

Nurses for Single Payer Newsletter February 2018



We are a small, Portland-based organization of energized nurses who believe that health care is a human right. As an active coalition member of [Health Care for All Oregon \(HCAO\)](#), we focus on informing nurses about the active and growing campaign to bring universal health care to our state. We have a dynamic board and group of volunteers, and invite you to join us and get involved.

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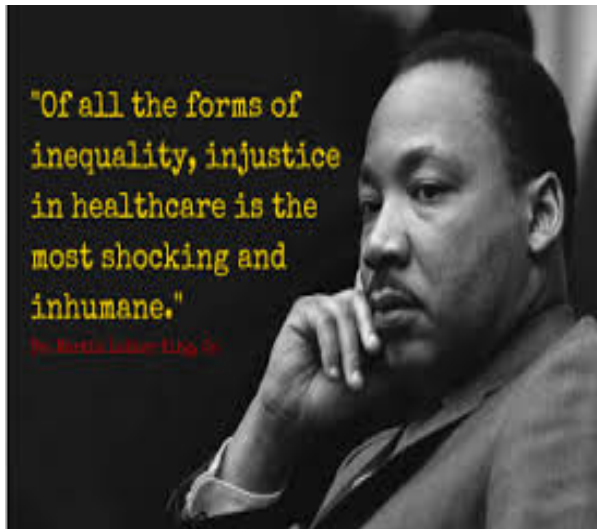
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HEALTH CARE JUSTICE IS MOVING AHEAD IN OREGON



The movement for health care justice is moving forward in Oregon!

We are delighted that Measure 101 passed by a comfortable margin, guaranteeing access to healthcare for hundreds of thousands of Oregonians. Many nurses worked on the campaign, and helped bring it to victory.

On February 1, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in support of universal health care, and thanked the Oregon state legislature for their work toward that goal.

On February 7, Oregon legislators took a step towards amending Oregon's Constitution to recognize health care as a human right. The House Health Care Committee voted to support House Joint Resolution 203, Rep. Greenlick's HOPE Amendment, and refer it to the full House for a vote. If passed, it will be referred to the voters in November.

Nurses played a strong and visible role at the hearing on HJR 203. Both Martin Taylor, executive director of ONA, and Savannah Jensen, ONA RN, testified in support. Check out a nice article about the HOPE Amendment and ONA's support [here](#), and read the short text of the Amendment itself [here](#). Rep. Rob Nosse, who is both a state legislator and an ONA staffer, praised ONA as well as HCAO for their work on this issue.

BIG PHARMA: MARKET FAILURE - Sunday, Feb. 18 at 7 pm FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION WITH OREGON STATE REP. ROB NOSSE



Nurses for Single Payer is one of the co-sponsors of this important film, which explores the problem of extreme drug prices in the US and how drug cost impacts on the public, on businesses and the overall US economy.

Following the film, there will be a discussion with Rep. Rob Nosse, who is an Oregon State legislator for inner southeast Portland, ONA staff, and champion of pharmaceutical cost legislation in the state legislature.

Doors open at 6:30, film at 7 pm. Tickets sliding scale \$5-\$25 online or at the door. Clinton St. Theater is at 2522 SE Clinton St., Portland. For more information and online tickets, click [here](#).

Save the Date! Sat., April 21 Inner City Blues Festival "Healing the Healthcare Blues"



Come out to the best party in town - and all for the cause of universal healthcare! Nurses for Single Payer is one of the sponsors of the 7th Annual Inner City Blues Festival, a major fundraiser for Health Care for All Oregon.

Enjoy six hours of non-stop, fantastic live music, a silent auction, and a "community village" of local advocates. There will be a cash bar, and a great new event caterer offering BBQ dinners for sale.

Tickets are available at several local outlets, or online at [Ticket Tomato](#), which also lists the schedule of musical acts. Just \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. North Portland Eagles Lodge, at 7611 N. Exeter, corner Lombard. Check out the [Facebook page](#) too!

WELCOME TO NURSES FOR SINGLE PAYER!

I invite you to join with us! How can you get involved?

Host a **NURSES NIGHT OUT**: a casual evening presentation, where one of our team will talk with you and your group of nurse friends about the momentum of this movement, and answer your questions about what a single payer system would look like for you and your patients. Be it in a living room, patio, or even at your local watering hole - **let's start talking!** This is a great, informal way to start the conversation about how nurses help make healthcare for all a REALITY. Have a connection at a school of nursing, or other nurses groups? **Put us in touch!** We love to talk with nurses about alternatives to our current broken health care system.

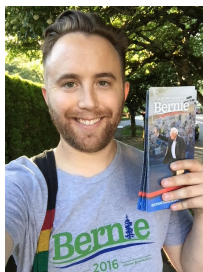


Check out our [Nurses for Single Payer website](#), our [Facebook](#) page, follow us on Twitter ([@nursesforsingl1](#)). Sign up with [Health Care for All Oregon](#), our statewide coalition ([www.hcao.org](#)). Wear a yellow Nurses for Single Payer button - let us know if you need some!

Attend one of our meetings on the 4th Monday of each month, 7 pm. We'd love to meet you! Contact us for address, since our meetings move!

Regards and onward! from Carole Most MN, WHCNP (retired), NFSP Board President
(*Contact us through [www.nursesforsinglepayer.org](#)*)

Meet Andrew Middag, NFSP Board Member and Activist



Andrew, 27, grew up in Southern California and decided to attend Walla Walla University (WWU) in College Place, WA. It was there that he started the BSN program and would then transfer to the WWU nursing campus located in Portland, OR for the remainder two years of the program. After graduation, he was fortunate enough to get hired at the Portland VA on a medical surgical floor that focuses on transplant patients where he cares for patients with a vast array of health problems. Andrew also has a deep passion for single payer healthcare, and volunteered over 300 hours for Bernie Sanders in the 2016 primary. After the 2016 election, he discovered the group NFSP and knew instantly it would be a right fit for him where he could direct his passion for social justice geared specifically for nurses.



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