



Fall 2009 CONFERENCE Newsletter

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Welcome to the CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Conference!

CHAMPS and Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) **welcome you to Seattle and the 2009 NWRPCA/CHAMPS Annual Primary Care Conference!** With healthcare reform the centerpiece of national debate, health centers and their supporters are **Navigating New Healthcare Terrain**. The educational sessions, networking events, and national updates will focus on quality, productivity, and innovative models of care and service, with a spotlight on the status of healthcare reform to date. Please make the most of your time with your peers here at the Red Lion Hotel!



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CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events:

- ***CHAMPS Executive Committee Meeting/Strategic Planning***
Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am-3:30 pm (Breakfast & Lunch)
- ***CHAMPS Annual Board of Directors Meeting***
Sunday, October 25, 5:30-7:30 pm (Snack)
- ***Welcome Reception***
Sunday, October 25, 7:00-9:00 pm (Hors D' Oeuvres & Cash Bar)
- ***Roundtable Lunches****
Sunday, October 25, 12:00-2:00 pm (Board of Directors)
Monday, October 26, 12:00-1:45 pm (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Clinicians, Clinic Operations, and Human Resources)
**Pre-registration is required.*
- ***Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) Steering Committee Meeting***
Monday, October 26, 4:00-8:00 pm (Dinner)

NEW: Live Webinars from the Annual Conference

The NWRPCA/CHAMPS Annual Conference will offer access to selected sessions via live webcasts for the first time in 2009! Anyone unable to attend the conference in person can stay connected by attending the following sessions via phone and computer:

Safety Net Medical Home Initiative: Transforming Practices into Medical Homes
Monday, 10/26, 2:00-3:30 pm PT / 3:00-4:30 pm MT

FIP or no FIP: What Are the Next Steps for My Center's Capital Project?
Monday, 10/26, 4:00-5:30 pm PT / 5:00-6:30 pm MT

Making CHIPRA Work: Options for Enrolling Eligible Children in Health Coverage
Tuesday, 10/27, 11:00 am-12:30 pm PT / 12:00-1:30 pm MT

Recruitment for Diversity
Tuesday, 10/27, 4:00-5:30 pm PT / 5:00-6:30 pm MT

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For additional information including session descriptions, learning objectives, and speakers, plus cost (member discounts apply) and online registration please visit:

https://www.regonline.com/nwrpca_2009_fall_web_conference_sessions

Funding Supports Region VIII Community Health Centers

At the end of September, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced several groups of grant awards that will benefit health centers across the nation.

Health Information Technology: \$27.8 million was awarded to implement electronic health records and other health information technology, with the intent to reduce waste in the system and improve the safety and quality of healthcare for the growing number of health center patients.

Outreach and Enrollment for Children: \$40 million was awarded to organizations that target geographic areas with high rates of uninsured children who are eligible for either Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The grants will be used to seek out eligible children and help families with the application process.

Support of Health Professionals: More than \$7.6 million in Recovery Act funds were awarded to address workforce shortages and encourage diversity in the health professions. Almost \$6 million was distributed under the State Loan Repayment Program, to increase the availability of primary health service providers in health professional shortage areas. Another \$1.8 million went to State Primary Care Offices (PCOs) to help those PCOs recruit new National Health Service Corps (NHSC) clinicians.

Congratulations to the following Region VIII Grantees!

Health Information Technology:

- ★ Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, CO
- ★ Colorado Community Managed Care Network, CO

Outreach & Enrollment

- ★ Association for Utah Community Health, UT
- ★ Wind River Health Systems, Inc., WY

Support of Health Professionals

- ★ Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, CO
- ★ Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, MT
- ★ North Dakota State Department of Health, ND
- ★ Wyoming State Department of Health, WY

For more information about these awards, review the related 09/29/09 and 09/30/09 HHS press releases at <http://www.hhs.gov/news>.

Welcome Fall CHAMPS Interns!

In September CHAMPS was pleased to welcome two new interns, **Melanie Glowacki** and **Kara Harrington**. Melanie is the new Quality Improvement Intern. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Colorado Denver, and is currently a candidate for the Masters of Public Administration at the University of Colorado Denver. Kara joined CHAMPS as the Clinical and Workforce Projects Intern. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Gonzaga University, and is working toward a degree in Naturopathic Medicine.

Please join us in welcoming Melanie and Kara to CHAMPS!

Coming in November: CHAMPS Region VIII Directory of CHCs

The **2009-2010 CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Directory** has gone to press and will be distributed to CHAMPS members in November 2009. Current CHAMPS organizational members will receive one free copy of the publication, which includes a listing of administrative and service sites, executive leadership staff, and clinical staff for each Region VIII CHC. A searchable online version of the directory is available in the Members Only section of the CHAMPS website. Additional copies of the directory will be available for purchase.

Watch your inbox for the full Fall Quarterly Newsletter coming in November.

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