



We Can Do Better 11th Annual Conference October 30, 2020

Restoring Justice for Health

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome**
Amy Fellows and Travis Stovall, We Can Do Better
- 9:15 – 9:45 am Morning Keynote: Restoring Justice for Health**
Jo Ann Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner
Introduction: Michael Sorensen, Cedar Hills Hospital
- 9:45 – 10:45 am Crisis Intervention Panel**
Senator Ron Wyden, opening comments
Tim Black, Operations Coordinator, White Bird Clinic, CAHOOTS
Tremaine Clayton, Firefighter-Paramedic, Portland Fire & Rescue
Kaia Sand, Executive Director, Street Roots
- 10:45 – 11:00 am Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Conversation: Racism’s Impact on Health and Anti-racist Policy**
State Representative Janelle Bynum
Leslie Gregory, Founder and Director, Right To Health
Introduction: Jeremiah Rigsby, CareOregon
- 12:00 – 12:30 pm Lunch break**
- 12:30 – 12:45 pm Health Equity Policy**
State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm Allies for a Healthier Oregon (AHO) Policy Panel**
Chris Bouneff, Executive Director, Oregon chapter, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Zeenia Junkeer, Director, Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Kate Suisman, Attorney, Northwest Workers’ Justice Project
Laurie Wimmer, Chair, Oregon Revenue Coalition
Suzanne Hansche, AHO, moderator
- 1:45 – 2:00 pm Break**
- 2:00 – 2:45 pm Closing Keynote: Funding to Advance Social Justice**
Se-ah-dom Edmo, Executive Director, McKenzie River Gathering
Introduction: Mike Franz, PacificSource
- 2:45 Closing remarks**
Amy Fellows, Executive Director, We Can Do Better

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Keynote Speakers

Jo Ann Hardesty

Portland City Commissioner [Jo Ann Hardesty](#) oversees Portland Fire & Rescue, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, Bureau of Emergency Communications, and the Fire & Police Disability and Retirement Fund. She is committed to building a livable and sustainable city with all Portlanders and for all Portlanders, through transparency, accountability, and opportunity.



Se-ah-dom Edmo

Se-ah-dom Edmo, Shoshone-Bannock, Nez Perce & Yakama, is the Executive Director of the [MRG Foundation](#). She brings deep experience in community organizing for racial and social justice work across the nation. Prior to joining MRG, she served as the Sovereignty Program Director at Western States Center where she was the coalition convener of *Tribal History: Shared History (Senate Bill 13, 2017)* in Oregon. This law established and funded teaching of Indian History and Sovereignty in K-12 Schools across the state. A hallmark of her career has been fostering relationships and collaborations between tribes and organizations that do social, racial, environmental, and economic justice work across the region.



Invited Speakers

Senator Ron Wyden

[Ron Wyden](#) is the US senator for Oregon since 1996. He led an expansion of unemployment benefits to help workers shoulder the economic burden of the COVID-19 health crisis. He updated the “Medicare Guarantee” with improved services for seniors with chronic illnesses, and advanced the Family First Act to improve care for vulnerable families and kids. He was the first to introduce federal legislation to vote by mail. Wyden serves on the Committees on Finance, Budget, Intelligence, and Energy and Natural Resources. He is ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee and the ranking Democrat on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.



Tim Black

Tim Black is the Operations Coordinator for [White Bird Clinic's CAHOOTS mobile crisis program](#) and has been a crisis intervention worker with the program since 2010. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Eugene's Community Supported Shelters. Prior to CAHOOTS, Tim has worked in street outreach, case management, and crisis services for runaway and homeless youth in Lane County, as well as wilderness therapy and outdoor education.



Tremaine Clayton

Tremaine Clayton is a Fire Fighter-Paramedic for [Portland Fire & Rescue](#). Now in his 19th year, Tremaine is assigned to the Community Healthcare Assessment Team (CHAT) where he is the coordinator for Portland Street Response, a pilot program that looks to send a two-person team of a medic and crisis worker to those experiencing a mental health crisis, in lieu of a police response. The pilot will follow the White Bird CAHOOTS model in Eugene, OR. Tremaine served 11 years in the Army Reserves and Oregon Army National Guard, deploying to Afghanistan in 2004 where he first received training in suicide prevention/intervention and peer support that has guided his passion and work in mental health.



Kaia Sand

Kaia Sand is Executive Director of [Street Roots](#). She has worked as a poet, artist, community organizer, and university professor. Beginning two decades, much of her work has focused on economic injustice and homelessness, from a magic show she created about the financial collapse to the Right 2 Survive Ambassador Program she co-founded for housed people to learn from people experiencing homelessness. She taught at Portland State University, Pacific University, Willamette University and St. Mary's College of Maryland; co-founded Vignettes & Verses, a writing and personal history institute; and performed and taught internationally, including in England, Ireland and Brazil.



