

Director: State review validates many concerns

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community," Moore said. "It's certainly possible that the resignation of the clinical director could begin to address some of those concerns."

"But it's too early to tell. And, frankly, some of our concerns probably extend beyond just that one particular action."

In addition to the internal investigation, the Oregon Health Authority also conducted a review that validated concerns about Crump-Hart and other issues raised about the agency over the past year.

The state's report, provided to The Daily Astorian by a source who requested anonymity, documented a substantial volume of complaints that Crump-Hart displayed "unprofessional and disrespectful behavior, employee favoritism, and ethical violations (including — but not limited to — alleged breaches in confidentiality and practicing outside of her scope)."

A state Department of Human Services regional manager said case managers were reluctant to contact Crump-Hart because she is "grumpy and defensive."

Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare's board, the county manager and county commissioners complained that Watkins does not inform them of major issues that arise at the agency, so they have to learn about problems from the community and the newspaper.

The state recommended that the board's executive officers meet with Watkins at least weekly to stay informed and address problems and that the board and Watkins regularly schedule joint meetings with the county manager and county commissioners.

The state also recommended that the agency improve training and look into the causes of the high rate of staff turnover.

The Oregon Health Authority gave the agency a month to develop a written plan to

respond to the findings. The state has issued the agency a one-year provisional certificate to provide mental health services and scheduled a follow-up review in six months.

The state "determined that CBH will need additional regulatory oversight until stability in the community mental health system is reached."

The labor union that represents workers at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare had taken a "no confidence" vote against Crump-Hart earlier this year, but has also raised broader questions about the agency's management that go beyond the clinical director.

Several other high-profile staffers have resigned over the past few months in a shakeup that has undercut the agency's leadership and contributed to low morale.

Issa Simpson, a council representative for Oregon AFSCME, told the county Board of Commissioners Wednesday night that a "sea change" is necessary for the agency to retain talented staff and preserve the continuity of care for patients.

"It is our understanding that action has been taken to begin moving in a direction that may provide change in the culture of CBH," said Simpson, speaking for about a dozen agency workers who were in the audience. "Hard for us to tell because there is not a lot of communication."

"We have continued to lose great clinicians over the last few months. It will take a sea change to keep many that we have now, and hopefully bring some of those who have left back."

Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare is also facing federal lawsuits from former workers who have claimed discrimination, retaliation and unethical and illegal management practices.

Benas has said the agency will vigorously oppose the legal claims and allegations.

Kyle Spurr contributed to this report.

History: Each era left imprint on community

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The book, published and funded by the National Park Service, acts as a resource for the area's state and national parks. The creation of the parks is detailed in the book.

Scott Tucker, the superintendent of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, said each national park in the country partners with scholars to produce special history studies.

Usually, Tucker said, the final product is a technical government publication that is used internally as a management tool. Information in the books helps with projects such as nominating park landmarks to the National Register of Historic Places.

"We took it one step further and took it out of its typical government publication and edited it down into an actual book," Tucker said.

Academic researcher

Deur, who lives in south Clatsop County, grew up in the area recreating around Fort Stevens State Park, visiting Fort Clatsop National Memorial and hiking the various trails.

He works as a research professor in Portland State University's Department of Anthropology. Much of his time is spent as an academic researcher for the National Park Service. He has produced works in parks across the West, including Yosemite and Joshua Tree in California and Glacier Bay in Alaska. In addition, he studies Native American tribes and traditions around the Northwest, Southwest and Antarctica.

"Doug's specialty is really in demand to understand how the landscapes have evolved," said Chris Clatterback, chief of resources at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. "We are lucky to have him as a local."

Working with contributors from Portland State, University of Washington and Cra-



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Ethan Williams, left, and Rylee Pickernell, fifth-graders at Chauncey Davis Elementary School in South Bend, Washington, walk a path to Fort Clatsop during a school field trip Wednesday at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

ter Lake, Deur has worked on his latest book for at least five years. It took the past year-and-a-half to write and publish.

Common thread

Through his research, Deur found the common thread of empires rising and falling.

"Each period brings with it its own ethnic diversity, its own signature resource and its own effects on the landscape," Deur said.

The book examines what Deur calls significant mysteries of how large populations and industries disappeared as others grew. For a time,

one-third of Astoria's population was Chinese working in the canneries. The workers migrated out, and over time the timber industry took hold.

Each era left an imprint on the community.

"There is a physical trace that is left from each one of these phases," Deur said.

The book breezes through the Lewis and Clark story, which is already well-documented in the community.

"I didn't want to spend too much time bearing down on that," Deur said. "I wanted to provide something that looks at this area in a new way."

Stories in the book capture

ABOUT THE BOOK

"Empires of the Turning Tide" is available for free at the Fort Clatsop Bookstore, Cannon Beach History Center, Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum and local libraries.

A PDF version of the publication can be downloaded for free at: <http://1.usa.gov/28nuj6S>

little-known pieces of the local history. One excerpt shows how the namesake of Hammond attempted to make Saddle Mountain a national park.

One point that fascinated Deur in his studies was how diverse the region was in the 1880s. Rather than the traditional image of native tribes in one area and white settlers in another, the early days of Astoria saw a mix of backgrounds all mingling together. Interracial marriages were the norm, with native tribes and fur traders securing alliances. The result was a vastly diverse community.

"My mission is to illuminate these things," Deur said. "My hope is we live in an enduring, stable and healthy way in this landscape for a long time to come."

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