

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

May 1, 2013, 3:00 PM

Field Trip - Oregon State Hospital, Salem, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Rep. Gene Whisnant, Vice-Chair David Gomberg, Chair Carolyn Tomei.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Berkobian, Regina Wilson, Debbie Nealy, Committee Services; Erica Hendricks and Kris Skaro, staff for Rep. Gelser; Jillian Johnson, Brian Little, Roberto Gutierrez, staff for Rep. Keny-Guyer; Evan Gordon, intern, Catherine Wallace, guest for Rep. Whisnant; Angie Allbee, staff for Vice-Chair Gomberg; Jake Foster, Debbie Runciman, staff for Chair Tomei.

SUMMARY: House and Human Services members, staff and guests met with Oregon State Hospital (OSH) staff in the Callen Conference Room for introductions and a brief overview, provided by Greg Roberts, Superintendent, and Rupert Geitz, Chief Medical Officer.

The State Hospital provides care to adults needing intensive psychiatric treatment for severe and persistent mental illness who are civilly or criminally (forensic) committed to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for mental health treatment. Mr. Roberts and OSH staff explained OSH's history, vision and mission statement. Mr. Roberts reviewed OSH services and programs, including the civil and forensic programs and the neuropsychiatric program. Mr. Roberts detailed the campus layout and the scope of the Harbors, Trails and Bridges forensic programs and the springs and Adult Treatment Services civil programs.

In 2012, OSH provided care for a total of 1,183 people who could not be served in the community. The Hospital's civil program has three units (72 beds) on the Portland campus and one unit (26 beds) on the Salem campus. The Neuropsychiatric program consists of four units (88 beds) on the Salem campus.

To help patients achieve their treatment goals and to develop a treatment plan, each patient is assigned an interdisciplinary treatment team. Six treatment malls provide centralized locations for active treatment away from living units. Patients spend 20 hours a week participating in a variety of therapeutic groups and activities designed to build skills necessary for successful community living.

After the overview, committee members, staff and guests were invited to tour the campus. Attendees selected one of three tour options:

- **Trails**
- **Harbors**
- **Bridges and Springs**

Because the tours viewed different areas of the OSH campus, the following list is not considered comprehensive. The tour(s) included: campus views of lunchrooms and dining areas; a sensory room; shops; air porch; active and passive outdoor quads; medical unit; respite medical room, outdoor spaces for recreational purposes; art and music rooms; and computer classrooms.

At the conclusion of the tour, the committee members, staff and guests regrouped with OSH staff before returning to the State Capitol at approximately 5:00 p.m.