval of North Central Public Health District Fiscal Policies AD60-AD76 as presented
 - a. A motion was made and carried to approve the NCPHD Fiscal Policies AD60-AD76 as presented.
 - b. Martha discussed that updating the policies was part of the corrective action for the triennial fiscal review. It was found that the policies were outdated and had not been reviewed.
 - c. No major changes were made to the policies they were just consolidated and organized better.
 - d. Discussion, questions and feedback were requested.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 2023 Triennial Review
 - a. Liz Hunt & Anthony Nickerson shared a presentation to share different responsibilities of Local Public Health Authority that are listed in statute.
 - b. Triennial Review Overview was shared.
 - i. The review is done to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations and requirements related to public health funding. It also gives the opportunity to identify accomplishments and areas for improvement.
 - ii. Liz discusses accomplishments surrounding workforce, COVID response, leadership & strategy.
 - iii. There were some areas for improvement in the fiscal area there were originally 17 findings, but there are only 6 remaining!
 - c. Discussion, questions, and feedback were requested.
2. TPEP Program Update
 - a. Neita shared a presentation on an overview of the TPEP program that includes funding, highlights, cessation program & next steps.
 - b. For the Cessation program, Neita shared the stats from 2024 & so far in 2025.
 - c. Discussion, questions, and feedback were requested
3. Fiscal Update
 - a. Brita discussed on some of the corrective actions from the triennial review 3 out of the 6 remaining are related to better clarity in our general ledger, which tied in with our timesheets. The new timesheets rolled out to staff on April 1st.
 - b. There will be some additional education for staff at our May staff meeting.
 - c. The NCPHD budget meeting has been set for May 20th from 3pm-5pm. Draft budget will be on the BOH agenda for the June 10th meeting. Martha asked if that date didn't work to let her know as soon as possible since we would need to have a quorum.
 - d. Martha discussed the pauses in federal funding and how it will affect NCPHD.
 - e. Discussion, questions, and feedback were requested.

4. Contracts Summary
 - a. Two contracts were reviewed.
 - b. Discussion, questions, and feedback were requested.
5. Director's Report
 - a. Martha shared highlights on her report.
 - b. Discussion, questions, and feedback were requested

Being no further business to be conducted at this time, Commissioner Joan Bird adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

NCPHD
Accounts Payable Checks
Issued April 2025

Check Date	Check Number	Vendor Name	Amount
4/10/2025	1360	IRS	\$16,218.29
4/10/2025	1361	ASIFLEX	\$302.00
Held in Que	1362	PERS	\$19,466.83
Held in Que	1363	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$1,457.66
Held in Que	1364	OREGON STATE,EMPLOYMENT DEPARTM	\$320.20
4/10/2025	1365	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$4,510.56
4/25/2025	1366	IRS	\$16,648.93
4/25/2025	1367	ASIFLEX	\$302.00
Held in Que	1368	PERS	\$20,542.31
4/25/2025	1369	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$4,661.44
4/25/2025	1370	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	\$1,326.19
4/3/2025	16331	BEERY ELSNER & HAMMOND LLP	\$1,098.00
4/3/2025	16332	CIS TRUST	\$37,559.04
4/3/2025	16333	COLUMBIA GORGE NEWS	\$574.00
4/3/2025	16334	OR STATE PUBLIC, HEALTH LABORATORY	\$135.50
4/3/2025	16335	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$21.00
4/3/2025	16336	R&S NORTHEAST LLC	\$33.42
4/3/2025	16337	SATCOM GLOBAL INC.	\$88.19
4/15/2025	16338	BROWN, DANIEL	\$180.00
4/15/2025	16339	CURASCRIPT SPECIALTY, DISTRIBUTION	\$2,765.25
4/15/2025	16340	H2OREGON BOTTLED WATER INC.	\$104.55
4/15/2025	16341	INTERPATH LABORATORY INC.	\$100.98
4/15/2025	16342	MCKESSON	\$301.52
4/15/2025	16343	MULTNOMAH EDUC. SERVICE DIST	\$374.86
4/15/2025	16344	OREGON STATE, DEPT HUMAN SERVICES- OFS	\$5,036.60
4/15/2025	16345	PARAGARD DIRECT	\$1,194.72
4/15/2025	16346	SYNERGY HEALTH AND WELLNESS	\$942.50
4/15/2025	16347	TONKIN	\$623.22
4/15/2025	16348	U.S. CELLULAR	\$1,570.20
4/15/2025	16349	US BANK	\$7,905.42
4/15/2025	16350	VILLALOBOS, AMELIA	\$600.00
4/15/2025	16351	WASCO COUNTY	\$555.27
4/16/2025	16352	JOHNSON MARK LLC	\$427.14
4/16/2025	16353	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	\$1,326.19
4/18/2025	16354	MCKESSON	\$2,544.34
4/18/2025	16355	OFFICE DEPOT	\$82.76
4/18/2025	16356	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUA	\$351.00
4/18/2025	16357	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$20,668.32
4/21/2025	16358	TONKIN	\$60.00
4/24/2025	16359	ASD SPECIALITY, HEALTHCARE LLC	\$158.93
4/24/2025	16360	BEERY ELSNER & HAMMOND LLP	\$610.00
4/24/2025	16361	CYTOCHECK LABORATORY LLC	\$66.00
4/24/2025	16362	MID-COLUMBIA COMMUNITY, ACTION COUNCIL	\$60.00
4/24/2025	16363	R&S NORTHEAST LLC	\$289.50
4/24/2025	16364	WASCO COUNTY	\$92.66
TOTAL:			\$174,257.49

