



Southeastern Washington Health Occupations

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The SOUTHEASTERN WASHINGTON HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ALLIANCE is a health care employers and educational institutions in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla counties working to increase the number and availability of strong and variety of health care occupations.

A Health Care Summit designed to draw from your expertise and knowledge of current healthcare planned for **Monday, May 1, 2006** in Dayton. Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) and Southeastern Health Occupations Alliance (SWHOA) invite you to attend this accord. This summit will provide you with to help shape the needs and direction for health care providers and training institutions in order to provide health care to residents of our 5 county region.

This unique opportunity will bring you together with civic and community leaders, Healthcare and education professionals. This forum will allow you to network and create partnerships that your organization will benefit and in the future.

Your participation will reveal the current state of health care in our five county region: Asotin, Columbia, Walla, and Whitman counties. Participants will discuss the demographics, what services are available, and what providers see as the recruitment and retention challenges.

Your participation will also provide direction on the following issues facing us:

- What are the biggest challenges facing us in meeting the health care needs of our five county region?
- Will continuing education and training partnerships with WWCC and SWHOA bring better care to our current and future clients?
- Does the information from the 2003 Healthcare Occupation Workforce Survey accurately reflect the needs of our region?
- Are the needs of health care professionals being met in the areas of Nursing, Long Term Care and . . . Safety (ie: Ancillary- physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, x-ray technicians, etc. responders)?
- How can our regional Health Care providers work together better? What areas should we be focusing on for the future?

Your perspective is important in providing direction for us, and we need to hear from you! We acknowledge you as a leader in our region and we look forward to seeing you on May 1st.

The Summit will be held at the Seneca Building in Dayton, Washington. From Walla Walla, travel east on 1 through the town of Dayton, over the bridge and turn right. Follow the signs. The building is located on the town.

RSVP needed Please confirm your attendance by calling WWCC Nursing Education at 509.527.4246 or secretary patricia.gallo@wwcc.edu.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS FOR MEETING HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF SOUTHEASTERN WASH

May 1, 2006

AGENDA

9:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Welcome, Overview, Introductions, Dr. Steven L. VanAusdle President, Walla Walla Community College
10:00 a.m.	SWHOA Panel / 2003 Workforce Survey Results, Melani Mangum, St. Mary Medical Center - Facilitator
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Looking to the Future: Healthcare Professional Demand through 2008, 2010, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Picture, Ed Phippen, Washington State Hospital Association • Rural Health Picture, Charlotte Hardt, EWA Health Education Center • Demographics, Jeff Zahir, WA State Employment Security Department
11:45 a.m.	Presentation Feedback
12:00 p.m.	Buffet Luncheon (Provided)
1:00 p.m.	Introduction to Group Work, Charlotte Hardt, Eastern Washington Area Health Education Center - Facilitator
1:15 p.m.	Collaborative Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs of the future • Education / Training based on needs • Collaborative strategies
2:15 p.m.	Reflections of Group Work: Next steps
2:45 p.m.	Concluding Remarks

Do You Want a Career in Health Care in a Rural Setting?

Education Resources



For 7th and 8th grade students-tips on getting ready for high school, how your parents can help, options (and some good jobs with no bodily fluids involved!).



For high school students-classes to take, financial aid information, what to do now to be ready later, quick tips.



For reentry students-no college background, some college background, you can train for

Employment Opportunities



Jobs, Jobs, Jobs-seven hospital jobs, long term care facilities, big clinics, public health nursing. Check out these employment options.



Life in Southeastern Washington is exciting from rural towns to the vibrant big city. It's a wine and tourist location. Life here you can stand life in the slow

good paying, satisfying jobs, and do it locally.

