CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference Highlights

Last month in Denver, CO, over 400 members of the health center community attended the 2018 Annual Primary Care Conference, jointly hosted by Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) and Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA). The conference theme, “Region 18 in 2018: Elevation Through Innovation,” echoed the opportunity of 10+ states of health centers coming together to share best practices and ideas and the experience of contributing to collective progress, pursuing innovation and excellence. In addition to having over 70 training sessions, this year’s conference included welcome and networking receptions, a health center tour, a wine tasting and dinner, as well as multiple opportunities to learn and grow together. Notable speakers included: Dr. Brian Shiozawa, from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS); Tonya Bowers and Dr. Luis Padilla from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA); James Luisi and Dan Hawkins from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC); and closing speaker Paul Huschilt, a Humor and Wellness Expert. Each fall CHAMPS, NWRPCA, and the Western Clinicians Network (WCN) partner to host this conference in alternating regions. Next year’s Annual Primary Care Conference will be held October 5-8, 2019 in Seattle, WA.

Explore the CHAMPS Annual Primary Care Conference webpage to review conference highlights, view a conference photo journal, and stay updated on plans for the 2019 conference.
Congratulations to the 2018 CHAMPS Award Winners!

Each year CHAMPS recognizes community health leaders from across the Mountain/Plains states. All Region VIII health centers and State Primary Care Associations (SPCAs) are encouraged to submit award nominations, and winners are selected by the CHAMPS Executive Committee. The 2018 awards were presented at the CHAMPS Board of Directors meeting during the Annual Primary Care Conference in October.

Diana Bird, pictured above left, fourth from left, Clinical Coordinator for HealthWorks, was awarded the Outstanding Advocate of the Underserved Award for her dedication to the health center mission and patient advocacy.

Jeanne Darricades, MPH, JD, pictured above center, at center, President & Chief Executive Officer of Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc., received the Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award for advancing the mission and recognition of community and migrant health centers in the Mountain/Plains states.

Eva Poulson, DDS, pictured above right, retired Dental Director of Commerce City Clinic, Salud Family Health Centers, was awarded the Exceptional Clinical Leadership Award for her commitment to clinical excellence and providing quality health care for all.

Daniel R. Hawkins, Jr., pictured below left, second from right, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Research of the National Association of Community Health Centers, was awarded the Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award for championing accessible, affordable, quality health care for all.

Lionel Tapia, MD, pictured below center, at center, Board Member for RiverStone Health, was honored with the Exceptional Board Leadership Award for his service and commitment to RiverStone Health and the medically underserved.

Christina Konechne, pictured below right, at left, Chief Operations Officer of Horizon Health Care, Inc., received the Exceptional Administrative Leadership Award for demonstrating passion for and dedication to the CHC mission.
CHAMPS Welcomes New Executive Committee Members

During the 2018 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Primary Care Conference in October, the CHAMPS Board of Directors elected its Executive Committee, pictured and listed below. CHAMPS is looking forward to promoting the health center mission under the leadership of its new Executive Committee.

- President: Keith Horwood, MD, pictured at center, Associate Medical Director, Community Health Centers, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT
- Vice President: Kristi Halvarson, pictured second from left, Executive Director, Community Health Service Inc., Grafton, ND
- Immediate Past President: John Mengenhausen, Pictured third from left, Chief Executive Officer, Horizon Health Care, Inc., Howard, SD
- Treasurer: John Santistevan, pictured farthest left, President/Chief Executive Officer, Salud Family Health Centers, Fort Lupton, CO
- Montana Representative: Maria Clemons, CPA, pictured farthest right, Executive Director, Northwest Community Health Center, Libby, MT
- Wyoming Representative: Colette Mild, not pictured, Chief Executive Officer, Heritage Health Center, Powell, WY
- Clinical Representative: Chastity Dolbec, RN, BSN, pictured second from right, Director of Patient Care and Innovation, Coal Country Community Health Centers, Beulah, ND

Over One Million Patients Served in Region VIII

Region VIII Health Centers served more than 1,000,000 patients for the first time in 2017 according to Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) Uniform Data System (UDS) information. Each year CHAMPS compiles a report of this data for Region VIII Health Center Program grantees. The 2017 Region VIII BPHC Uniform Data System Summary includes valuable trend data about health center grantees, sites, staffing, visits, income, patients, provider productivity, tenure, and clinical and fiscal performance. The summary has been updated this year to incorporate new Mental and Behavioral Health productivity figures (visits per FTE) for Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Substance Abuse Services personnel.