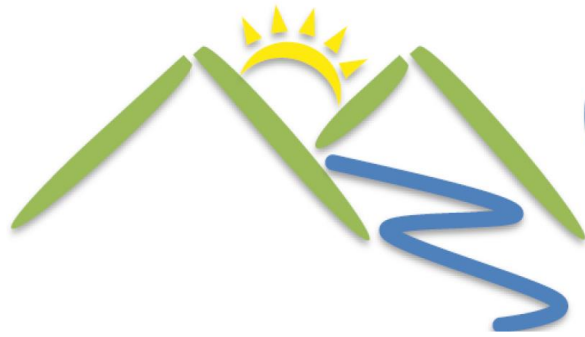
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Payroll A/P

NCPHD Board of Health authorizes check numbers 16331 - 16364 & payroll EFT
1360 - 1370 numbers totalling \$174,257.49

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name: Joan Bird, NCPHD Board of Health Chair



ORTC

Oregon Recovery & Treatment Centers



PRESENTATION FOR NORTH COLUMBIA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

March 11, 2025




Agenda



- Company Introduction
 - Why The Dalles?
 - Treatment Center Locations
- Treatment Offerings
- Medical
- Counseling
- Community Involvement
- Outcome Statistics
- Questions?

Company Introduction



- Joint Commission Accredited 
- Licensed by the State of Oregon, certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and registered with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).
- Leadership Team has a combined over 100 Years in Health Care/Addiction Treatment and Management
- Experience working in mid-size and rural communities

Company Introduction



“Would you trust the person you love the most to our care?”

- Guiding question for our providers



Why The Dalles?

