

# Morning After Pill

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Drug on North Interstate Avenue, carries Plan B for \$39.99 per dose. Hatch said he has sold it as a prescribed drug since it hit the market.

He explained that if a pharmacist decides not to carry it, they must refer the client to another pharmacy that does.

"And you can't do any preaching about why not to take it," he added, referring to a position statement from the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy regarding ethical and moral objections.

The board expects individual pharmacists to exercise his or her choice not to participate, but would consider it unprofessional conduct to lecture a patient based on moral beliefs, or otherwise interfere with their access to the medication.



PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Pharmacist Ken Hatch of Ainsworth Drug on North Interstate Avenue stocks the "Plan B" emergency contraception pill for sale without a doctor's prescription.

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# Ministerial Alliance

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Schools, concentrating on educational issues and how they affect the community.

The alliance's social programs had evolved over the years as a response to vital community need, but Bethel said many community leaders have called upon the alliance to focus more upon advocacy.

When it came time to make the change, it was not by random chance the alliance chose SEI to take over its programs. AMA once served as an incubator for SEI, an

"We want to see services to people of color by people of color maintained," he said.

In recent years, SEI has become the leading provider of social services within north and northeast Portland. With an \$8.8 million annual budget and 90 full-time staff, they were in a comfortable position to envelop the alliance's programs, whose annual budget falls within the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range.

"These services are vital, but from an administrative standpoint it's not that significant," Hopson said.

Hopson said SEI could improve

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Enhancement, Inc. founder and CEO



organization that has grown from a one-week basketball camp in 1981 to a full-service facility for underserved families and youth.

The two agencies have maintained a close partnership, and AMA's biggest contract with Multnomah County was actually subcontracted by SEI.

Tony Hopson, founder and chief executive officer of SEI, said the agency is committed to maintaining and continuing AMA's programs. There have been no changes in staff, except that the six full-time staff members at the alliance now work for SEI.

Hopson said they do not plan to make staff changes at this time, but are taking 90 days to assess the programs and funding before making a decision to modify or continue services.

upon the programs offered.

"We have a strong agency, fiscally and programmatically," he said. "So we're in the position to strengthen the services based on our infrastructure here."

"Individuals will have access to more services at SEI," he added. "For clients, this is something one can view as very positive."

Starting in December, anyone in need of AMA programs can visit the new location at the offices of the Oregon Association for Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) Cascade Plaza, at 4124 N. Vancouver Ave.

Further information on changes within the alliance will be announced at the Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King religious service scheduled Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

# Storm Watch for Freezing Rain

Ice expected to cover streets, sidewalks

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch for Portland and Vancouver.

Temperatures are expected to dip into the 20s before a wet weather system from the Pacific Ocean pushes moisture into the area, starting Wednesday night and continuing into Thursday morning.

This precipitation is forecast to overrun the cold air in place and produce areas of freezing rain with the highest threat near

the Columbia River and in the Portland-Vancouver area.

Officials warn that the precipitation will be great enough to produce icing of roads and surfaces throughout the area. Some smaller trees or branches along with power lines may come down.

A winter storm watch also means there is a potential for significant snow, sleet or ice accumulations that may impact travel.

However, the conditions may not last long as the warmer rain system scrubs out the cold air. By the weekend, temperatures are expected to moderate into the 40s, with rain and possible periods of clearing.

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