

Below is the Journey that North Coast Republican Women took  
Against a School Based Health Center Proposed for Astoria High School

- Learned of Coordinated Care Organizations being approved for Clatsop, Tillamook and Columbia County.
- Read Mark Anderson's articles in Northwest Connection publication
- Learned about SBHC Community meetings to be held at Astoria High School—Attended those 3 meetings, Feb, March, April
- Meetings run by SBHC Advisory Committee which had been created in 2012 in violation of School Policy. They also operated in violation of Public Meetings Law in that they did not keep meeting minutes, and did not properly notify public of their meetings. ( School's attorney confirmed this violation)
- At 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Community meeting, only 7 minutes were allowed for Q&A, and parents/patrons did not get their questions answered. Many of us did not get questions answered which were promised to us during the first 2 meetings.
- Youth Advisory Council (YAC) spoke at 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, but their advisor (High School health teacher) would not allow questions to be asked of them because it may "intimidate" them. YAC has since attended the Youth Sexuality Conference in Seaside, April 22 & 23 where they received training on how to advocate for the SBHC, and where Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon gave training for peer education by YAC. YAC did not allow membership to students who questioned SBHC implementation or who did not agree with advocates.
- SBHC promoters were using \$60,000. Planning Grant and had been advocating in school and in the community for about a year.
- Our opposition group was allowed 20 minutes at a study session to present our power point before a regularly scheduled School Board meeting, April 10. (No funding, just great volunteers!)
- Coastal Family Health Center in Astoria was the sponsoring agency. This is a non-profit whose funding is 99.04% from tax-payer dollars. (County, State, Federal) Yet they tried to assure us that this SBHC would not cost a dime of Astoria SD money.
- SBHC Advisory Panel and CEO of CFHC promised that the services offered at the SBHC could be tailored to reflect

community values; eg: “No reproductive health care to be offered at SBHC.” We know that this is not true—according to the Oregon Certification Standards, these services are required by referral or on site or the Center would not have funding renewed.

- We learned that the 2 Medical Doctors on Coastal Family Health staff have had serious sanctions in their recent background history. (Oregon Dept of Health public records) This caused concern for quality assurance, QA. The SBHC does not report to the School Board nor the community, but reports annually to the State Program Office (SPO) in Salem, essentially reporting on themselves and “grading” themselves. This also presents a problem with Accountability!
- We believe that many Astoria School District 1C policies were and would be violated with a SBHC within the school and would be operating without being subject to these Policies or to the Oregon Public Meetings Law.
- Important questions about Liability were unanswered (Power Point attached shows examples)
- After all 3 meetings, we organized a letter-writing campaign, and circulated a petition (326 signatures) which we presented to the School Board, May 8; the meeting at which the vote was taken.
- The May 8 School Board meeting was standing room only, and much testimony was given. Most of the testimony was from those who supported the SBHC, but had heard only one side of the issue.
- There was much confusion about the sustainability of funding for the clinic, and also about the logistics of actually constructing the exam room, waiting room, lab, etc. within the school. Supt. Hoppes stated that this part alone could cost at least \$70,000. It was not clear where these funds would come from.
- The SBHC was denied at the May 8 meeting with a vote of 3 to 2!
- The Board member who most strongly wanted the SBHC stated that if (before vote) they would just vote in favor, then planning would continue and questions would then be answered. (Why could our questions not be answered BEFORE?) We believe incomplete and incorrect information was given throughout the process so that parents/patrons would not know the whole story of what actually happens at, and what is required to be offered at the School Based Health Center.

- Funding sustainability was never made clear, and with what I have learned of this Oregon Legislative Session, Gov. Kitzhaber's projected savings from his health plan are 64% less than he thought—Not \$11 billion, but only \$4.8 billion. Mr. Kitzhaber has strategically placed himself as head of the Oregon Health Authority AND as head of all Oregon Schools! The legislature has also failed in its attempt to get a Sales Tax on the ballot, and several attempted raises in Property Taxes have also failed. The Astoria School Board did not seem to be aware of these funding problems, and of course, the SBHC folks don't care whether or not there is funding because they just want to get their foot in the door, then the "free" money will just appear. They promised us that the SBHC would be self-sustaining!

We have copies of many of the letters which were written to support our position, and we have many documents (SBHC Standards Certification; Oregon Public Meetings Law; Minors' Rights; Kellogg Foundation SBHC Study; Coastal Family Health Center 990 Tax Form, 2010; SB 1580 & HB 3650; Measurable Educational Outcome Data Report comparing schools who have had SBHCs and those who have not; HIPAA Law; our Petition, and more) We would be happy to share our information with anyone who may be facing this battle, or for anyone in a school district where there is currently a SBHC, and you want to finally hold them accountable.

We also have a report about the Youth Sexuality Conference held in Seaside, OR, April 22 & 23. This report exposes just how and why a SBHC is a Trojan Horse within the schools. Yes, it has a direct connection with what is advocated at a School Based Health Center and what medical treatment is offered, and WHY! We believe it is an exploitation of our youth to have them trained at this Conference to advocate for a SBHC and to be trained by Planned Parenthood to "educate" their peers about sexuality while being told that their parents do not need to be a part of these decisions. I have the agenda of the conference, and materials which were handed out to attendees.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

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