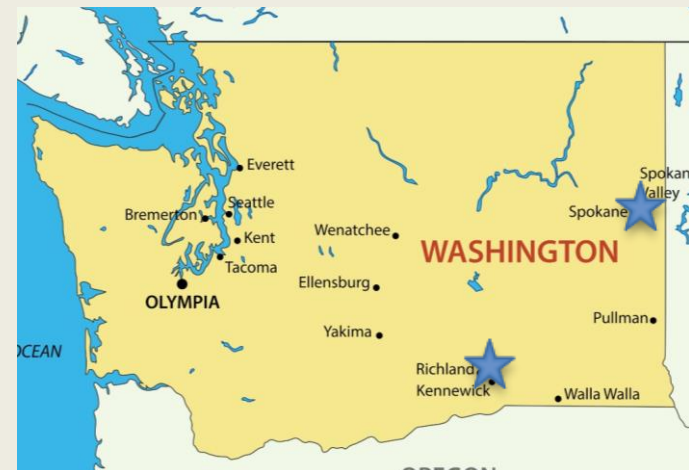


- High Rates of Substance Use Disorder Diagnosis per 100k people
 - The 2022 Oregon Substance Use Disorder Gap Analysis identified that of the 4,137 individuals with an SUD issue in Wasco County, 4,105 did not have local access to the full range of specialty care they need
- Closest Treatment options are Portland and Pendleton
- Government and Cultural Center of the Columbia Gorge

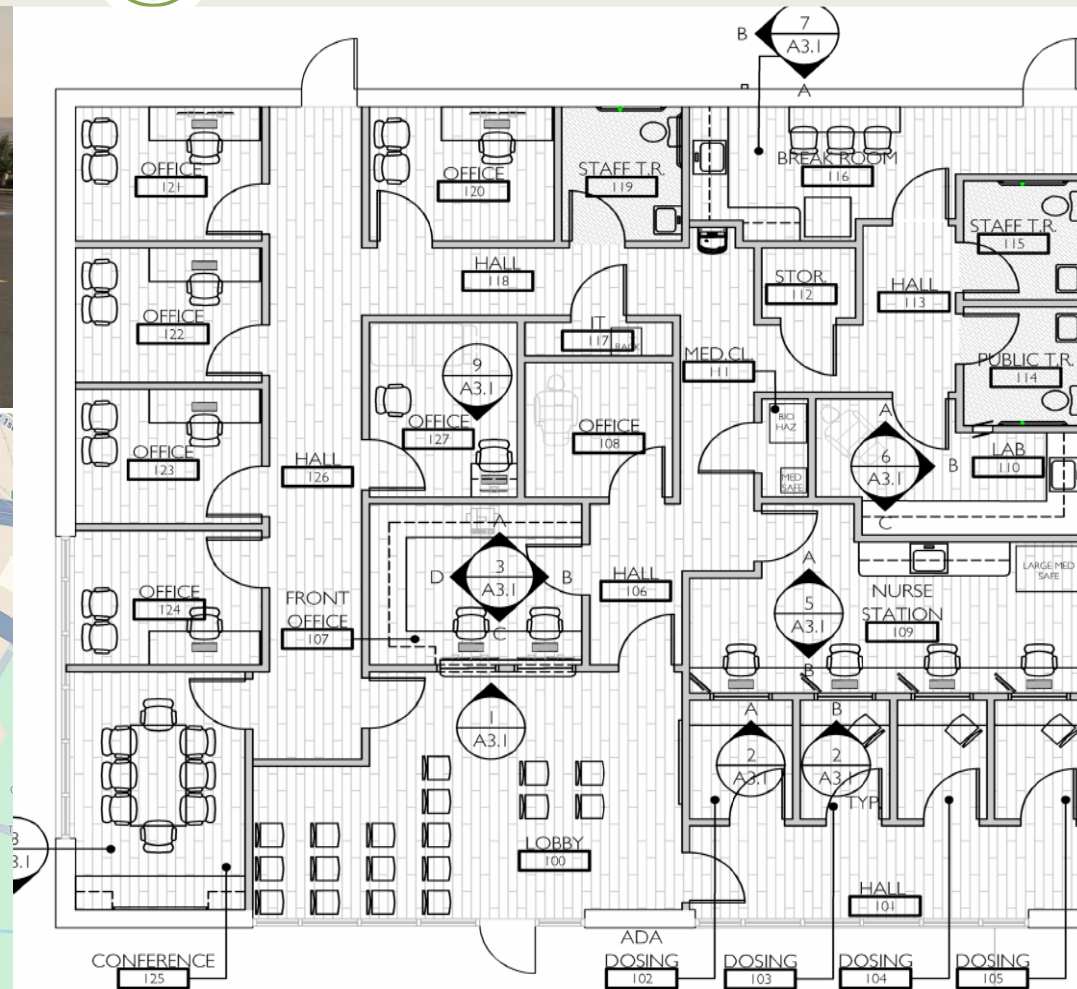
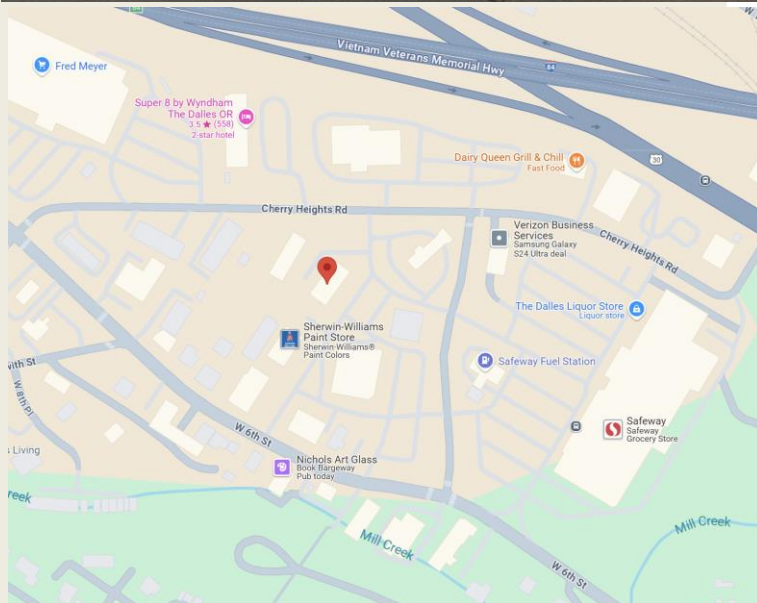
Current Treatment Center Locations



