



# SALEM CITY CLUB

---

## “On the Road with Oregon State Hospital”

Oregonians have heard much in recent years about the need to improve the statewide system of care for persons with mental illness. In order to accomplish this, the state has embarked on a path to replace the current Oregon State Hospital with properly sized, more efficient hospital facilities.

The current Master Plan Phase II Report is available online at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/osh/main.shtml>. The report proposes the building of facilities that reflect and reinforce the “Recovery Model” of care. The Addictions and Mental Health Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services has, in recent years, partnered with the legislature, advocates, professional providers, and many other groups, to plan the location of modern hospital facilities near the homes of a majority of patients, backed by a full continuum of available community-based programs.

Governor Kulongoski will deliver the preliminary site recommendations for the new hospitals to the Oregon Legislature on Wednesday, February 28. ***On Friday, March 9, Salem City Club is proud to host two of the individuals most centrally involved*** in the planning process to share how Oregon arrived at this point and what to expect in coming years as the state strives to best serve some of its most vulnerable citizens.

**Sen. Peter Courtney**, now serving his third term as Senate President, will share his perspective on providing legislation that enables the mental health system to thrive. He successfully steered mental health parity and other landmark legislation through the 2005 legislative session. He helped direct public attention to the needs of the Oregon State Hospital and its residents and authored “Molly’s Law,” helping families of people with developmental disabilities reconnect with loved ones.

As a champion for children, people with mental illnesses, people with developmental disabilities, and people who serve in the armed forces, Sen. Courtney has a long list of legislative accomplishments and now can add the planning and implementation phase of the new OSH facilities to that list.

**Bob Nikkel**, Administrator of the Addictions and Mental Health Division will provide the historical context for the current mental health treatment system in Oregon and how the plans for the new hospital system will further the goals of optimal treatment and capacity for years to come. Bob is known nationally for his expertise in dual diagnosis and co-occurring disorders, authoring papers and presenting workshops. He is a driving force behind the use of Evidence-Based Practices in mental health and addictions in Oregon.

We look forward to a stimulating discussion of this important issue. For lunch reservations email [nelalind@aol.com](mailto:nelalind@aol.com) or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, March 6, 2007. The Salem City Club welcomes and encourages the community to join us! There is no charge to just attend program. Please call in your plans for lunch or attendance, so we will have adequate seating available. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, about costs for different lunch options, and directions to the event, please go to [www.salemcityclub.com](http://www.salemcityclub.com).

When: Friday, March 9, 2007; 11:45 lunch | Noon Program  
Where: Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem, OR 97301  
Contact: Carla Mikkelson, 503.589.2975  
eMail: [nelalind@aol.com](mailto:nelalind@aol.com)  
Web Site: [www.salemcityclub.com](http://www.salemcityclub.com)