



# Fall 2010 CONFERENCE Newsletter

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## ***Welcome to the CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Conference! Healthcare Renewal: Harness the Opportunities***

CHAMPS and Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) **welcome you to Denver and the 2010 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference!** The community health care world currently faces amazing opportunities and challenges. What might the new healthcare landscape look like, reshaped by increased federal support? What are the current "big ideas" and best practices, and what is the best wisdom for applying them? How do we seize the moment and transform the promise into successful performance? Enjoy your time with friends and peers as you meet inspiring and knowledgeable presenters from across the country for sessions full of innovative ideas, new resources, and "aha" solutions.

### **CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events:**

***CHAMPS Executive Committee Meeting***

Saturday, 10/23, 5:30–7:30 pm (Dinner)

***Health Center Tour –***

***Metro Community Provider Network\****

Sunday, 10/24, 1:30–4:30 pm

***CHAMPS Annual Board of Directors Meeting***

Sunday, 10/24, 5:00–7:00 pm (Snack)

***Welcome Reception***

Sunday, 10/24, 6:00–8:00 pm

(Hors D’ Oeuvres & Cash Bar)

***Dessert Break with Exhibitors***

Monday, 10/25, 3:00–3:30 pm

*\*Pre-registration is required.*

***Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN)***

***Steering Committee Meeting***

Monday, 10/25, 6:00–8:00 pm (Dinner)

***Topic Discussion Tables***

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10/26 & 10/27, 8:00–9:30 am  
(during continental breakfast)

***Roundtable Lunches\****

Sunday, 10/24, 12:00–1:30 pm

(Board of Directors)

Tuesday, 10/26, 12:00–1:45 pm

(Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer,  
Clinician, Clinic Operations, and  
Human Resources)

## ***Don't Miss! Keynote and Plenary Add a National Dynamic***

Be sure to attend these events to hear from our federal partners, experience a nationally renowned speaker, and possibly take home a raffle prize!

**Opening Session, Monday, October 25, 8:30 – 10:30 am**

- Keynote Speaker: Dan Hawkins, Senior Vice President of Policy and Research, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)
- HRSA Update: Jim Macrae, Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

**Plenary and Raffle, Tuesday, October 26, 3:30 – 5:00 pm**

- The Healing of America: TR Reid, journalist and author of *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care*
- Raffle for BOLD (Building on Life's Disappointments)

***To our Community Health Center peers from Region VIII, Region X, and from across the nation – thank you for joining us!***

**Inside this Issue:**

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### Region VIII CHC Employees Honored



Allan  
Ainsworth, PhD

Allan Ainsworth, PhD, received the Utah Business Magazine's **Health Care Hero Award for Administrative Excellence** for his work as the founder and Executive Director of the **Fourth Street Clinic** in Salt Lake City, Utah. Utah Business Magazine credits the Fourth Street Clinic with transforming how homeless individuals are given healthcare and says that their model has "impacted the state's entire health care system".

For more information about Fourth Street Clinic, please visit [www.fourthstreetclinic.org/](http://www.fourthstreetclinic.org/).

Each year the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) gives out **Community Health Care Awards of Excellence**. Both 2010 Region VIII awardees are employees of **Salud Family Health Centers** of Fort Lupton, Colorado:

- ★ **Tillman Farley, MD**, the Director of Health Services, received the 2010 Samuel U. Rodgers Achievement Award.
- ★ **John Santistevan**, the Director of Accounting & Finance, received the 2010 Jeffrey T. Latman Leadership in Health Care Finance Award.



John Santistevan (left) and Tillman Farley, MD displaying their awards with Stanley J. Brasher (center)

The nominees were chosen based on their ability to meet future challenges, for advancing the process of health care delivery, and exhibiting leadership and advocacy to meet community health needs.

For more information about Salud Family Health Centers, please visit [www.saludclinic.org/](http://www.saludclinic.org/).

### CHAMPS congratulates these highly deserving Region VIII representatives!

#### New Funding for Region VIII Health Centers

On October 8, 2010 Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$727 million in awards to upgrade and expand 143 community health centers across the country. These funds, considered **Capital Development (CD) program grants**, were the first in a series of awards made available through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Over the next five years, the ACA will provide \$11 billion in funding for the operation, expansion, and construction of community health centers across the country. **Congratulations to the Region VIII Awardees:**

- ★ Clinica Family Health Services, CO
- ★ Community Health Center of Central Wyoming, WY
- ★ Metro Community Provider Network, CO
- ★ Midtown Community Health Center, UT
- ★ Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc., CO

For more information about these awards, please visit [www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/10/20101008d.html](http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/10/20101008d.html).

#### Now Available: CHAMPS 2010 Region VIII Salary Survey Report

The **CHAMPS 2010 Region VIII Health Center Salary, Benefits, Turnover, and Vacancy Survey Report** is now available online, and printed copies can be purchased from CHAMPS.

For more information, please visit: [www.champsonline.org/Tools/PubsElectronicMedia/Publications/default.asp#salary](http://www.champsonline.org/Tools/PubsElectronicMedia/Publications/default.asp#salary).