Please visit the CHAMPS Publications webpage to download the full 2017 annual summary and a two-page 2017 Region VIII UDS Highlights flyer as well as view summaries and flyers from prior years.

Questions? Please contact Andrea@CHAMPSONline.org.

Region VIII Health Center Quick Stats

Between 2013 and 2017:
- Grantees increased 8.2%.
- Staff FTEs increased 44.2%.
- Visits increased 28.0%.
- Patients increased 25.0%.
- Patients receiving mental health services increased 91.6%.

In 2017:
- 67.2% of health centers were considered rural, compared with 44.3% nationally.
- 26.8% of patients were uninsured, compared with 22.9% nationally.
- Total cost per patient was $932, lower than the national cost of $942.
- The rate of uncontrolled diabetes dropped to 33% from 37% the year prior; the nation’s 2017 rate of uncontrolled diabetes was also 33%.
HRSA Funding Expands Access to Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health Services and HIV/AIDS Care and Medication

On September 19, 2018 the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) announced $352 million in funding to 1,232 community health centers nationwide via the Expanding Access to Quality Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services (SUD-MH) Awards. This funding was paired with an additional $18.5 million to support Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) and Enhancing Behavioral Health Workforce (EBHW) for Health Centers awards, supporting partnerships between 21 academic institutions and 54 HRSA-funded health centers. Together, these and other awards support HHS’s Five-Point Opioid Strategy addressing Access, Data, Pain, Overdoses, and Research; this strategy was launched last year to empower local communities on the frontlines of the national epidemic.

On October 11, 2018 HHS and HRSA announced approximately $2.34 billion in Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grants, which were awarded to municipalities and community-based organizations to support a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medication, and essential support services to more than half a million people living with HIV in the U.S.

CHAMPS congratulates the 59 Region VIII Health Centers receiving SUD-MH Awards, the six Region VIII Health Centers receiving EBHW Awards, and the seven Region VIII Health Centers receiving Ryan White HIV/AIDS Awards!

For more information about the SUD-MH awards, visit the HRSA FY 18 HRSA Opioids Funding page. For more information about the BHWET/EBHW awards, visit the HRSA Program Opportunities page. For more information about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS awards, visit the related HHS News Release.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Encouraging successful careers and strong, cutting-edge organizations by providing live and archived continuing education, recruitment and retention tools, and the latest information on current trends and statistics. Learn more here.

Arriving Soon: 2018 Region VIII Health Center Salary, Benefits, Turnover, and Vacancy Survey Reports

The 2018 Region VIII Health Center Salary, Benefits, Turnover, and Vacancy Survey Report will provide an analysis of data for over 8,200 employees working for 86% of the region’s health centers, enabling these organizations to determine whether their salary and benefits packages are competitive in comparison with similar organizations within the region. The report will also illustrate regional workforce trends allowing health centers and their support organizations to monitor changing needs. All health centers that participated in the survey will receive one free copy, and all CHAMPS Organizational Members will receive an additional free copy.

The related 2018 Region VIII Health Center Clinical Staffing and Provider Productivity Expectations Reports will be released in electronic form in the coming months. Electronic versions of all current and past reports related to this project are available in the Members Only section of the CHAMPS website. Questions? Please contact Andrea@CHAMPSonline.org.

Don't forget about the CHAMPS Employment Screening Preferred Pricing Program! CHAMPS Organizational Member CHCs can take advantage of 30% to 35% discounts off ScreeningOne employment screening services - click here to learn more!
Increase Interest in Openings by Updating Your JOB Postings!

