

**TITLE:** Universal Health Care and Its Impact on Racism as a Public Health Crisis

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**TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE:** Universal Health Care and Its Impact on Racism as a Public Health Crisis. Target Audience: policy makers, health care providers, and public health advocates, and evaluators.

**ABSTRACT:** Tom Sincic, President Health Care for All Oregon, covers the reasons and necessity for declaring “Racism” as a public health crisis. Attendees will gain an understanding of the necessity of moving to a universal health care system to truly reduce barriers to care associated with racism. There will be a brief introduction to changes in clinical practice and the public health investments that could be implemented to address the health related impacts of racism under a universal health care system with resources to paths for changing our care model and public health investments.

**OBJECTIVE(S):**

List how “Racism “meets the four criteria for a “public health crisis”.

Name 2 obstacles to declaring “racism as a public health crisis”

Identify 3 public health measures that could be improved by approaching health issues with racism as a causal factor.

Identify 3 changes in clinical practice or resource allocations that could be instituted to address racism under a universal health care system.

**Bio**

Tom currently serves as President of Health Care for All Oregon. Tom holds a BS in Mathematics from Michigan State and a MSN in Community Health Nursing from Yale University., Tom was a Family Nurse Practitioner for 36 years, serving diverse communities in Rural East Tennessee, with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, at Multnomah County Corrections, and, for 25 years, students of every background, in School-Based Health Clinics. Tom is an Oregon Nurses Association member, on the Board of Nurses for Single Payer, and a member of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters Multnomah Leadership Committee. Past services include the Task Force on School Nursing, the Oregon Health Policy and Research Patient-Centered Primary Care Home, Pediatric Standards Advisory Committee, Adjunct Professor at Concordia University School of Nursing in Community Health, Adjunct Faculty Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine, Past President of the statewide Oregon School-Based Health Care Network. He is the recipient of the School-Based Champion Award and the OHSU Dept. of Pediatrics Career Teaching Achievement Award.