Rep Janelle Bynum

[Janelle Bynum](#) represents the communities of East Portland, Gresham, Damascus, Boring, North Clackamas, and Happy Valley in the Oregon Legislature. She serves as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Vice-Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, and the Joint Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee. In addition to her duties as a citizen legislator, she and her husband own four restaurants in the Portland area. In the Legislature, Janelle has championed legislation to improve high school graduation rates, ensure equal pay for women, promote small business growth, address maternal mortality, and address Oregon's housing crisis.



Leslie Gregory

Leslie Gregory is the Founder and Director of [Right to Health](#). A certified Physician Assistant (PA-C), navy veteran, and mother of two, Leslie is a longtime Portlander and social justice activist focused on healing those affected by everyday racism. She believes in the importance of taking a dynamic approach to teaching racial justice through health practices. Leslie is an experienced antiracist facilitator and conflict facilitation mediator. She writes and conducts research on the health impacts of racism for ALL Americans with a clinical and public health lens, accessing the humanistic and preventive approach. She encourages people to use empathy, introspection and intention around interpersonal and sociopolitical engagement.

**Rep Alissa Keny-Guyer**

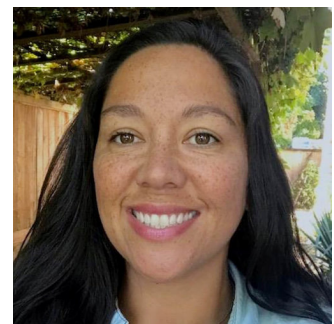
[Alissa Keny-Guyer](#) has represented District 46, SE/NE Portland, since 2011. She chaired the Human Services and Housing Committee from 2015-2020, and has served on the Health Care, Revenue, Early Childhood & Family Support, and Consumer Protection Committees. She is passionate about tackling poverty, homelessness, child abuse, disparities, racism, and other social determinants of health.

**Chris Bouneff**

Chris Bouneff is executive director of the [Oregon chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#) and oversees NAMI's statewide public policy and advocacy efforts, among his other duties. He has served as executive director for 12 years and has been active with NAMI for 15 years, getting his start working on NAMI Oregon's successful campaign to win mental health and addiction insurance parity in the Oregon Legislature. Chris has spent a career in communications, marketing and advocacy with various agencies, including De Paul Treatment Centers in Portland and Trillium Family Services, one of Oregon's largest children's mental health care providers.

**Zeenia Junkeer**

Dr. Zeenia Junkeer is the Director of the [Oregon Health Equity Alliance \(OHEA\)](#) and a licensed Naturopathic Physician. Zeenia's work focuses on systems change and advocacy efforts that are led by communities most impacted by health inequities, grounded in racial justice and actively anti-racist practices.



Kate Suisman

Kate is an attorney at the [NW Workers' Justice Project](#) in Portland, Oregon, where she represents low-wage workers in employment disputes including wage theft, discrimination and retaliation. She also coordinates the Safe Jobs Oregon coalition, which focuses on worker safety. Kate has also served as a law clerk in a trial court in Manhattan and Chief of Staff for a New York City Council member.

**Laurie Wimmer**

Laurie Wimmer is a 24-year Government Relations Consultant for the Oregon Education Association. In 2019, she co-authored and worked to enact the Student Success Act. Laurie co-founded and chairs the Oregon Revenue Coalition. In her work, she specializes in school finance and taxation, school choice, student health and safety, civil rights, governance, and community college policy.

**Suzanne Hansche**

Suzanne (MSW, ACSW) collaborated with the We Can Do Better Board and staff along with a foundational AHO Executive Committee to establish the [Allies for a Healthier Oregon](#) (AHO) program in 2012. She has been coordinating that community engagement program through today. Suzanne spent many years as a social worker in health care and has been advocating for health equity ever since. She has also been a principal in small family businesses.

We Can Do Better Speakers**Amy Fellows**

Amy is the Executive Director of [We Can Do Better \(WCDB\)](#), a Portland, OR nonprofit that creates opportunities for nonpartisan civic education and engagement, bringing people together who share the values of better health care and health for all. WCDB is the convener of the Northwest OpenNotes Consortium, which includes more than nine health systems that have allowed more than one million patients to access to their medical notes, securely online, using patient portals. Amy is involved in the vulnerable population and vendor strategies for the spread of OpenNotes nationally.



Travis Stovall

Travis Stovall, MBA, is the Chair of the WCBD Board of Directors, and the CEO and Co-founder of eRep.com, a firm focused on helping individuals find work they love and companies find the right team members. A glance at Stovall's résumé confirms his gift for financial management, marketing and organizational development . As a healthcare administrator, he directed multi-million dollar development projects. Active in the community, Stovall has been featured in *The Oregonian* for his dynamic leadership of the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce.

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