Nurses for Single Payer
July 2019

Oregon's SB 770 Passes!

In a big victory for the single payer movement, SB 770 passed! The bill, championed by Sen. James Manning of Eugene and strongly supported by Health Care for All Oregon, creates a Task Force to develop a fully-fleshed out single payer health care plan for all Oregonians. Members of the Task Force will be appointed and begin work in 2020, and report back to the legislature in 2021.

Organize in Rep. Schrader's District

Rep. Kurt Schrader represents the 5th Congressional District. He is the only Oregon Democratic member of the House of Representatives who has not yet co-sponsored the Medicare for All Act of 2019. Attend one of these upcoming exciting events to help change that!

- **July 28 People's Assembly in West Linn**
- **Aug. 4 Medicare for All People's Assembly in Salem**
- **Aug. 10 Medicare for All Canvass in Wilsonville**

Organize in Portland: Sunday Parkways

Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) will have a booth at these events, and invite you to join them for these single payer outreach opportunities. Contact Karen at 971-570-0169 or emasaal@gmail.com to volunteer.

- 8/25 Sunday Parkways Downtown & Inner SE PDX
- 9/22 Sunday Parkways in NE Portland

National Single Payer Strategy Conference
Oct 18-20, 2019, Portland

Details **HERE**. This annual conference, held in different cities every year, will bring hundreds of single payer activists and experts to Portland from around the country. Whether you are a seasoned activist, or new to the movement, attend to be educated and inspired!

National Medicare for All Update

Medicare for All continues to gain support nationally, even as the future of the ACA remains in the courts. There are Medicare for All bills in both the Senate (S. 1129) and the House (HR 1384). The House held several hearings on Medicare for All this spring - a historic first! Rep. Jayapal of Seattle is the chief sponsor. Of Oregon's Democratic delegation, only **Sen. Wyden** and **Rep. Schrader** have NOT co-sponsored Medicare for All. Let them know what you think about that.

Here is a **good article** comparing single payer to the public option, and why a public option may not be a good incremental step to single payer.

Oregon Nurses - leading the way

NFSP board members are busy. Here's just a taste of what we've been up to in the Portland metro area!

- **Robin Tarter** is organizing a NFSP group to develop materials and a plan for outreach to nursing schools.
- **Tom Sincic** was re-elected President of Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) at its June meeting in Eugene.
- **Rachel Prusak now** serves in the Oregon state legislature, representing HD 37, and is a strong single payer advocate!
- **Nancy Sullivan** will present to the Oregon Public Health Association in the fall, with Physicians for a National Health Program.
- **Betsy Zucker** chairs the Portland Jobs with Justice Health Care Committee, which recently hosted a single payer Text Bank.
- **Carole Most** and **David Young** have tabled with HCAO.
- **David Young**, continues his HCAO outreach to churches and unions, recently addressing Laborers Local 483, and ILWU Local 5.

The 2019 HCAO Board has strong statewide nursing leadership:

- NFSP Treasurer **Tom Sincic** was re-elected HCAO President.
- Four other nurses are on the HCAO Board, including **Lauri Hoagland** (FNP, southern Oregon), **Lynda Chick** (RN, Tillamook area), **Mary Lou Hennrich** (retired RN and public health administrator, Portland), **Kathy (Kate) Pfister-Minogue,** NP, PhD (LaGrande).

Nurses for Single Payer is 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), 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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