The CHAMPS Region VIII Job Opportunities Bank (JOB) receives over 3,000 views each month, advertising administrative, clinical, dental, behavioral health, clinical support, and non-clinical support openings at Health Centers and Primary Care Associations (PCAs) throughout Region VIII. CHAMPS advertises career opportunities at Region VIII health centers not only through JOB posts but also by advertising those JOB postings at local, regional, and national career fairs. Keep your jobs updated so we have the most up to date information to share with job seekers!

To post or update a position, email Yael@CHAMPSonline.org.

Continuing Education on Your Schedule...

CHAMPS distance learning events are recorded to give health center staff extra opportunities to enhance professional development, gain clinical knowledge, and learn workforce strategies.

Current offerings include:

- **Clinical and Quality Distance Learning Events:**
  - CHAMPS 2018 Immunization Update
  - SAMHSA Region VIII 42 CFR Part 2: Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records

- **CHAMPS/CCHN 2018 Outreach and Enrollment Distance Learning Series:**
  - The Silent Crisis: Engaging Immigrant Populations in your Health Center
  - Supporting O&E in Your CHC
  - Preparing for Open Enrollment 6

- **CHAMPS/NWRPCA Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MSAW) and their Families Uniform Data System (UDS) Reporting Series:**
  - It’s Not Too Early to be Thinking About 2018 UDS Reporting for Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers and their Families
  - Nuts and Bolts to Identifying Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers and their Families in Your Health Center

- **CHAMPS/Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) Workforce Development Series:**
  - Recruiting Behavioral Health and Oral Health Staff in an Integrated Care Model
  - Assessing Organizational Readiness for Change
  - What You Need to Know About Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)

- **CHAMPS/CCHN Team-Based Care Distance Learning Series:**
  - Understanding and Implementing Foundations of Team-Based Care
  - Strategies for Maximizing Use of the Care Team
  - Effective Team Communication with the Patient in Mind
  - Integrating Motivational Interviewing into Clinic Workflows
  - Spreading and Sustaining Team-Based Care
  - The Role of Place in Team-Based Care
  - Utilizing Data Effectively to Advance Team-Based Care

- **Additional Workforce Development Events:**
  - CHAMPS Best Practices for Supporting Veterans in Your Organization
  - CHAMPS/CCHN Strategies for Developing Community Partnerships
  - CHAMPS/CCHN Staff Retention through Workplace Wellness

Visit the CHAMPS Online Archived Distance Learning Events webpage for more details.
NHSC Corps Community Month

October was Corps Community Month, celebrating the National Health Services Corps (NHSC). NHSC works to build strong and healthy communities by bringing qualified healthcare providers to work in areas of the U.S. with limited access to care. Currently there are over 10,000 NHSC members, with 1,300 NHSC scholars in school or residency. Over the course of the month, NHSC clinicians were highlighted in this video for their work in providing healthcare in rural and underserved communities across the country.

Thank you to all NHSC members!
To learn more about the National Health Service Corps, visit the NHSC website.

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Students to Service Loan Repayment Program Now Open

The NHSC 2019 Students to Service Loan Repayment Program (S2S LRP) is now open and will be accepting applications until December 20 at 5:30PM MT / 6:30PM CT. Interested applicants are encouraged to participate in the NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program Application webinar on November 27 from 1:30-2:30PM MT / 2:30-3:30PM CT.

To learn more about the program, read the 2019 Application and Program Guidance booklet. Visit the NHSC website to apply and learn more.

MOUNTAIN/PLAINS CLINICAL NETWORK (MPCN) NEWS

Providing professional, administrative, and educational support to all clinicians that practice in Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers in Region VIII to ensure the delivery of the highest possible quality of care to poor and underserved populations. Learn more here.