- Bend, OR (opened 2014)
- Grants Pass, OR (opened 2016)
- Springfield, OR (opened 2018)
- Pendleton, OR (opened 2019)
- Medford, OR (opened 2020)
- Tri-Cities, WA (opened 2021)
- Spokane, WA (opened 2022)
- Eugene, OR (opened March, 2024)



The Dalles Treatment Center



Treatment Offerings



Clinically Focused Program Tailored to Each Individual's Needs

- **Medication Assisted Treatment**
 - Methadone or Buprenorphine/Naloxone (brand name “Suboxone”)
 - Effective in moderate to severe cases of addiction
 - Counseling focused, medication is only used to stabilize patient and “assist” the effectiveness of counseling efforts
 - Generally a 2-5 year program for success
- **Integrated Co-Occurring Disorders Care**
 - Recognized by the State
 - Comprehensive Assessment for Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders
 - Integrated treatment approach addressing the whole person with dually credentialed providers
- **Outpatient Detox**
 - Using MAT to supplant illicit drug dependence and titrating off over the course of weeks or months
 - Effective in moderate to mild cases of addiction
- **Drug Free**
 - Provide medical monitoring and intensive counseling for those physically and mentally ready to attempt a drug free life
 - Effective in those who have a relatively new addiction



- Patient Safety
 - Choosing a Program Based on Physician Recommendation
 - ✦ Drug Free, Long-Term Detox, MAT (Methadone or Buprenorphine), Integrated Co-occurring Care
 - Low and Slow, Steady State
 - ✦ Patients who are placed on medication assisted treatment are started on a low dose and slowly increased until the lowest possible effective dose is found at which they can maintain a steady state of sobriety
- Infectious Disease Reduction
 - Education
 - Testing
- Improving Mental Health and Physical Well-Being
 - Assessments
 - Medical Referrals



Recovery Model (Holistic Care)

- Individualized Treatment
 - Assessment tools used to identify patient's specific needs
 - Coordination with Medical Team and Community Providers
- Case Management
 - Meeting their basic needs to help them confront their addiction
 - Mental Health Referrals
- Family Integration
 - Strong families create strong people and better outcomes
- Relapse Prevention
 - Discharge Planning for Clinical and Medical Intervention

Community Involvement



- Other Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
- Hospitals
- Healthcare Workers
- Local Charities/Shelters
- Law Enforcement
- Local/Tribal Government
- Anyone who will collaborate!

