



# 2019 FALL CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

October 2019

## Welcome to the CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall Conference The Future is Now: Advancing Community Health and Wellbeing

CHAMPS and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) welcome you to Seattle, WA, and the 2019 Fall Primary Care Conference! This year's conference includes four days full of exceptional tracks designed to highlight the Health Centers that are positively impacting the health and wellness of the communities they serve. We invite you to take part in gaining knowledge, to be inspired, and to innovate with your team and across the Community Health Center Movement as you take part in the numerous educational sessions and networking opportunities available. We are so pleased that you chose to join Region 18 as we reflect upon and celebrate the power of Community Health Centers and their impact, propelling the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve.

### Plenary Speakers

#### General Plenary, Monday, October 7, 8:30-10:30AM

- ★ **Tonya Bowers**, MHS, Deputy Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration
- ★ **Joe Gallegos**, Senior Vice President for Western Operations, National Association of Community Health Centers
- ★ **Alejandro Romillo**, President and CEO, Health Choice Network

#### Closing Plenary, Tuesday, October 8, 1:45-3:00PM

- ★ **Richard Yonck**, Futurist and Author, Intelligent Future Consulting

### CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events

#### CHAMPS Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, 10/5, 12:00-1:30PM

#### Welcome and Networking Reception

Saturday, 10/5, 5:00-7:00PM

#### CHAMPS Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, 10/6, 5:00-6:30PM

#### BPHC CMO Listening Session

Monday, 10/7, 7:00-8:30AM

#### BHW Lunch and Learn

Monday, 10/7, 12:30-1:30PM

#### CHC Tour

Monday, 10/7, 1:30-3:30PM

#### MPCN Steering

#### Committee Meeting

Monday, 10/7, 6:00-8:00PM

#### Roundtable Lunches

Sunday, 10/6, 12:00-1:30PM

- ★ 340B, Clinicians, HIV, Workforce/HR

Tuesday, 10/8, 12:00-1:30PM

- ★ Behavioral Health, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Operations Officers, Immigration and Public Charge, Primary Care Associations

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### Engage, Inspire, Transform: Practical Approaches to Becoming an Employer of Choice

Join the Western Clinicians Alliance, whose members include Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC), California Primary Care Association (CPCA), Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS), Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA), and Western Clinicians Network (WCN), for an intensive and interactive in-person training January 14-15, 2020 in Seattle, WA. Examine practical steps leaders can take to establish their health center as an employer of choice, focusing on individual development, organizational leadership, and systemic engagement.

To learn more, visit <http://championline.org/events-trainings/leadership-learning-opportunities#EOC>.

### HRSA Announces Awards for Health Centers and HCCNs

In July, August, and September 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced multiple awards for Health Centers and Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCNs).

- ★ Almost \$42 million in funding was awarded to 49 Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCNs) enabling HCCNs to further support Health Centers and improve the use of health information technology.
- ★ Through the Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) program, over 1,000 Health Centers were awarded more than \$200 million to increase access to high quality, integrated behavioral health services, including the prevention or treatment of mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders, along with opioid use disorder.
- ★ Nearly \$107 million in Quality Improvement (QI) Awards were given to 1,273 Health Centers nationwide to recognize their work addressing health priorities as well as their achievements in increasing the number of patients served and patients' ability to access comprehensive services, advancing the use of health information technology, and delivering patient-centered care.
- ★ Over \$85 million was awarded to 298 Health Centers to expand access to Oral Health Care service capacity through new infrastructure enhancements. These investments are the first by HRSA to solely focus on oral health infrastructure and will enable Health Centers to provide new or enhance existing oral health services.

*Congratulations to all awardees!*

#### CHAMPS 2018 Region VIII UDS Health Center Fact Sheet

Download the new CHAMPS one-page flyer highlighting Region VIII 2018 UDS Information, now available on the CHAMPS website.

Visit the CHAMPS Publications webpage to download the one-pager and learn more:  
<http://CHAMPSonline.org/tools-products/publications-electronic-media/champs-publications>.

### New Rural Health Care Guide from HRSA

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently released a "Guide for Rural Health Care Collaboration and Coordination" which provides information on how rural providers can work together to identify the health needs in their communities, create partnerships to address those needs, and develop a "community minded" approach to health care. Coal Country Community Health Center based in Beulah, ND, was cited in Case Study 2 of the Guide – Motivation for Collaboration and Coordination. This study discusses the partnership between Coal Country, a Federally Qualified Health Center, and Sakakawea Medical Center, a Critical Access Hospital, and details how their work together to better serve their populations sprouted other meaningful partnerships.

*To view the guide, visit:*

<https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/ruralhealth/resources/hrsa-rural-collaboration-guide.pdf>

#### Upcoming Events

- ★ **October 11:** Colorado Corps Community Connection (Colorado Springs, CO)
- ★ **October 13-16:** NNOHA Annual Conference (Las Vegas, NV)
- ★ **October 16-17:** MPCA Population Health and Enabling Services Summit (Helena, MT)
- ★ **October 24-25:** NACHC Financial, Operations Management/Information Technology Conference (Chicago, IL)
- ★ **October 31:** 2019 CCHN Credentialing and Privileging Webinar Series
- ★ **November 1:** AUCH UDS Training
- ★ **November 5:** WYPCA UDS Training
- ★ **November 6:** CHAD UDS Training
- ★ **November 15:** CCHN UDS Training
- ★ **November 18-20:** NACHC PCA and HCCN Conference (San Diego, CA)
- ★ **November 20:** CHAMPS Region VIII Healthcare for the Homeless Grantee Collaborative Call
- ★ **November 20-21:** MPCA UDS Training
- ★ **January 14-15:** NWRPCA/CHAMPS Employer of Choice Training (Seattle, WA)

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