Region VIII Hosts NACHC New Clinical Directors Training

On October 19 and 20, 2018, 45 clinical directors from Regions VIII and X and across the country gathered in Denver, CO, at the Westin Denver Downtown just ahead of the CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference to participate in the National Association of Community Health Centers’ (NACHC) New Clinical Directors Training. Dr. Keith Horwood and Dr. Kumble Rajesh lectured on Delivery Models, Regulatory Expectations, Practice Transformation, Introductory Finance, and more. Most of the time, however, was spent discussing case studies so participants could apply what they learned to real world scenarios. In addition, all attendees will have access to NACHC’s Self-Directed Learning Engine, a tool that allows clinicians to assess their professional competencies, identify learning gaps, and create a development plan that recommends training opportunities and resources.

MPCN Steering Committee Welcomes New Members

The Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) Steering Committee would like to welcome Ron Malm, MD and Leah Schulz, DDS as its newest members. Dr. Malm is a Faculty Physician at the University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency Program in Cheyenne, WY. Dr. Schulz is the Dental Director at the Fort Collins West clinic of Salud Family Health Centers in Colorado. MPCN is excited that Ron and Leah have decided to share their expertise and passion for the health center movement with the committee. MPCN seeks additional clinicians, particularly those from rural areas in North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming to serve on the Steering Committee.

If you are interested in joining the MPCN Steering Committee, please visit the MPCN Steering Committee webpage for more information or contact Jen Anderson at Jen@CHAMPSonline.org.
National Influenza Vaccination Week

Be sure to get your Flu Vaccine and watch for National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) December 2 to 8, 2018! Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established NIVW in 2005 to highlight the importance of getting the flu vaccination through the holidays and in the future. Check out a few key facts from the CDC to share with peers about the flu and the importance of flu vaccinations:

★ The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses.
★ Over 100 pediatric deaths from influenza were reported last season.
★ Getting yourself vaccinated protects individuals around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness (i.e., babies, elders, and people with certain chronic health conditions).
★ Flu outbreaks can happen early in the season, and while most occur between December and February, they can happen as late as May.

To learn more about National Influenza Vaccination Week and the flu visit the CDC [NIVW webpage](http://www.cdc.gov/nivw).

Open Enrollment is Here!

Open Enrollment Period Six (OE6) began on November 1, and for Federally-Facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs) it will end December 15; for the State-Based Marketplace in Region VIII – Colorado – it will end January 15. Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2013, over 22 million Americans have gained health coverage, many for the first time. As of the end of the fifth Open Enrollment Period (OE5), the uninsured rate had reached a record low of 8.8%. This is in large part due to the coordinated and effective strategies of outreach and enrollment personnel.

This Open Enrollment period, some of the most crucial messages to continue to emphasize are:

★ Affordability:
  o 85% of marketplace enrollees qualify for tax credits to offset the cost of insurance.
★ Value of Coverage:
  o Health insurance provides financial security.
  o Key benefits such as mental health, maternity coverage, and preventative care are all covered by all plans offered by [Healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).
★ In-Person Assistance:
  o Health centers have years of experience in connecting people to affordable health care regardless of income.

Visit the CHAMPS Outreach & Enrollment webpage for more information or contact [Helen@CHAMPSonline.org](mailto:Helen@CHAMPSonline.org).
New Online Outreach & Enrollment (O&E) CHAMPS Resource – Outreach & Enabling Services Infographic

This year, CHAMPS partnered with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas (CHAD), Health Care Association of Nebraska (HCAN), and other state PCAs to create an editable Outreach & Enabling Services Infographic. The front of this two-sided document outlines the service areas of Outreach, Interpretation & Translation, Eligibility Assistance, Health Education, Transportation, and Case Management as spokes in the wheel of Integrated Value-Based Care. The back page is an editable content repository focusing on how the service areas of the front advance the Quadruple Aim: Enhancing Patient Experience, Improving Population Health, Reducing Costs, and Strengthening Care Team Well-Being. This tool is meant to help communicate the importance and value of outreach work to health center leadership and to encourage O&E personnel to appreciate the breadth and impact of their own work.

To download a copy of the Outreach & Enabling Services Infographic, click here.

For other CHAMPS O&E resources and information, visit the CHAMPS Outreach & Enrollment webpage.

