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practice models based on national programs. Attorney Donna Meyer will address legal concerns, including health care, financial decision making and domestic partner issues.

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COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT

Multnomah County sponsored a Community Speak OUT on March 20 in conjunction with the first-ever National LGBT Health Awareness Week.

The forum was held to raise awareness about how queers are disproportionately affected by health issues such as HIV, depression, youth suicide and alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Small groups focused on a broad range of concerns: queer-friendly safer sex for teens; senior care facilities; anti-bias work in schools; holistic queer men's health; domestic violence and hate crimes; cultural competence of health providers; comprehensive, competent health care for trans people; and health promotion efforts.

April Lewis—a lesbian who manages the county's Office of Diversity, Equity and Affirmative Action—facilitated the discussions. She says the meeting's format allowed people to address any topic that was important to them.

"I thought it went really, really well," Lewis told *Just Out*. "Attendance was low...but in terms of the people who were there, they were very enthusiastic.... It certainly was an expansion of LGBT health issues past HIV and the things that we normally think about."



Members of the sexual minorities community speak out about health March 20; inset, April Lewis facilitates the meeting

Lewis hopes a broader group eventually will take interest in the matter. "I think it would be a good forum if we can increase the diversity of the audience—if we're not speaking to the choir, kind of like we were that night."

FUNNY MONEY

For Us Northwest recently received two grants to help it continue providing a variety of resources and support to children affected by HIV. The nonprofit organization offers small-group mentors and family activity days and creates outreach programs at Portland

schools to help educate and support both students and faculty.

The PGE Foundation announced March 31 a \$2,500 grant to help FUN provide social programs for the youth it serves. "In these tough economic times, the foundation board has redoubled its focus on supporting organizations in every corner of the state, particularly those that provide funda-

mental services such as housing, food and aid for children," chairwoman Gwyneth Gamble Booth said.

FUN also announced Feb. 25 that it received a donation of \$37,000 from Nike. The money was raised during December's "Night of Chance," an employee involvement effort managed entirely by the company's six diversity networks: gay, lesbian, bi and trans; disabled; African American; Native American; Asian Pacific; and Latino.

"Nike's employees have raised the bar on investing in their community," FUN executive director Sean Cox said in a statement. "Their contribution has made it possible for us to serve more kids, more often and in more ways."

TRIPLETS ARRIVE

Cecilia and Christy Danlin, the lesbian couple profiled in the Feb. 7 issue of *Just Out*, welcomed three babies into the world March 8. Jackson, Cole and Avery were born one minute apart between 11:31 and 11:33 p.m. Each weighed less than four pounds.

The two girls, Cole and Avery, are doing well, but Jackson had emergency open-heart surgery

March 25 to repair a severe heart defect. The Danlins report that the surgery went well and that doctors expect him to make a full recovery. He will, however, have a long hospital stay. By press time the two girls should be home. **J**

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