

Health Care Rally says "It's NOT Over"



The steps of the Federal building in Portland set the scene for last Thursday's health care rally titled "It's NOT Over". The rally, which was led and organized by Senators Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, focused on the importance of the Affordable Care Act and defeating any healthcare bill that makes it harder or more expensive for anyone to access quality, affordable healthcare. It also celebrated the recent defeat of the Senate bill that would have gutted Medicaid.

"It is stories like the one of Virginia Garcia that we should all remember," said Congressman Bonamici. "This little girl died because she didn't have access to care." The event also included stories from doctors at OHSU as well as current Medicaid recipients.

"It was an honor to be part of this rally to underscore the important role of Medicaid expansion in keeping our patients healthy and safe," Cruz said. "This is a critical time in our history and it is important that we all remain engaged and aware of what is going on in our nation's capital and how it impacts Oregonians."

Dedicated VG Training Rooms Mean Improved Technology and Exam Room

It wasn't long ago that anyone wanting to train VG employees at a central location had to spend countless hours finding a suitable space for it. Often, that meant competing for one of two conference rooms at the old Administration building, borrowing a room at the Milburn Library, a room in a Washington County building or paying for space at Tuusly Healthcare. Scheduling rooms with outside organizations was also time consuming and reliant on their calendar, not ours.



"We were cobbling things together to meet our needs," said Eric Oulund, employee performance & talent development manager. Now, VG is a trainer's dream. The new Administration building contains two large training rooms (named Washington County and Yamhill County) as well as a much more even room for clinical classes.

Last week, medical assistants from every VG clinic took several days of training at the new building, including giving TB tests to their fellow MAs and anyone else who volunteered.



Clinical Educator Sue Ripper said the training rooms at the new Administration building are "wonderful." She was able to hold the classes and take in same area and use the large projector screens to review materials.

The location allowed Sue to invite Dr. Laura Byrny, medical director, to role play during one of the sessions. Dr. Byrny played the role of an MA and Sue played a patient.

"To have the medical director play your role and hear the responses she gives to a patient... is so much more powerful," Eric said.

Previously, the time it would have taken for Dr. Byrny to drive to a training location and back restricted her from some trainings. Now, she can continue her regular work and simply walk downstairs to the training room when she's needed. The same is true for other administrators needed for trainings, such as New Employee Orientation (NEO).



Clinical staff trainings aren't the only classes held in the new rooms. This week, Primary Care Community Care Coordination Outreach Workers (PCCCOOWs) received training to learn how best to document patient information, such as the social determinants of health and how to ensure the state counts VG patients by noting CareSTEPs (formerly known as touch/patient engagement).

Beaverton Wellness Center 'Meet the Match' Update



As you may remember, last month the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund offered VG a challenge grant to help cover the final phase of the new Beaverton Wellness Center.

We thought it would be a great idea to update everyone on how the campaign is going. We also wanted to make sure everyone had the opportunity to take part in this amazing match. It's not often you have the chance to triple your donation to a great organization!

- Here's how it works:
- If you have donated to Virginia Garcia in the past, your gift of \$500-\$999 will be doubled. (Give \$500, your gift becomes \$1,000)
 - If you have donated to Virginia Garcia in the past, your gift of \$1,000 or more will be matched 2:1. (Your gift of \$1,000 becomes \$3,000!)
 - And if this is your first gift to Virginia Garcia, the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund will match your donation of any size 3:1! (\$100 becomes \$400; \$1,000 becomes \$4,000!)

To date we have raised \$14,100 all from first time donors! You can help us reach the match by donating online here: [Click here](#). If you have any questions about the new clinic or would like to tour our existing Beaverton clinic, please email Becky.Lee or contact her directly at (503) 352-8616.

July Advocacy Opportunity

In June the U.S. Senate released its draft bill to replace the Affordable Care Act. The provisions in this legislation would not back the Medicaid Expansion and likely result in 23 million individuals losing health coverage. It is important to let our senators know the impact to our patients and community if this legislation is passed.



You can join Virginia Garcia in sending a message to your senators by clicking on the link below provided by the National Association of Community Health Centers. This will send a message to your senators. Please take action today.

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Beaverton Wellness Center Capital Campaign: Meet the Match. Virginia Garcia has been awarded an amazing opportunity to complete the capital campaign. Be part of the future of VG and help us [Meet the Match](#).

July 22: Grapes Adventure Wine Tour and Garden Party at REX-HILL. Spend the day touring amazing wineries. While the Wine Tours are sold out, there are still a few [Garden Party tickets](#) available.

August 4th: A Summer Evening at A Blooming Hill Vineyard. Take in the beauty of the rolling hills of Washington County while enjoying live music and delicious wine from A Blooming Hill Vineyard. Ten percent of all proceeds from the evening will go to support VG. For details and to RSVP, email [Blooming Hill](#).

August 13-18 National Health Center week at August 13-18th. Cornelius Wellness Center and Hewberg Clinic will both be hosting community fairs during the week that highlight services available around Virginia Garcia.

October 7: (Proposed) at Nike's Tiger Woods Center. Our annual fall gala will once again take place on the Nike World campus at the Tiger Woods Center. This event is an annual fundraiser that is sure to entertain and inspire.



This year marks the 5th anniversary for Virginia Garcia's Grapes Adventure. To date, we have raised almost \$500,000 and hope to top that number this year! Can't make the event this year? You can still help us reach our goal by making a donation on the [Garden Party](#). Thank you for all your support to Virginia Garcia!

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