

HEALTH MATTERS

Dental Van Helps Patients in Recovery

DePaul clients get something to smile about

Thanks to a new partnership between De Paul Treatment Centers and Medical Teams International, a mobile dental clinic made its second visit to De Paul's downtown facility last week.

While dental work is not what most people think about in relation to drug and alcohol treatment, the Medical Teams International Mobile Dental Van was appreciated by many of the residential clients at De Paul who do not have medical insurance or access to regular dental care.

Inside the van, the Medical Teams International team efficiently saw 11 clients. X-rays were taken in the front of the van, while the dentist



performed procedures from fillings to extractions in the rear of the van.

Medical Teams International has a fleet of 11 vans that operate in the Pacific Northwest, from Seattle/Tacoma to Medford. The organization partners with nonprofits, schools, and churches to provide dental services to those who would not otherwise be able to afford them—the uninsured, low income and homeless.

Medical Teams International chooses to work with people in treatment as they realize that these people have made a commitment to changing their lives for the better.

De Paul's mission is to create freedom from drug and alcohol addiction, and the organization's philosophy is that all people have within them the innate strength and capacity to recover. The non-profit has operated in Portland for over 30 years and works with a wide range of people seeking treatment; many do not have health insurance and some are homeless.

De Paul's downtown location provides residential and outpatient alcohol and drug treatment for adults, the De Paul Youth and Family Center in northeast Portland serves the youth population, and a satellite office in Hillsboro provides outpatient treatment to adults in Washington County.

▲ A mobile dental clinic sponsored by Medical Teams International makes a stop at the DePaul drug and alcohol treatment center, downtown, providing vital dental services to people in need who would not otherwise be able to afford them.

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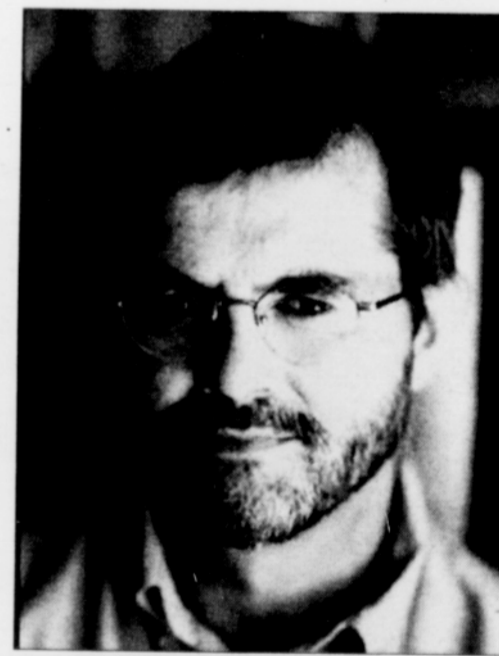
Author to discuss challenges

Journalist and author Robert Whitaker returns to Portland to discuss his latest book "Anatomy of an Epidemic" and the impact of psychiatric medicine on people of color.

Whitaker has pursued a fascinating line of research into how the mammoth psychiatric drug industry is endangering the American public by covering up the untold cases of suffering, anguish and disease caused by the most widely prescribed antidepressants and antipsychotic medications.

He will speak on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME), 4134 N. Vancouver, Suite 100.

The intended audience is people who live in or support people of color communities, individuals who are experiencing psychiatric or behavioral challenges and their fami-



Robert Whitaker

lies, practitioners in the community such as psychiatrist, physicians, psychologist, gerontologist, counselors, social workers, nurses, attorneys, and judges.

The talk is sponsored by MentalHealthRightsYES.org, Economic Justice Action Group of First Unitarian Church, Empowerment Initiatives, Mental Health America of Oregon, Mental Health Association of Portland and Disability Rights Oregon.