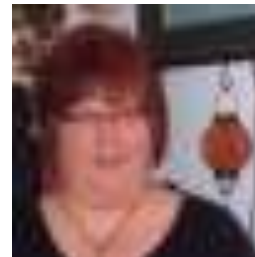


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olderpersons@nasmhpd.memberclicks.net – Please USE our members only LISTSERVE for questions, issues, and items we'd like to share with fellow OPD members

Your services are needed! OPD needs to update the Strategic Plan and would like participation from the members. Please contact Lila Starr or Bonnie Dearen if you'd like to participate.

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and have a BSW as well as an MSW. I spent the first 25 years of my career working with adolescents in residential placement and foster care in various settings and positions. In 2005 I started working as a Crisis worker and was the clinical supervisor of a county mobile crisis team near Portland, OR. For the last 3 years I've been working with aging adults as a Program Director for Older Adults at a mental health community non-profit agency and just one year ago I came to work for Oregon's Addictions and Mental Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority as the Older Adult Service Coordinator. Currently I represent the PASRR Level II work in OR and coordinate with a counterpart in Aging and People with Disabilities and DHS in OR to monitor and manage the PASRR program. I am the liaison with APD for Money Follows the Person, participate in a Legislative Workgroup on Senior and Disability Mental Health and Addictions in cooperation with the Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee, I am on a workgroup for developing a more comprehensive electronic data system in OR, I am the representative for aging and disabled in the AMHI initiative in OR, I am on a standing work committee for "SPADO" (State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease in Oregon) and am a lead in developing Behavioral Health Homes as part of a Learning Collaborative for "reverse integration" for healthcare.

In Oregon we separate mental health, health and aging and disabilities. Oregon health Authority is over the Addictions and Mental Health Division which is where I am located being the mental health representative but I work closely as a liaison with Aging and People with Disabilities who fall under the Department of Human Services.

Oregon is working with CMS to find a way to include adults who have a mental health diagnosis and are between the age of 22-64 that could benefit from MFP but are not currently eligible due to the IMD regulations. We were recently able to close one of the neuro/gero units of the Oregon State Hospital and are working on some New development for Traumatic Brain Injury placements and Dementia with Behavioral Problems so that people can be safely maintained in the least restrictive environment.

Oregon does not have a specific "coalition on MH and Aging, but do have (as listed above) several workgroups or committees that work to form close alliances with both AMH and APD

Fun Facts about Kathryn

In my spare time, I like to be outside (who doesn't in Oregon) and spend time at the coast, the mountains and city life. I am an amateur photographer and enjoy taking pictures of animals, landscapes, unusual things and macro photos of all sorts. I also enjoy music most all types and read voraciously.

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review - Webinars

Free CEUs!

Free PASRR Webinars are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 12:00 – 1:30 CST. Sign up @ www.pasrrassist.org. Please mark your calendars. As part of an effort to have stronger collaboration between OPD and the National Assn. of PASRR Professionals (NAPP), we encourage OPD members to attend as they are extremely relevant to our interests in older adult mental health.

National Council on Aging Suicide Prevention and Older Adults

Date: September 29, 2014

Time: 1:00 PM ET - 2:30 PM ET

Type: Webinar

<http://www.ncoa.org/calendar-of-events/suicide-prevention-and-older.html>

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