

Sheltering the Vulnerable: CWC H.E.A.R.T.

Guest Speakers: Kristin Stoller, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Dr. Jeri Turgesen and Matt Bunn, Community Wellness Collective

Kristen Stoller is the Co-Founder of Community Wellness Collective. She is married to Francisco Stoller, a local real estate agent. Their number one priority is raising their kids Vada, Riley, and Stella.

Kristen was awarded the Chairman's Award in 2014 by the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce, Early Bird Rotary's Norm Aldred Ethics in Business Award in 2015, Citizen of the Year for 2018, Volunteer Organization of the Year for 2019 for her work within the Community Wellness Collective, and in 2022, received the Dance Studio Owners Association Impact Award for her annual fundraising efforts with The Nutcracker



She and Elise Yarnell Hollamon launched the Community Wellness Collective in 2018 in response to the community's pain and need to heal and come together following a cluster of youth deaths by suicide. They work tirelessly to collaborate with local organizations and services to improve awareness and access to resources and to change the stigma around mental health and addiction and recovery.

Elise Yarnell Hollamon has lived in Newberg since 2016 with her husband and three kids. She has worked at Providence for the last 12 years in health care administration and is currently the director of access strategies for Providence Medical Group Oregon.

In 2018, she co-founded Community Wellness Collective to decrease the stigma of accessing mental health supports. Since then, CWC has hosted over 10 gatherings, bringing community together over difficult to discuss topics, bringing in experts to facilitate community-led solutions and conversation. CWC has operated Yamhill County's only 7-night shelter for the last 2.5 years.



Elise also has served as a Newberg City Councilor since 2018.



Dr. Jeri Turgesen is a Board-Certified Health Psychologist. She completed her doctoral degree at George Fox University, her internship at Eastern Virginia Medical School and a residency at the Portland VA Medical Center. Subsequently, Dr. Turgesen completed a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology through Fairleigh Dickenson University.

Dr. Turgesen has been a leader in integrated behavioral health and interdisciplinary medical settings for over 10 years, including serving as a Psychologist Medical Director for Providence Medical Group. She greatly enjoys serving patients within integrated healthcare settings, working as an active

member of interdisciplinary medical teams to address patients' holistic healthcare needs. Dr. Turgesen is passionate about community connection and developing collaborative relationships across organizations that facilitate collaboration, access, and ease the way for those who are most vulnerable or are experiencing barriers to accessing healthcare services. Areas of emphasis and interest include trauma informed care, substance use disorders/addiction, crisis and risk management, physical health and management, adolescent mental health, and caring for the needs of LGBTQIA+ patients.

Matt Bunn is the current director of operations at CWC. Here is a bit about him and how he ended up at CWC. His story begins at the age of 12. He was a fullblown alcoholic self-medicating due to trauma endured during early childhood. For the next 24 years not only was he a full-blown alcoholic but he was also in full drug addiction. He was a father of two children, divorced and now homeless due to his addiction.

For many years his family had no idea from day to day where he was or if he was even alive. During this time, he met and married his second wife who was also the bartender at one of the bars he frequented while living on the streets in Florida. Needless to say, they were



both alcoholics causing the marriage not to be a happy one.

After much self-reflection and many arrests, he decided to quit drinking, doing drugs and end his marriage. Today, he is almost 14 years clean; married for seven years, and now has a relationship with his two children. He also has three stepchildren and two grandchildren. He prides himself in giving our most vulnerable population a safe environment to be themselves, to feel loved, heard and seen.