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Mariah Taylor: A Health Care Provider

(History of the NPCHC and Its Executive Director)



Mariah Taylor and Patient

Mariah A. Taylor, the clinic's Nurse Practitioner and Executive Director, holds a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Southern Oregon State College (Ashland), and a Masters Degree in Nursing and Certification as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from the University of Colorado Health Sciences University (Denver). Ms. Taylor began the Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic (NPCHC) in November 1980, and has served since then as its Director and Chief Health Care Provider.

The NPCHC first opened its doors at 15 N. Morris Street, in Dr. Phil Reynold's clinic; she later moved the clinic to its present location (the site of Dr. Reynold's first clinic), at 5311 N. Vancouver Avenue.

Ms. Taylor is a pioneer in her

works as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and the NPCHC is one of very few such clinics in the State of Oregon, providing primary care to indigent families within the Portland Metropolitan area. In the past, pediatric clinics have been run exclusively by physicians. The difference between Pediatric Clinics operated by physicians and Nurse Practitioners, probably lies in the kind and degree of care offered and the amount of time spent with patients. In Ms. Taylor's view, doctors are trained with an emphasis on illness curing and pathology, while Nurse Practitioners are trained with an emphasis on health maintenance, wellness, and treatment of minor acute illnesses. Ms. Taylor also sees Nurse Practitioners as having more time to spend with their patients.

Ms. Taylor has demonstrated the Nurse Practitioner arts through long

hours of dedicated work, making long distance house calls, and working non-stop continuously through weekends, except Sunday. For her efforts, Mariah has merited outstanding recognition from the community. The nurse Practitioner provides efficient Primary Care to cultural and ethnic sensitivities of various populations while fulfilling the needs of individuals coming from families that are truly indigent.

NPCHC Services include:
Physical Exams, Treatment of Common Problems, Health Education, Immunizations, Early Childhood Screening, Well Child Care, Newborn Care, Counseling and Referral to Social Agencies, Group Clinics, Pediatric Walk-In Service, House Calls, and Community Education Classes, and is wheelchair accessible.

Economic Development Proposal For North/Northeast Portland Promises Community Foundation For Prosperity

The Portland Development Commission's request for federal funds, which passed a critical hurdle with the approval by a U.S. Senate appropriations subcommittee announced July 11 by U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, will enable the City of Portland to bring new vitality to North/Northeast Portland.

Through the funding in this proposal, which is supported by a solid array of community and business leaders as well as state and city agencies, Portland will combine housing, economic development and social strategies and will demonstrate that inner city neighborhoods can be revitalized.

"We're deeply indebted to Senator Hatfield for his success in getting this proposal written into the subcommittee bill," said Mayor J.E. Bud Clark. "The plan will have a profound impact on North/Northeast Portland. It promises to help change the face of a part of our City in need of this kind of boost."

A total of \$4.37 million was approved by the Senate subcommittee for a Northeast Portland Revolving Loan

Fund in a Fiscal 1992 federal spending package. The fund would be administered by PDC. The total approved is more than 14 times more than the \$300,000 in Northeast economic development funds now contracted to PDC from the City's Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year '91-92.

The economic development strategy which would be implemented under this proposal will uniquely combine three interrelated elements: capital for business development, a job training loan fund and technical assistance.

• A business development loan fund would provide the necessary incentive dollars to encourage job-generating business development and to bring new investment into the N/NE area. Low-interest loans, ranging from \$30,000 to \$250,000, would be available to businesses creating permanent "family wage" jobs or improving key blighted properties. Particular efforts would be made to work with new or emerging small businesses in the area. All firms

receiving assistance would be required to enter into a First Source Employment Agreement requiring the companies to hire from among qualified candidates recruited by PDC's JobNet.

• A job training loan fund would be earmarked for businesses who locate or expand in or near the N/NE Enterprise Zone. Uniquely, a pro rated portion of a loan from the fund will be forgiven for each resident of the N/NE Enterprise Zone hired, trained and retained for at least six months in regular, full time employment. Average loans of \$60,000 are anticipated. If, for example, a business receiving a typical loan trains 20 manufacturing operators, ten of whom are residents of the N/NE Enterprise Zone, as much as \$30,000 of such a loan could be forgiven.

• A technical assistance program would provide aid on business plan development, loan packaging, identification of co-lenders and equity partners, market and feasibility studies, assistance with state and regulatory issues and other assistance.

"This is Your Life"



Birdie Lee Taylor

Photo by Veronica Green

In case you missed your invitation, we are cordially inviting friends and family to attend the 81st Birthday Celebration of Birdie Lee Taylor

July 20, 1991

6pm to 10pm

Billy Webb's Elks Lodge

6 N. Tillamook

Portland Oregon

"Hands Across Portland"

On Friday July 19th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. children will come together at Sellwood Park from all across the metro area to join together to sing & to play and to help those that need it. The children are day campers from the YMCA's Summer Discovery Days Programs. They come from as close in as downtown and as far out as Wilsonville, from Lake Oswego and Portland's Inner Northeast community. There will be about 500 children at the park. They will play games, sing songs, and each bring a can of food for Portland's Sunshine Division. Together we will make a human chain and pass the food along through each child's hand ending in the back of the Sunshine Division's truck.

Each of the 500 students will contribute a hand print on a large banner to commemorate the event.

Summer Science Institute 'Blasted Off' At Columbia Tag Center

A space-mission simulation planned by some 40 fourth- and fifth-graders attended a Summer Science Institute highlighted an open house July 12th at the Columbia TAG Center, 716 N.E. Marine Dr.

Students from Irvington and Sabin elementary schools were selected to participate in the institute co-sponsored by Portland School District's talented and Gifted (TAG) Education Program and Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Program.

The institute is part of the Grant Cluster Alliance to encourage and stimulate minority student interest in science and related fields. Students used computers, scientific equipment and research to examine the solar system and design and build a space station during the three-week program.

Blacks In Government to hold National Training Conference

Blacks In Government (BIG) will hold its 13th Annual National Training Conference July 31 through August 4, 1991, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. The theme of the Conference is "Empowerment: A Strategy For The 90's."

BIG is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization concerned with enhancing the quality of public service by promoting equal employment opportunity and the professional and career development of government employees. It includes government workers at the Federal, State, and local levels in 150 chapters nationwide.

The conference will present national experts from around the country in more than 40 workshops and seminars on issues of concern to government workers. The sessions are designed to enhance personal and professional skills in the workplace and in the community. Workshop topics include:

"Empowerment: Strategies for the 90's;" "Career Development;" "Financial Planning;" "Computer Applications;" and "Male/Female Relations."

Marion A. Bowden, National BIG President, said the conference theme is designed to focus attention on how individuals can acquire the personal assets they need to overcome inequities, deal with discrimination, and maximize their potential.

"We will focus on resources and needs and how to bring the two together to empower individuals in the workplace, in the community, and in the family," he said.

The BIG conference has been endorsed by Federal, State, and local government agencies. Registration after June 29 will be \$260 for members and \$295 for nonmembers. For more information, call Aretha Williams, Conference Chair, at (202) 667-3280.

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