

Nurses for Single Payer Newsletter April 2018



We are a small, Portland-based organization of energized nurses who believe the health care is a human right. As an active coalition member of [Health Care for All Oregon \(hcao.org\)](http://hcao.org), 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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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 question 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](http://www.nursesforsinglepayer.org), 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!

Caroie Most MN, WHCNP (retired), NFSP Board President
(Contact us through www.nursesforsinglepayer.org)

Saturday, April 21 - 7th Annual Inner City Blues Festival "Healing the Healthcare Blues" - North Portland Eagles Lodge



Do you have your tickets yet for the best party in town, all to benefit Health Care for All Oregon? Nurses for Single Payer is a major sponsor of the event this year.

Check out [Ticket Tomato](#) for online tickets, and a schedule of the musical acts. Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner and drinks available for purchase, and there is a raffle and silent auction.

And join us as doctors and nurses march onto the stage with Norman Sylvester to sing "Healing the Healthcare Blues".

Rachel Prusak, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, will Keynote ONA Convention April 2018, speaking on "Nurse Advocacy"



Rachel Prusak, Vice President of Nurses for Single Payer, will present the Keynote Address at the April 2018 ONA Convention and House of Delegates, speaking on "Nurse Advocacy: Rachel Prusak Shares Her Story". Don't miss it!

Rachel is a nurse practitioner with Housecall Providers, an active member of Oregon Nurses Association, and an outspoken advocate for universal health care. She fought hard for the passage of Measure 101, and has been active in legislative battles to increase access to health care for all, both on the state and federal level. She is currently a candidate for Oregon State Representative, House District 37.

NurseBand! Concert with Sky in the Road, at Artichoke Music, Sat., April 21



From the Southeast Examiner:
"NurseBand is three retired Doernbecher NICU nurses who started singing as a fun, creative outlet while working at OHSU. After 10 years they are still at it performing their energetic message music often. Their CD, No False Promise, is a tribute to healthcare for all. Take the cure for whatever ails you on Soundcloud at tinyurl.com/yddlsq2g.

The proceeds of the show benefit Healthcare for All Oregon (HCAO). [Click here for concert details](#)

Notes on the Oregon movement for universal healthcare - Spring 2018

- **Measure 101** - Many nurses worked on the campaign for Measure 101, YES for HEALTHCARE, to prevent repeal of necessary healthcare funding. We were delighted when the YES vote prevailed, by a significant margin!
- **Rep. Mitch Greenlick's HJR 203**, a measure to declare access to affordable health care a constitutional right in Oregon, did not pass the Legislature in the recent 2018 short legislative term.
- Michael Lighty, Director of Public Policy at **California Nurses Association/ National Nurses United**, will be the keynote speaker at the Sat., May 19 HCAO Member Meeting in Eugene. CNA/NNU is a major supporter of the movement for single payer in California. Join us in Eugene (sign up at hcao.org).
- **The HCAO Metro Council** is the Portland area HCAO chapter, meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave, 6:30-8:00 pm. Contact Nancy Sullivan, at nancyhs@gmail.com for questions.
- The Oregon House of Representatives established an important **"House Health Universal Access to Care work group"** in 2017, headed by Rep. Salinas. For more information [click here](#). Sessions are open to the public, and are an important followup to the Rand study of health care financing.
- HCAO's **National Strategy Committee** and others delivered signatures of 40,000 Oregonians to Sen. Wyden's office recently, in support of Medicare-for-All, and asking Sen. Wyden to sign onto S. 1804, Sen. Sanders' single payer bill.
- **Whole Washington** is a coalition working to gather signatures to put an initiative measure for universal, single payer care on the ballot in 2018. They will need to collect tens of thousands of signatures by July!



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