



Last week, this country lost two civil rights leaders who encouraged and practiced nonviolent action even while enduring violence and multiple arrests for speaking up for equal justice for all human beings.

"In no way would we allow nonviolence to be destroyed by violence," said Rev. C.T. Vivian in 2011, who [died July 17 at the age of 95](#).

"I'm not tired. I'm not weary. I'm not prepared to sit down and give up. I am ready to fight and continue to fight," said U.S. Rep. John Lewis in 2013. Lewis, who was a strong supporter of the health center program, [died on July 17 at the age of 80](#). "As for all of us in the Health Center Movement, we will honor his legacy by doing just that," reads [NACHC's July 20 statement on Lewis' death](#).

In honor of Vivian and Lewis' legacies, we want to highlight some recent leadership in the fight for racial justice:

- [Sen. Ron Wyden visited White Bird Clinic to announce his intent to introduce legislation that would take White Bird's CAHOOTS model nationwide](#).
- Wyden also wrote an opinion piece on Monday urging for the removal of federal agents in Portland: [Trump sent federal agents to Portland to help with his political agenda — not the protests](#)

Thank you. The work continues.

Rogue Community Health Message: Advocacy for Black Lives Matter Movement

If ever there was a time for community health centers to renew our commitment to “the good work” and get our advocacy act together, it is now.

"The early neighborhood health center model targeted the roots of poverty by combining the resources of local communities with federal funds to establish neighborhood clinics in both rural and urban areas around America. It was a formula that not only empowered communities to establish and direct health services at the local level

via consumer-majority governing boards, but also generated compelling proof that affordable and accessible health care produced compounding benefits," says NACHC's website.



With the passing of C.T. Vivian and John Lewis, we have lost champions dedicated to civil rights and the work of changing the lives of people who have been marginalized and living in poverty. When we look to our history and those who came before us starting with Drs. Jack Geiger and John Hatch, we too are called to the work of changing the trajectory of lives for the better. The current social unrest reminds us we, as community health centers, are also called to step up to the challenge of social justice.

[Read Rogue Community Health Center's full call to action here](#)

If you would like to share a message with OPCA members, [contact OPCA's Communications Team](#).

NACHC and Oregon Health Centers Support 4th Stimulus Package

Last week, NACHC sent letters asking Oregon's Senators, [Ron Wyden](#) and [Jeff Merkley](#) to support health center specific COVID-19 funds in the upcoming 4th Stimulus package. At the same time, health center advocates here in Oregon were sending letters to Congress asking them to take action in support of Oregon's health centers.

We at OPCA want to extend a hearty **THANK YOU** to all of you who took action. **Collectively, Oregon sent over 270 letters to our members of Congress!** As Congress continues to deliberate about what the specifics in the package will look like, health centers remain on the front lines providing much needed services to our undeserved communities.

Emergency Board Distributes \$200 Million of Federal CARES Act Funds

In its third meeting during this interim, the Joint Emergency Board disbursed over \$200 million from the state's federal CARES Act funds, as well as an additional \$3.6 million from the Emergency Fund. All items were passed and funded in full. [Details here including Quarantine Leave Payments](#)

CCO Incentive Pool Updates: Report Only for 2020 and New Health Equity Metric

The Metrics and Scoring Committee met on July 17 to determine incentive metrics for 2020 and 2021. Decisions include:

- Approval of 2020 as a report only year for CCOs, and
- Adoption of a new health equity metric: Meaningful language access to culturally responsive health care services or the proportion of visits with spoken and sign language interpreter needs that were provided with OHA qualified or certified interpreter services.

OPCA submitted [public testimony on July 9](#) to reflect health center gratitude in making 2020 a report only year for incentive metrics. Fourteen measures (the 13 in rotation before) and this one will be part of the [2021 pool](#). In September, Metrics and Scoring will make decisions on reporting and bench marking for 2021. If you have thoughts or concerns for 2021, please share with [Carly](#) by Aug. 10.

Member Stories: OHSU Family Medicine's Role in Becoming Anti-Racist

OHSU's Family Medicine department has a long history of working to advance health equity and social justice in the communities it serves. When the killing of George Floyd rocked the nation, Family Medicine stepped up to publicly state our foundational beliefs and create space for our Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) colleagues to heal, and for our white colleagues to act and learn, so that we can become better providers and active agents in making health care anti-racist.



When calls for public demonstrations made the rounds on social media, OHSU Family Medicine Chair, Jen DeVoe, MD, invited all team members to participate, whether that meant assembling in downtown Portland or stepping away from patient care to kneel in solidarity at the clinics. Providers let their patients know they were joining a state-wide moment of silence in honor of the Black lives lost to police violence.

Read more about OHSU Family Medicine's anti-racism efforts in this [Member Stories blog](#).

This post is part of OPCA's blog that provides space for health center stories told in the words of members.

Have a story to tell? Email [OPCA's Communications Team](#).

OPCA To Host 3 Health Equity Listening Sessions in July and August

Over the next two months, OPCA will host 3 listening sessions to hear about your priorities and efforts as health equity champions in Oregon. These will be guided discussions to help OPCA prioritize work with members and with partners.

