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NORTHWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION NAMES ANDREA MILLER, MARJORIE MCGEE TO BOARD

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Northwest Health Foundation has named Andrea Miller and Marjorie McGee, Ph.D. to its governing board of directors, following a selection process overseen by its nominating committee.

Miller is the Executive Director of Causa, Oregon's statewide Latino immigrant rights organization. McGee currently works as a Research Associate in the Center for Student Success at PSU, where she designs and conducts data analysis, research and evaluation on a variety of projects; she also authored a proposal for a graduate certificate in Critical Disability Studies at PSU.

"We believe that communities are the best advocates for their own health," said Foundation president Nichole Maher. "Andrea and Marjorie embody this approach through their expansive work in Oregon's diverse communities. I know they join our board in supporting the Foundation's vision of giving every person the opportunity to lead a healthy life."

"As Executive Director of Causa, I interact daily with mothers and fathers who have to work much harder than most to satisfy basic needs like housing, education, transportation, healthcare and living wage jobs for their children," said Miller. "So I'm excited to join the board of a foundation committed to promoting equity."

"This is a great time to be a part of Northwest Health Foundation," said McGee. "The Foundation made the key decision to build relationships with organizations and communities representing people with disabilities, and I can't wait to be a part of that journey."

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ABOUT ANDREA MILLER

Photo available at www.northwesthealth.org/andrea-miller

Andrea Miller became the Executive Director of Causa, Oregon's statewide Latino immigrant rights organization in September 2013. Prior to her current role, she was Causa's Associate Director and has been with the organization since 2009.

Andrea grew up in Salem, Oregon where she graduated from Sprague High School. She earned her B.A. in Politics from Whitman College where her research on civic engagement of immigrant communities in eastern Washington was published through the college's State of the State for Washington Latinos community based research project.

Andrea also serves as a board member of the National Partnership for New Americans, and was a past grant maker and board member of MRG Foundation.

She is multiracial, Filipino-Japanese-White. Andrea's great grandparents immigrated to the Hawaiian Islands to work in the sugar cane fields.

ABOUT MARJORIE MCGEE

Photo available at www.northwesthealth.org/marjorie-mcgee

Marjorie McGee, Ph.D., is a disability studies scholar who received her doctorate in Social Work and Social Research at PSU. She has published articles related to health inequities experienced by people with disabilities. Several recent publications are based upon her dissertation, "*Lost in the margins? Intersections among disability and other non-dominant statuses with regard to peer victimization and psychosocial distress among Oregon teens.*"

Marjorie started her career as a Rehabilitation Counselor working for the State of Oregon. She then spent seven years working for the *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Program* at the Oregon Disability Commission. She co-founded and directed the *Women with Disability Health Equity Coalition* in Portland from 2006 to 2009. She currently works as a Research Associate in the Center for Student Success in the Graduate School of Education at PSU, where she conducts research intended to address the problem of educational inequities. As someone who holds several non-

dominant statuses, including disability (she identifies as deaf/hard of hearing), the work of addressing social, educational and health inequities is deeply personal to Marjorie. She lives in Portland, Oregon, with her partner, Noelle Wiggins, and is the proud parent of a millennial daughter, Rose.

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