



## Fall 2008 Quarterly Newsletter

### Welcome to the CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Conference!

CHAMPS and NWRPCA welcome you to Denver and the **2008 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference!** We encourage you to make the most of your time with your peers at the Denver Marriott City Center for this multi-track conference offering a variety of sessions designed to meet the needs of health center staff and Board members at all levels.

#### CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events:

- CHAMPS Executive Committee Meeting, Saturday, October 18, 5:00 – 7:00 PM (Dinner – Gold Coin Room, LL1)
- CHAMPS Annual Board of Directors Meeting, Sunday, October 19, 5:30 – 7:30 PM (Snack – Matchless Room, LL1)
- Welcome Reception, Sunday, October 19, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Roundtable Lunches, Monday, October 20, 12:00 – 1:45 PM  
*The roundtable lunch options include Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Clinicians, Clinic Operations, Board, and Human Resources. Pre-registration is required.*
- Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) Steering Committee Meeting, Monday, October 20, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (Dinner – Matchless Room, LL1)



#### Don't Miss this Innovative Session: Wednesday, October 22, 9:00 – 11:00 AM (11B) Educational Theater Addresses Culturally Competent Care for GLBT Community

Join the excitement as the Kaiser Permanente Educational Theater Program presents its production *On The Streets* during the Annual Primary Care Conference on Wednesday morning. This play was created from the statistics and real life stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth facing homelessness and disparate issues in health care. **It will be performed by youth** for whom these issues are often first hand experiences. Following the play, Dr. Mark Groshek, a Kaiser Pediatrician, along with a Kaiser social worker, will discuss the cultural characteristics of the GLBT community and health issues and disparities they face. Dr.



Cast Members from Kaiser Permanente Educational Theater Program's *On The Streets*

Groshek will also **present tools that health care practitioners and their staff can use to eliminate health care barriers for GLBT patients.** After attending this session, participants will have a foundational knowledge of how to help GLBT patients feel at ease in their health centers and the unique health care needs of this population.

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## **CHAMPS Congratulates Region VIII Awardees and Leaders**

### **Health Centers Awarded HRSA Grants**

On September 5, 2008, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced more than \$39 million in grants. The majority of these awards will help existing health centers increase their current services. These grants include: Expanded Medical Capacity, Expanded Mental Health, Expanded Oral Health, and Comprehensive Pharmacy Services. Additional Health Center Planning Grants were awarded to organizations in communities without health centers to help them develop new health sites. Eleven organizations within Region VIII received these grants:

- ★ **Cascade City–County Health Department**
- ★ **Carbon Medical Services Association, Inc.**
- ★ **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**
- ★ **Colorado Community Health Network**
- ★ **Family HealthCare Center**
- ★ **Glacier Community Health Center, Inc.**
- ★ **Metro Community Provider Network**
- ★ **Mountainlands Community Health Center**
- ★ **Salud Family Health Centers**
- ★ **Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.**
- ★ **Yellowstone City County Health Department**

### **Northwest Community Health Leadership Institute (NWCHLI)**

The University of Washington offers a CHAMPS/NWRPCA-affiliated professional certificate program in community health leadership which provides community and migrant health center directors in Regions VIII and X the opportunity to collaborate with peers and develop their leadership skills. The six-month, 13 credit program combines classroom time with distance learning. It addresses issues such as managing health care organizations, organizational behavior, team leadership, and more. The inaugural class of 2008 included three students from Region VIII: Ken Davis from Mountain Family Health Center in Glenwood Springs, CO; Jennifer Morse from the Salud Family Health Centers in Fort Lupton, CO; and Patricia Patron from the Family HealthCare Center in Fargo, ND. Apply soon for the class of 2009! (Application deadline is November 14, 2008.) For more information about NWCHLI, please visit [www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/default.asp#nwchli](http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/default.asp#nwchli).



*Jennifer Morse; Ken Davis;  
Patrician Patron*

### **NACHC Community Health Care Awards of Excellence**

During their 39th Annual Convention and Community Health Institute (CHI) in New Orleans, LA this past September, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) honored health center representatives from across the country for their outstanding contributions. CHAMPS congratulates the two recipients of **Community Health Care Awards of Excellence** from Region VIII:

- ★ Ed Hendrikson, Director of Environmental Health at Salud Family Health Centers in Fort Lupton, CO, received the **2008 Samuel U. Rodgers Achievement Award** for his work as a primary care provider who exemplifies excellence in clinician leadership.
- ★ Scot Graff, Chief Executive Officer of Community Healthcare Association of the Dakotas in Sioux Falls, SD, was selected for the **2008 Norton Wilson State/Regional Leadership Award** for his work exemplifying leadership excellence in the health care association arena.



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