

## HCAO September Newsletter Growth and Change

### **Introduction:**

As this newsletter “goes to press,” the board of Health Care for All-Oregon has been meeting in Silverton to discuss recent staff changes and plan the best path forward to health care justice in Oregon and in the nation. Stay tuned.

### **President's report:**

#### **Change as a springboard for growth**

Stepping into this leadership position with HCAO, I'm particularly mindful of the fall study the church I attend in Corvallis has recently begun. It's a focus that, I think, we'd do well to recall within our own organization/movement. It's a concern for growth, but not necessarily numerical growth.

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### **Time to Mobilize the Masses!**

#### **Join the new HCAO Mobilization Committee**

Following the Sept. 23-25 HCAO Strategic Board retreat we are seeking members for a new HCAO Mobilization Committee to help carry out our Operations Plan.

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### **HCAO re-organization**

In order to strengthen our education, outreach and engagement of Oregon voters in support of universal publicly funded health care, the HCAO board has reorganized our current elected leadership team.

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### **Save the date!**

Join us in building on our momentum toward equitable access to health care for all. Delegates from Health Care for All-Oregon member organizations and local action groups, individual members and other supporters will gather on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis to celebrate victories, plan strategies and strengthen our movement to create universal health care in Oregon.

**We need your voice at our statewide meeting. Register [HERE](#)**

### **Workshops and training offered for effective advocacy**

HCAO needs to greatly expand our advocacy statewide in order for us to win a ballot measure in 2020. We need to recruit new volunteers, as well as expand the capacities and build the confidence of our grassroots HCAO volunteers to advocate for health care for all.

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### **Let's make it happen!**

--by Ben Gerritz, HCAO Vice-President

Senator Merkley press conference, September 16, 2016

Health Care for All-Oregon's Vice President, Benjamin Gerritz, delivered a speech at US Senator Merkley's press release event announcing our Senator's public health care option on the morning of Friday, September 16 at the North by Northeast Health Center in Portland.

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### **Talk to your legislator**

If you have agreed to be on a Legislative Contact Team for HCAO, now is the time to talk to your local State Senator and/or Representative, if you haven't already. Any legislator standing for election or re-election this fall is probably a bit more responsive to constituents' concerns, and we are constituents with a message.

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### **News from around the state:**

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### **HCAO ballot measure endorsements**

Health Care for All-Oregon has endorsed the following measures which will be voted on in the November General Election:

Statewide - Yes on [Measure 97](#) - Oregon Business Tax Increase

Multnomah County - Yes on [Measure 26-184](#) - Adopt Campaign Contribution Limits

City of Ashland - Yes on [15-154](#) - Encourage Oregon legislature to design an improved comprehensive health care system for Oregon

### ***[Now is the Time](#)***

Laurie Simons and Terry Sterrenberg, producers of *The Health Care Movie*, have completed a new health care movie: *Now Is The Time: Health Care for Everybody*. They are now setting up screenings, and advocates are stepping up all over the country. If you would like to plan a screening in your community, [let them know!](#) We want everyone to know that NOW IS THE TIME for universal single payer health care!

### **Join the ColoradoCare Power Team**

Are you ready to make history? Colorado is fighting to become the first state in the nation with a universal health care system. Amendment 69, known as ColoradoCare, is a measure on the state ballot this November that would create a "Medicare-for-All" system that covers every single resident.

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*As Coloradans prepare to vote in November on ColoradoCare, the nation's first truly universal health care system, the HCAO Board is preparing an action plan to pass a ballot measure in 2020 creating single payer in Oregon. Learn what we are doing now to make this happen!*