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## Beaverton School District and Stambaugh Reach Resolution on Dismissal

Seth Stambaugh and the Beaverton School District agreed to a resolution concerning Stambaugh's dismissal—and eventual reinstatement—from a student-teaching position at Sexton Mountain Elementary School in September of 2010. The announcement came Friday, February 11 in a joint public statement from the office of Portland attorney Lake Perriguet.

Through what Perriguet described as “heavily mediated” discussions, the parties decided not to pursue formal litigation and that Stambaugh would receive a payment from the school district for \$75,000. Perriguet was quick to note that Stambaugh would be donating a “substantial portion” of his recovery sum to Portland nonprofits Pear and Outside In.

Further, the district agreed to provide leadership training concerning issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Both parties also agreed that the district “has made and will continue to make efforts to ensure its policies and procedures are inclusive in scope and that all members of the Beaverton School District community have safe and open environments for learning.”

It was announced in January that the Beaverton School District approved a series of wording and phrasing changes to several policies that refer to equal rights for all employees and students. Two phrases that have been added to several sections are “gender identity” and “gender expression.” These changes followed the district's reevaluation work with Basic Rights Oregon following Stambaugh's dismissal.



“We're very  
happy with the  
way things are  
moving forward.”

—LAKE PERRIGUET,  
STAMBAUGH'S ATTORNEY

twice a month. We wanted to create a safe space where people could not only socialize but also participate in activities that would address their overall well-being.”

The events, running 7-9 p.m. every Thursday, kick off March 3 with an open house of sorts. Portland's trans social groups—Genderqueery, the Northwest Gender Alliance, Tranz Guys and Trans Fem\*—will all be represented and will share information with anyone interested in becoming involved. The evening is open to friends, families and allies.

The following week will focus on spirituality and feature a dialogue and meditation led by recent Portland transplant Leeza Edwards. On March 17 the topic turns to bodywork, as Emilee Coulter Thompson offers a trans specific, body positive yoga program for traumatic healing.

A \$1-\$5 sliding scale donation is sought for each session, to offset the organizers' costs.

Flora is grateful to enjoy a city like Portland but realistic about the state of things for the trans community today.

“It's no secret that Portland has not only a liberal and welcoming air but also has many resources for transgender folk,” ze said. “For people all over the country even, Portland is a place to go for community and transition.”

Of course, everything isn't perfect. Hate crimes happen, discrimination is prevalent, rural Oregon can be dangerous for anyone who is gender non-conforming. Portland's trans community isn't as vibrant as we might like, but that's what we are trying to change—to empower people to address the multitude of problems.”

For more information on *Trans Life: A Community-T Program*, which runs March 3-April 21, email [info@communi-t.org](mailto:info@communi-t.org).

—Ryan J. Prado

—Leela Ginelle

## Trans Life Begins at Q Center

Beginning March 3 and running the consecutive seven Thursdays, Q Center (4115 N. Mississippi) will host “Trans Life,” a drop-in night for those on the trans spectrum. Each evening will have a theme, ranging from spirituality and health to legal and medical resources. The program was inspired by the success its organizers, Amari Fauni and Chloe Flora, experienced staging “Communi-T: Portland's Trans Resource Fair” last year.

“The majority of programming around the transgender community focuses on support and discussion groups, and while those are needed they aren't encompassing,” Flora said when asked about Trans Life's mission.

“Many individuals are not looking specifically for support so much as a safe community space. And those individuals who need support often need it more than just once or

## CAP Relaunches Working Choices Program

Cascade AIDS Project announced on Monday, February 14 that its Working Choices Program has been relaunched. The relaunch was made possible by funding provided through the City of Portland and the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS via Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Working Choices Program offers assistance to anyone living with HIV who is unemployed and includes support for job searches, interviewing, benefits counseling, assessing job readiness and more. In addition, the program includes a weekly Job Club that provides opportunities for peer networking and sharing job leads as well as tips for effective job searches. Job Club meetings will be