Short-Term Insurance Plans Explained

Short-term health insurance plans were originally designed as a “stop-gap” option – a temporary way of ameliorating the problem of not having health insurance. However, recent federal rules expanded the term limits from three to 12 months. While these plans may seem like a good option, they do not qualify as health insurance in accordance with the Public Health Act, and therefore are not held to the standards laid out in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Some states, including Colorado, are working to limit these plans through state laws and regulations.

A few key differences between short-term plans and ACA plans are that the former:

- Can be medically underwritten based on health status;
- Can include exclusions based on pre-existing conditions;
- Can deny coverage (there is no guaranteed issue);
- Can include annual or lifetime limits on covered benefits; and
- Do not have to cover the ACA’s 10 essential health benefits.

To learn more about the ACA, view this Kaiser Family Foundation Fact Sheet.
Public Charge Proposed Rule Change

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has published the proposed changes to the “Public Charge” rule in the Federal Register. Public Charge is a category used to determine whether someone seeking permanent residence status is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence. While there is still a long process ahead before any of the proposed changes could take place, it is important to acknowledge the effect this proposal might have on communities. Given that the proposed change expands the definition of “Public Charge” to those who use services such as Medicaid, food stamps, and housing subsidies, and that one in four children in the U.S. has at least one parent who is an immigrant, this would impact millions. Some crucial messaging to impart to concerned people is:

★ There are still several months before this could possibly become the law of the land;
★ If it is passed, people will have time to act before the rule goes into effect; and
★ If it is passed, reviewers will not be able to take past participation in these programs into account.

The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) has released an updated document, How to Talk About Public Charge with Immigrants and Their Families to help health center staff navigate these conversations. The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has also prepared an FAQ on the Administration’s Public Charge Proposal.

CHAMPS Special Populations Resources

The CHAMPS website has a myriad of resources relating to Special Populations including:

★ Homeless and Public Housing Resources;
★ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources;
★ Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers and their Families (MSFW) Resources; and
★ Veterans Resources.

Check out the CHAMPS website for more information on other related topics such as Cultural Competency and Outreach to Specific Populations.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

Region VIII Leader Awarded at NACHC’s 2018 Community Health Institute (CHI) & Expo

During the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) 2018 Community Health Institute (CHI) & Expo, Pam McManus, MBA, CPA, (pictured at left, third from left) was honored with the Jessie Trice Excellence in Leadership Award. Pam is President and CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers, which serves more than 92,000 patients in Colorado’s Pikes Peak and East Central regions. Congratulations, Pam!
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Community Health Center Funding Secured

On September 29, 2018, the Health Center Program secured federal funding for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Multiple programs that support the community health center movement were also funded, including the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). The spending package includes $1.63 billion for CHCs, further supporting the 27 million patients served.

Denver Health Awarded NIH All of Us Research Program Funding

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) awarded $21 million to 46 community health centers, including Denver Health, in Denver, CO, to support participation in the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) All of Us Research Program. All of Us is a national effort to collect information from U.S. residents to advance research and enhance health by taking individuals’ differences in lifestyle, environment, biology, and other factors into account. The HRSA investment supports CHCs’ capabilities to enroll and retain participants in All of Us, which seeks to advance precision medicine.

Regional Provider Receives the Corazon Y Alma (Heart and Soul) Award

At the 2018 Fiesta on the Plaza, hosted by Clínica Tepeyac of Denver, CO, Dr. Tillman Farley (pictured at left) was honored with the Corazon y Alma (Heart and Soul) Award. Dr. Farley is the Chief Medical Officer of Salud Family Health Centers, a migrant/community health center with clinics across northern Colorado. Dr. Farley has implemented multiple successful integrated care models in New York, Texas, and Colorado and is currently the Vice-Chair of the National Association of Community Health Centers Behavioral Health and HIV Committee. Congratulations, Dr. Farley!

Grant Opportunities

- HRSA Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) (due November 28)
- HRSA Rural Health Network Development Planning Program (due November 30)
- BPHC Service Area Competition (due December 11)
- NRACC Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (ongoing)

Missed the HRSA BPHC All-Programs Webcast on September 25, 2018? Watch it here.