Outcome Statistics



Pew Report, 2021

- \$92 Billion- Annual productivity lost due to opioid addiction in the United States.
- \$14.8 Billion – Criminal justice cost related to opioid addiction
- Community Benefits of a Highly Accredited Program:
 - ✦ Reduced opioid induced overdose deaths among patients
 - ✦ Reduced criminality in the community
 - ✦ Reduction in infectious disease
 - ✦ Reduction in Emergency Room, public health costs

2024 ORTC Patient Outcome Stats*



- **Employment**

- Not employed, not looking for work
 - ✦ Prior to Entering Treatment – 18%
 - ✦ Since Entering Treatment – 11%

- **Criminality**

- Criminal Charges Prior to Entering Treatment – 67%
- New Criminal Charges Since Entering Treatment – 5%

- **Housing**

- Unhoused Prior to Entering Treatment – 22%
- Unhoused Since Entering Treatment – 13%

- *87% Report their quality of life has improved since entering treatment*

- *94% Would recommend ORTC to a friend or family member*

Questions?



Thank you for having us, we look forward to working
with you to serve the community!



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NCPHD Contracts Summary for Board of Health Meeting of May 13, 2025

Submitted By: Martha McInnes, Director

1. **OHA 180026-17:** Seventeenth amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2023-2025 intergovernmental agreement for the financing of public health services
 - a. *Fiscal Impact: ongoing*
2. **MOU2025 One Community Health – Wellness Vending Machine:** Agreement between entities on shared responsibilities regarding a Wellness Vending Machine, purchased by NCPHD and housed by One Community Health.
 - a. *Fiscal Impact: None*
3. **C2025 Quest Pricing Agreement BV & CT-GC:** Negotiated rates for specific lab tests
 - a. *Fiscal Impact: positive fiscal impact, lowering NCPHD costs for self-pay clients.*
4. **C2025 Rede Group Modernization Plans & Education:** Contracting Rede Group to facilitate and write two required plans for Public Health Modernization, including the overarching full implementation plan for Modernization; and providing staff and Board education on Public Health Modernization.
 - a. *Fiscal Impact: \$50,000.00*

NCPHD BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT - MAY 2025

As you will read, through the month of April NCPHD staff has continued in myriad ways, amid a time of funding limbo and uncertainty, to show up and work hard each day for our community.

As if on cue, Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) released the [2025 Oregon Local Public Health Workforce](#) report – to which NCPHD contributed. This report reflects the collective insights of Oregon's 33 LPHAs and highlights the urgent staffing and funding challenges facing our local public health system, and I strongly encourage Board members to read it. As you know, chronic underfunding and workforce shortages continue to make it difficult to meet the needs of Oregon's 4.2 million residents.

The findings reinforce the most pressing issues LPHAs face:

- Inadequate pay
- Burnout
- Limited capacity for recruitment, training, and retention

The report also underscores the need for sustained, full funding of public health modernization. When the Legislature committed to modernizing Oregon's public health system in 2016, the estimated cost was \$210 million per biennium. To date, only half of that has been funded, and the current estimated cost to fully modernize has more than doubled.

CLHO is urging state lawmakers to allocate **an additional \$65.2 million per biennium** this session to finally fulfill the promise of a fully modernized, equitable public health system for every community in Oregon.

We are fortunate in our county partnerships with Wasco and Sherman, as they continue to dedicate funds toward public health, and contribute strongly to our organization's stability.

FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Our Environmental Health team worked with 22 vendors at this year's Cherry Festival, helping them meet food safety standards. Large community events like this bring in high volumes of food service activity in a short period of time, making proactive support and timely inspections especially important. These efforts help prevent foodborne illness, support local vendors, and ensure a safe experience for the public.