WHAT: Health Equity Listening Sessions

WHEN: July 29, noon-1pm: [Click link to join](#) or call 971-203-2815, Conference ID: 295 549 805#

Aug. 4, 4-5pm: [Click link to join](#) or call 971-203-2815, Conference ID: 501 197 970#

Aug. 11, 8-9am: [Click link to join](#) or call 971-203-2815, Conference ID: 587 999 502#

Sessions are scheduled at different times to maximize participation and cover the same content

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: These sessions are relevant for CHC staff at any level/area of focus. Please also pass along to relevant staff to make your health center voice heard!

COST: Free

Reach out to [Carly](#) for a calendar invite or with questions.

National Health Center Week: Share Your Events and Your CHC Origin Story

National Health Center Week is just around the corner, but it's not too late to plan events or invite lawmakers to your events. Taking place Aug. 9-15, the theme this year is Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future.

Share your National Health Center Week events: This year, OPCA is asking members to share event details directly to the [National Health Center Week website](#). Having your event listed helps show Oregon's participation in this national week of celebration and advocacy and lawmakers use this site to find events happening during National Health Center Week.

Share your CHC origin story: As health centers were born through efforts of the civil rights movement, we want to hear your CHC's origin story. OPCA has reached out to communications staff at your health centers asking for the history of why and how your CHC opened to meet your community needs. We plan to highlight these stories during National Health Center week in OPCA's blog and on social media. OPCA will also promote these stories in a news release about National Health Center Week in Oregon.

More [information on NHCW can be found here](#), including [virtual event ideas](#), [focus days](#), and [social media tools in English and Spanish](#).



Reach out to [OPCA's Policy Team](#) if you:

- Have events or volunteer opportunities you would like OPCA staff to attend in virtual or socially distant ways
- Would like assistance inviting a lawmaker to your event
- Want any other support or assistance planning for NHCW

OPCA Awards Available To Support Patient Experience Surveys at Health Centers

For over a year now, OPCA and several Oregon FQHCs have worked on a pilot with a patient experience survey vendor, [The Crossroads Group](#).

OPCA has been able to secure some funds to help support health centers that have interest in developing new contracts with Crossroads. OPCA has awards available in the amount of \$1,500 that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This award amount would fully cover the start-up expenses. Through this partnership, your health center can fulfill data reporting needs for OPCA programs, including APCM and QI Collective.

[Read more about this opportunity here](#). If interested, please contact [Akira Bernier](#).

One Community Health Opens Clinic with Technology to Limit Spread of COVID-19



One Community Health opened a new health clinic on July 15 in Hood River. Replacing their 29-year-old facility, the new 38,000-square-foot health center offers modern amenities and new technology to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

While construction started on the new building before the arrival of COVID-19, OCH, in partnership with Scott Edwards Architecture LLP and

Bremik Construction Inc., were able to make adjustments throughout construction to incorporate cutting edge technologies to help prevent the spread of the virus. [Read the full news release here.](#)

Mosaic Medical Receives \$50,000 Grant from OHSU Knight Cancer Institute

Mosaic Medical was awarded \$50,000 from the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program to help patients keep up with health screenings at home during COVID-19.

Mosaic Medical plans to provide a concierge colon cancer screening service for patients. Part of the program includes screening reminders sent via text message, mailing test kits directly to patients and virtual lunch and learns. By investing in these new methods, Mosaic Medical hopes to educate patients and the community on the importance of keeping up with health screenings at home while in quarantine. [Read the full news release here.](#)

Media & Resources:

- [OHA announces](#) new statewide COVID-19 testing locations online interactive map
- [Dream Medical Group, LLC](#) - Providing businesses, medical facilities and state governments with a reliable source for PPE - Contact [Chad Ravert](#)
- **What we're reading:** Seema Verma's July 15 blog in Health Affairs: [Early Impact Of CMS Expansion Of Medicare Telehealth During COVID-19](#)
- Social Determinants of Death: Addressing Institutional Racism in American Healthcare. **July 28, 2-3pm PT.** Oregon Health Forum free virtual discussion featuring Alan Weil, Editor-in-Chief of *Health Affairs*, and Rachael Banks, Director, Multnomah County Public Health. [Learn more or register here.](#)
- OPCA SDH & Depression Screening Virtual Workshop: Re-imagining Care Teams & Workflows. **Aug. 17 from 9am-2pm PT and Aug. 18 from 11am-4pm PT.** Due to data sharing, this event is restricted to Oregon FQHC members only. OPCA strongly recommends CHC teams of at least three. [Learn more or register here.](#)
- Advocacy 101 Webinar: Leveraging Social Media: Hosted by Health Center Advocacy Network. **Aug. 6, at 1 p.m. PT.** [Register here.](#)
- [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#) has the most up-to-date resources such as
 - [Oregon's COVID-19 Weekly Testing Summary](#)
- OPCA webinars, which provide the latest policy, funding, and other updates:
 - [Slides](#) and a [recording](#) from Tuesday's COVID-19 Member Briefing

Sign up for OPCA's COVID-19 Member Update

