



# FALL 2011 CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Conference! Leading the Change: Rising to the Challenge

CHAMPS and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) **welcome you to Seattle, Washington and the 2011 Fall Primary Care Conference!** In these four days of exceptional presentations and networking opportunities, celebrate and take inventory of community health center accomplishments and progress through the sharing of success stories, refreshing new perspectives, and solid strategies for leading change. Use this occasion to strengthen connections with old friends, cultivate new relationships, and renew your enthusiasm and commitment to providing care for the medically underserved!

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

### CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events

#### **Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MCPN) Steering Committee Meeting**

Saturday, 10/22 12:00 – 1:30 pm, West Room (Lunch)

#### **CHAMPS Executive Committee Meeting**

Saturday, 10/22, 5:30 pm, 600 Pine Street (Dinner)

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

Sunday 10/23, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Visions Room (Snack)

#### **Welcome Reception**

Sunday 10/23, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Madison Ballroom  
 (Hors D'Oeuvres & Cash Bar)

#### **Dessert Breaks with Exhibitors**

Monday, 10/24 and Tuesday, 10/25, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

#### **Dialogue with National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)**

Monday, 10/24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, East Room

#### **CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall 2012 Conference Planning**

Tuesday, 10/25, 7:30 – 8:15 am, North Room

#### **Roundtable Lunches\***

Sunday, 10/23, 12:15 – 1:15 pm  
 (Board of Directors)

Tuesday, 10/25, 12:15 – 1:15 pm  
 (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer,  
 Clinician, Clinic Operations, and Human Resources)

*\*Pre-registration is required*

### **Keynote, Plenary, and Noteworthy Speakers**

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

#### **Keynote Plenary, Monday, October 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am, Madison Ballroom**

- Jim Macrae, Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will provide an update of current federal policy and planning
- Dan Hawkins, Senior Vice President of Policy and Research, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) will address policy and health care reform
- Keynote Speaker: M. Tray Dunaway, MD, FACS, CSP, CHCO, CHCC, a former surgeon and consultant will deliver the keynote address, "Connecting the Dots of Healthcare"

#### **Closing Plenary, Tuesday, October 25, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Madison Ballroom**

- Kauila Clark, traditional healer and Chair of the NACHC Board of Directors, will share a message for CHCs: *Speak with one voice, with a sense of abundance rather than scarcity, to advocate for health centers*
- Raffle for *First Place*, a non-profit in Seattle serving families in crisis

Look for presentations by Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, CEO of the Youth Wellness Center and pediatrician, on "Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and Adult Health" Tuesday 8:30 – 10:00 am, and "ACE and Adult Health—Policy Implications" Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

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### Region VIII CHC and PCA Staff Honored at 2011 NACHC CHI

Each year the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) recognizes exemplary leaders from across the nation. This August, three Region VIII community health leaders were honored at the NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) held in San Diego, CA.



★ Lil Anderson, former President and CEO of RiverStone Health in Montana, received the **Jessie Trice Excellence in Leadership Award** for her lifelong commitment to community health. Anderson retired this year and the award honors her legacy of leadership in her community, her state, Region VIII, and nationally on the NACHC board of directors.



★ Jerry Brasher, Executive Director of Salud Family Health Centers in Colorado, was honored by current NACHC board chair, Kauila Clark, in appreciation of his commitment, guidance, and support to the NACHC board and executive committee. Brasher currently serves on the NACHC Board of Directors as a Region VIII representative.



★ Bette Vierra, former Executive Director of the Association for Utah Community Health (AUCH), received a Community Health Care Award of Excellence. Vierra received the **2011 Norton Wilson State/Regional Leadership Award** for her exemplary health care leadership in her 22 years with the Utah PCA.

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

*Pictured from left: Anita Monoian, Lil Anderson, Kauila Clark, Jerry Brasher, Bette Vierra*

### **NEW!** Patient-Centered Medical Home Webpage

In addition to all the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) sessions and success stories featured at this year's conference, CHAMPS has a **new online resource: Patient-Centered Medical Home Information and Resources.**

The webpage provides links, guides, and tools to help CHCs build their medical home and guide them down the road to accreditation. Health centers that are new to the concept, those who have started the process of becoming a PCMH, and those who are in the process of accreditation will find helpful resources like: a brief history of PCMH, definitions, first steps, self assessment tools for determining readiness, tools for building a PCMH, education and training, and much more.



*Take a tour of the new webpage by visiting*

[www.CHAMPSonline.org/ToolsProducts/CrossDiscResources/PCMH.html](http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/ToolsProducts/CrossDiscResources/PCMH.html)

### **Special CHAMPS Discount for National Medical Home Summit**

The new PCMH webpage also contains a link to and information about the National Medical Home Summit to be held February 27-29, 2012. The hybrid conference/web event includes an in-depth training program on medical home issues and strategies and will be available for six months. **CHAMPS Organizational Members can view the live and archived webcast at discounted group rates:** \$295 each for groups of three to five members or \$195 each for groups of six or more. Standard registration fees start at \$595 each for groups and \$795 for individuals.

*For registration information, visit <http://medicalhomesummit.com//registration.php>.*

*To receive instructions on how to receive the CHAMPS member discount and save hundreds on registration, contact [shannon@CHAMPSonline.org](mailto:shannon@CHAMPSonline.org) or 303-867-9583.*

### **Coming Soon: CHAMPS RVIII Health Center Directory**

Every two years, CHAMPS releases a bound copy of the **CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Directory.** The 2011-2012 edition will be available online and in print in November! Members will receive one free copy and additional printed copies can be purchased from CHAMPS. In addition to staff and site updates, CHAMPS has added a new satellite sites index, plus several navigation features to make searching for colleagues easier.

*For more information, please visit*

[www.CHAMPSonline.org/ToolsProducts/PublicationsMedia/Publications.html#directory](http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/ToolsProducts/PublicationsMedia/Publications.html#directory)