We are excited to announce that a new Environmental Health Specialist Trainee has been hired and is expected to join our team on June 1. This addition will strengthen our capacity to provide essential services and support the environmental public health of our community.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is currently accepting public comment on proposed updates to the Onsite Wastewater Management Program rules. These changes aim to address sewer availability and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) issues raised by 2023 legislation, while also modernizing and improving rule language. Over 30% of Oregonians dispose of wastewater from their homes and businesses through septic systems. The last substantial update to the onsite program rules occurred in 2014. Updated rules are important to LPHAs, as they provide greater clarity, consistency, and improved tools to support homeowners, businesses, and the protection of public health and the environment.

PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

WIC - Maricela Elias-WIC Coordinator

The Oregon Health Authority staff presented on the Bonneville Dam fish advisories on April 9th. The staff present found the presentation very informative and expressed that they learned a great deal. As a result, staff feel better prepared to share accurate information and engage in meaningful conversations with participants.

WIC and the Mid-Columbia Children's Council are also exploring opportunities for collaboration on future projects. We are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support each other's programs by organizing and combining resources, reaching new audiences, and strengthening referrals.

Additionally, the Resources Available for Migrant Access to Services (RAMAS) meetings have begun. The purpose of these meetings is to bring partners together to coordinate services and support for migrant families in the Columbia Gorge. This initiative includes collaborations with the Migrant Education Program, One Community Health, The Next Door, the Columbia Gorge Food Bank, and WIC & the immunizations programs from the North Central Public Health District. Two more meetings are scheduled for May.

In April, 297 participants were scheduled for appointments. Out of those, 204 completed their appointments, and there were an additional 11 walk-ins, making a total of 215 completed appointments and a show rate of 72.39% for April 2025.

Home Visiting – Lori Treichel, Home Visiting Lead

The Home Visiting team completed 83 home visits in April, exceeding their goals and providing stellar care for all their clients.

Lori and Maria attended the statewide CaCoon meeting, to network with partners and get continuing education on the issues facing families and children with special health care needs.

Tobacco Prevention & Education Program (TPEP) Coordinator – Neita Cecil

Neita presented the facts about vaping to five classes of students at The Dalles Middle School on April 23. This included a 35-minute presentation and knowledge check (with questionnaires completed before and after the presentation). It was interesting that most students already knew that they are targeted by tobacco companies and that vapes contain nicotine. Today's students are more sophisticated about this than the students NCPHD presented to a number of years ago. Those students were largely unaware that vapes contain nicotine.

Neita also completed and submitted her workplan for the 2025-27 biennium, and is currently working on some updates that are due May 15.

ACCESS TO CLINICAL AND PREVENTATIVE SERVICES – Martha McInnes, Director

April was a busy and affirming month for NCPHD. We successfully completed both our Triennial Review for Reproductive Health and the Biannual VFC Review—and we're proud to report that both were glowing! Reviewers commended the high-quality reproductive healthcare we provide to our community and recognized our strong vaccine stewardship.

Clinical Expansion & Training

Julia attended a hands-on clinical training at a Reproductive Health Training Center, focusing on Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) and vasectomy procedures. This marks an important first step in exploring the possibility of expanding our services to include vasectomies—a much-needed resource given the current regional gap in access.

Continued Services at NORCOR

We're still regularly visiting NORCOR to provide STI screenings and birth control. Although we

did not reapply for the next round of BHRN funding, we are optimistic about securing alternative grant support to sustain—and even grow—this work. Having consistent clinical staff has significantly strengthened our impact in this area.

New Community Partnerships

We've launched exciting collaborations with Gorge Access and the Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance (via The Next Door, Inc.):

- With *Gorge Access*, we're supporting Spanish-language workshops on abortion access and emergency contraception, and co-developing emergency contraception kits. 60 kits will be distributed through their network and many more stocked in NCPHD's Wellness Vending Machine.
- With *Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance*, we're proud to participate in their "30 Days of Gay" celebration by hosting an open house at NCPHD. This event will gather community feedback on how we can create more inclusive, welcoming spaces for LGBTQ2SIA+ individuals. We plan to meet quarterly to build on this work based on community needs.

