

## An introduction to local health care leader Carol Moser

(Carol will speak tonight, at about 7:00 PM, at the Laborers' Hall in Richland. Her subject is Washington State's new "Medicaid Transformation" project.)

Carol Moser of Richland is a guest speaker at tonight's Benton County Democrats' monthly meeting. Carol is Executive Director of the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health, [www.greatercolumbiaach.org](http://www.greatercolumbiaach.org). She will talk about the "Medicaid Transformation Project Demonstration," [www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/10-things.pdf](http://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/10-things.pdf), which is a part of the Washington State Health Care Authority's "Healthier Washington Initiative." Carol's presentation is a special order of business and will begin soon after the BCDCC meeting's 7:00 PM start time. The meeting location is Laborers' Local 348 Hall, 2505 Duportail St, Richland. (NOTE: If you haven't been to the Laborers' Hall before, then before you drive over, search for "2505 Duportail St, Richland" using Google Maps. The hall is actually located about 300 yards distant from Duportail Street, on an access road beside the Richland Bypass highway.)

Carol ran as a Democrat for 8<sup>th</sup> LD State Representative in 2010, having served ten years on the Richland City Council. Later, as Executive Director of the Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance (BFCHA), <http://www.bfcha.org/>, she led the CDC/NACCHO MAPP process for "Communities achieving improved health and quality of life by mobilizing partnerships and taking strategic action." Major milestones in this community health planning process were the 2012 "Community Health Needs Assessment for Benton and Franklin Counties" (CHNA) and the "Community Health Improvement Plan" (CHIP). (An update of the Benton-Franklin CHIP was published in May 2017 and is available on the BFCHA website.)

In 2013, Carol Moser and the BFCHA worked with the Navigator In-Person Assister Program, SEIU Healthcare 775NW, and Democrats in Benton and Franklin Counties to publicize and encourage enrollment in Obamacare health insurance. On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> the "Coalition for Affordable Health Care" held a rally at the Fingernail stage at Howard Amon Park, trumpeting the October 1<sup>st</sup> opening of the Washington Healthplanfinder online marketplace and celebrating the improvements in people's health that the expanded Medicaid and subsidized insurance were sure to bring. The ACA-compliant health benefit exchange offered enrollees quality, affordable insurance, with coverage starting January 1, 2014.

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