Be sure to sign up for HRSA Email Updates to be alerted of future All-Programs Webcasts and mark your calendar for the upcoming HRSA BPHC All-Programs Webcast on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 12:30PM–1:30PM MT / 1:30PM–2:30PM CT.
Third Year of MCN Project ECHOs to begin in January
Submitted by Claire Hutkins Seda, Migrant Clinicians Network

Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN) and the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) have joined efforts to address diabetes and hypertension within health centers that serve communities with a significant mobile agricultural worker population. In order to support these health centers, MCN will be launching its third year of Project ECHOs (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) focusing on diabetes and hypertension, beginning in January 2019. The series sessions will be scheduled for Thursdays at 11:00AM MT / 12:00PM CT.

Presented in Spanish, this highly popular series is specifically designed for health promoters, community outreach workers, and case managers who work directly with patients in the detection, treatment, self-management, and prevention of diabetes and hypertension.

Visit the Migrant Clinicians Network Project ECHO webpage for more details and registration and to learn about the previous Diabetes and Hypertension ECHO series.

Don’t Forget about the New Resource from Health Outreach Partners (HOP)
Submitted by Diana Lieu, Health Outreach Partners

Check out HOP’s newest report, Addressing Diabetes Through Outreach: Innovative Outreach Practices from the Field. The report features eight health centers that are using outreach to provide diabetes prevention and management care services. Download this free resource now!

Visit the Health Outreach Partners webpage to learn more about their Innovative Outreach Practices Reports on Diabetes and other available resources.

Call for National Advisory Committee Nominations

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is seeking nominations for new members to serve on its Health Workforce National Advisory Committees. The five committees work to advise the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and Congress on health workforce policies and programs. HRSA will accept nominations on a continuous basis, considering them when vacancies occur on each committee. You may nominate yourself or others, and professional associations and organizations may also nominate qualified candidates.

The five committees are the following:

★ The Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL)
★ The National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP)
★ The National Advisory Council (NAC) on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
★ The Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME)
★ The Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD)

To learn more about the Health Workforce National Advisory Committees, click here.

For more information about eligibility and application requirements, please contact HRSA’s Bureau of Health Workforce at: BHWAdvisoryCouncil@hrsa.gov.
Region VIII in the News