Clinic Environment & Equipment Updates

We're actively working to make our lobby more welcoming and inclusive to better reflect the diverse community we serve.

Thanks to RH Modernization funding, we're also adding an ultrasound machine to enhance patient care. This will allow us to accurately date pregnancies, support timely prenatal care, and troubleshoot IUD/IUS placements. Additionally, we'll be able to bill for ultrasounds, helping to sustain the equipment's maintenance long-term.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL – Marta Fisher, Regional Epidemiologist

The communicable disease team has a lot of preparatory work going on right now.

Given the way the Texas measles outbreak is evolving, we want to be prepared in case we get a few cases here. To that end, we are reviewing our existing plans, resources shared by OHA, and communications that other jurisdictions have recently shared to make sure that we are as prepared as possible.

Additionally, we ordered an XRF analyzer that will allow Zach Hale to measure lead levels in walls, toys, cosmetics, and anything else that might have exposed a child to lead. Now that the tools are on the way, we need to build out our plans to become a regional lead resource.

Finally, we have been developing good partnerships with the health staff that work in the local schools. As the end of the school year approaches, we are setting up plans for next year's meetings with them. We want to commit to next year's meetings before the schools close for the summer.

FOUNDATIONAL CAPABILITIES (supporting all the foundational programs)

Leadership and Organizational Competencies

- The FY26 Budget process is progressing, with a budget committee meeting scheduled for May 22.
- We will receive the final FY22 audit report from Pauly, Rogers, & Co. and work on a written response and plan for any audit findings, and we will begin our FY23 audit.

Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness

Of our 25 staff members, 8 are bilingual/bicultural in Spanish, and an additional 4 are bilingual in Spanish (including our Health Officer). This reflects the population of our area, demonstrating a strong commitment to meaningful language access for all our services. We additionally utilize a certified Language Line for other languages we encounter including Russian, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

Community Partnership Development

NCPHD engages in many local, regional, and state-level partnerships, examples including:

- Regional CHA/CHIP in collaboration with multiple agencies, led by Columbia Gorge Health Council
- Director is a voting member on the Columbia Gorge CCO Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP)
- Regular meetings with MCCFL, The Next Door, Hood River Health Department, NORCOR, and others.

Assessment and Epidemiology

NCPHD and Hood River Health Department Collaborate in a quarterly communicable disease/epidemiology meeting. We partner in communications, reporting, and preparedness for a coordinated regional effort.

Marta and Zach, on our CD team are currently training on several data and coding systems to provide the capability of creating our own data dashboards to share meaningful information to the community about our area, providing actionable data to help keep themselves and their families healthy. Marta is looking at data not just for communicable disease, but also expanding into climate impact and health, reproductive health, and immunization.

Columbia Gorge Regional Community Health Assessment (CHA) was completed in the past several months, and Martha is participating in a workgroup for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Policy and Planning

- Martha continues to engage regionally and statewide as a member of the Conference & Coalition of Local Health Officials. During legislative sessions she works to respond to requests by the CLHO Executive Director in submitting letters of support and testimony for various bills.

Communications – Mikey Goyette

The communications team (Gloria, Mikey and Tanya) are busy planning and participating at events including:

- Earth Day celebration in partnership with Wasco & Sherman Co. Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Cherry Festival Parade in The Dalles
- Touch the Truck event in Moro
- South County Strong event in Maupin

Mikey also attended a communications, storytelling, and social media training, and worked to promote National Public Health Week, STI Awareness Month, and Infant and World Immunization Week.

Emergency Preparedness and Response – Tanya Wray, Community Outreach Supervisor/Interim PHEP Coordinator

Gloria attended the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) conference in Sunriver where she learned about the new MRC database. Tanya continues to fill in as the PHEP Coordinator until that position can be filled.