

News & Links from OPCA December 2, 2011

OPCA Members in the News:

<http://www.ccconcern.org/events/current-events.html>

Central City Concern website: **Central City Concern** plans an Open House for its new Portland clinic on December 15.

Health Care in Oregon/Oregon Budget:

<http://www.oha.state.or.us/oha/dir-msg/2011/2011-1118.html>

Message from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director Bruce Goldberg: Per the governor's request, **OHA submitted a list of possible budget cuts**. Details [here](#). (Note: The link to the director's message automatically updates every week and connects to the latest message posted.)

http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2011/12/state_agencies_show_impact_of.html

Oregonian: Oregon government **agencies' budget cuts are not real. At least not yet.**

http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/mental_health_organization_takes_up_challenge_to_create_cco

The Lund Report: **Greater Oregon Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**, based in The Dalles, is in discussions with health care providers to become a **coordinated care organization**.

http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/mental_health_contracts_changed_to_reflect_new_funding_formula

The Lund Report: A new **formula defining the amount of funding each Oregon county receives for mental health programs** is here to stay.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

<http://tpmdc.talkingpointsmemo.com/2011/11/gop-filibuster-ends-tenure-of-health-care-cost-cutting-expert.php>

Talking Points Memo: Don **Berwick steps down** as head of CMS.

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/early/2011/11/29/hlthaff.2011.1243.full>

Health Affairs: An **assessment of Don Berwick's performance** as head of CMS.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/ezra-klein/post/cantor-i-really-expect-great-things-from-marilyn-tavenner/2011/12/01/gIQAXDGnGO_blog.html

Washington Post blog by Sarah Kliff: U.S. House Majority Leader **Cantor is among those supporting Marilyn Tavenner's bid to become head of CMS.**

Federal Budget:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/2chambers/post/boehner-suggests-supercommittee-trigger-could-be-undone/2011/11/30/gIQAcTgJDO_blog.html

Washington Post: U.S. House Speaker **Boehner suggested that the sweeping cuts** that will be enacted in 2013 due to the failure of the deficit-reduction “Super Committee” **could be re-worked.**

<http://www.nachc.org/pressrelease-detail.cfm?PressReleaseID=728>

News release from NACHC: During negotiations, the **Super Committee apparently did not consider proposals to cut existing CHC program funding** or the Medicaid reimbursement mechanism for all health centers.

Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA):

<http://thehill.com/homenews/house/196763-gop-to-renew-attack-on-healthcare-reform>

The Hill: Both political parties expect **Republicans to push for repeal of the ACA** "in bits and pieces" in 2012.

Health Information Technology (HIT):

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/11/20111130a.html>

News release from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS): HHS released a report showing that doctors’ adoption of HIT doubled in two years. HHS also announced **new actions to speed the use of HIT in doctors’ offices nationwide.**