- **Utah Navajo Health System**: UNHS Opens New Clinic, HQ in Montezuma Creek *(San Juan Record, September 4)*
- **Enterprise Valley Medical Clinic, Family Healthcare, and Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah**: 3 Southern Utah Health Centers Receive Federal Grants for Quality Services *(St George News, September 6)*
- **Partnership Health Center**: Missoula Event Aims to Promote Dialogue on Substance Abuse, Mental Health *(Montana Public Radio, September 14)*
- **Salud Family Health Centers**: 71,000 Coloradans are Living with Alzheimer’s | Resources, Research and their Stories *(9News, September 15)*
- **Sunrise Community Health**: Tribune Opinion: The 2013 Flood Proved We Could Come Together *(Greeley Tribune, September 15)*
- **Community Health Service Inc.**: Grafton Clinic Serves Migrant and Agricultural Workers from a New Spot *(Grand Forks Herald, September 16)*
- **Horizon Health Care, Inc.**: Howard’s Cancer Campaign *(The Daily Republic, September 17)*
- **Northwest Community Health Center**: Caregivers Unite after Mental Health Center Closes in Lincoln County: Teamwork Promises to Help Improve Mental Health Care Resources *(Valley Journal, September 18)*
- **Glacier Community Health Center**: Meeting the Challenge ~ Ryan Leaf Featured Speaker at GCHC’s Substance Abuse Workshop *(Pioneer Press, September 19)*
- **High Plains Community Health Center**: The Colorado Trust Grants Five Southeast Colorado Nonprofits via Rural Philanthropy Days *(The Prowers Journal, September 20)*
- **Valley Community Health Centers**: Heitkamp Leads Grand Forks Discussion on Maternal Care *(Grand Forks Herald, September 21)*
- **Colorado Community Health Network**: Community Health Centers Boost Economic Activity *(Alamosa News, September 22)*
- **River Valley Family Health Center**: River Valley Scores Wins, Readies for Ground-Breaking *(Montrose Press, September 22)*
- **Sapphire Community Health, Inc.**: Sapphire Community Health Relocates *(Ravalli Republic, September 22)*
- **Flathead Community Health Center**: Public Health Executive Director Stepping Down *(Daily Inter Lake, September 24)*
- **Bighorn Valley Health Center and Central Montana Community Health Center**: It Takes Two *(Lewistown News, October 5)*
- **PureView Health Center**: Community Clinic Planned in East Helena *(9KXLH, October 5)*
- **Clinica Family Health**: Community Foundation Announces 2018 Leadership Fellows *(Patch, October 6)*
- **Heritage Health Center**: Heritage Health Center Plans to Open Satellite Clinic in Greybull *(Greybull Standard, October 11)*
- **Family HealthCare**: Fargo’s Family Healthcare Brings Primary Care Services to Valley City *(Inforum, October 12)*
- **MarillacHealth**: MarillacHealth Kicks Off 30 Day Campaign *(Western Slope Now, October 14)*
- **Sapphire Community Health, Inc.**: Federal Grant Allows Sapphire Community Health to Expand Mental Health Services *(Ravalli Republic, October 17)*
- **Family Healthcare**: Letter to the Editor: Voting to Expand Medicaid is a Sound Investment in Utah's Medical, Economic Future *(St. George News, October 24)*
- **High Plains Community Health Center**: High Plains to Form Patient Advisory Council *(The Prowers Journal, October 25)*
- **Clinica Tepeyac**: Seen: Fiesta on the Plaza Funds Medical Services at Clinica Tepeyac *(The Denver Post, October 26)*
- **Montana Primary Care Association**: Open Enrollment Starts Thursday Amid Cuts to Health Insurance Navigators *(Missoula Current, October 29)*
- **Montana State University**: Montana State Researchers Studying Federally Qualified Health Centers Receive Grant *(Eureka Alert, October 29)*
- **Mountain Family Health Centers and Peak Vista Community Health Center**: Colorado Community Health Centers Key Economic Drivers *(Public News Service, November 14)*
Visit the interactive Online CHAMPS Calendar for continuing updates!

**2018 Region VIII UDS Trainings**
- WYPCA UDS Training, Tuesday, October 30, 2018, Casper, WY
- AUCH UDS Training, Thursday, November 8, 2018, West Valley City, UT
- CCHN UDS Training, Friday, November 9, 2018, Denver, CO
- CHAD UDS Training Webinar, Tuesday, November 27, 2018
- MPCA UDS Training Webinar, Tuesday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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**Bureau of Primary Health (BPHC) All-Programs Webcast**
Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 12:30PM-1:30PM MT / 1:30PM-2:30PM CT

**CHAMPS Resiliency Collaborative Session 6**
December 4, 2018, 12:15PM-1:15PM MT / 1:15PM-2:15PM CT

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**CHAMPS Resiliency Collaborative Session 7**
January 8, 2019, 12:15PM-1:15PM MT / 1:15PM-2:15PM CT

**WYPCA PCMH Summit 2**
January 24 to 25, 2019, Cheyenne, WY

**Health Action 2019 Conference: Fighting for America’s Families**
January 24 to 26, 2019, Washington, D.C.

**CHAMPS Resiliency Collaborative Session 8**
February 5, 2019, 12:15PM-1:15PM MT / 1:15PM-2:15PM CT

**NACHC 2019 Financial Operations Management, Level I (FOM 1)**
February 20 to 22, 2019, Seattle, WA

**NACHC Policy & Issues Forum**
March 27 to 30, 2019, Washington, D.C.

**CHAMPS Spanish Language Training**
April 19 to 22, 2019, Denver, CO

**Conference for Agricultural Worker Health**
May 6 to 8, 2019, Albuquerque, NM

**AUCH Annual Conference**
May 16 to 17, 2019, West Valley City, UT

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