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Expanded Medical Capacity (EMC) Award in Region VIII

On July 18, 2006, US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt announced over \$2.5 million in grants to help seven health centers in five states increase access to health care for low-income and uninsured populations. Since 2002, HHS has funded more than 870 new or expanded health centers, increasing the number of patients served to 14.6 million, up from 10.3 million in 2001. Please congratulate Region VIII's EMC FY2006 Grant Recipient, **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**, in Denver, Colorado.

"Sharing Our Successes: Partnering for Quality Care"

Registration for the **Annual CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference** is now open! The conference schedule is packed with timely educational sessions, valuable networking opportunities, and updates on regional and national issues. Join us October 21-25 at the Marriott Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado to connect with your colleagues while earning Continuing Education credit and gaining valuable professional insights.

Click here to
download a
Conference
Registration
Brochure

Visit <http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/Conference.asp> for a link to the Registration Brochure, hotel reservation details, and a summary of last year's conference in Seattle, Washington.

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CHAMPS Board Members:

Please plan to attend the **CHAMPS Annual Board Meeting** on Sunday, October 22nd from 5:30 – 7:30 PM (room TBD). If you cannot attend, please authorize proxy presentation. Proxy forms, meeting minutes, and additional resources can be found on the CHAMPS Board Resources web page (member username and password required): <http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Members/CHAMPSBoardResources/BoardResources.asp>

CHAMPS Executive Committee Members:

Please plan to join CHAMPS staff for a CHAMPS Executive Committee dinner meeting on Saturday, October 21st from 5:00 – 7:00 PM (room TBD).

MPCN Steering Committee Members:

Please plan to join CHAMPS staff for an MPCN Steering Committee dinner meeting on Monday, October 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 PM (room TBD).

***Attention Clinicians:** Providers working for CHAMPS Organizational Members may qualify for up to \$700 in travel reimbursement to attend the conference. To determine if your organization is a current CHAMPS Organizational Member, please visit http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/about/CHAMPS/org_members.asp.

Region VIII Celebrates National Health Center Week

August 6 – 12 was National Health Center Week, themed **America's Health Centers "Celebrating Patient Voice and Community Choice"**. Special events were held across the nation to highlight the unique characteristic of Community Health Centers as a nationwide network of care, with each local health center owned and directed by the very people it serves. Region VIII events included clinic openings and women's health events in Colorado, luncheons and ice cream socials in Montana, open houses and coloring contests in North Dakota, Meet & Greets and art contests in South Dakota, pancake breakfasts and health promotions in Utah, and legislative visits in Wyoming. Learn more about these and other events at <http://www.healthcenterweek.com>.

Help Us Recognize Region VIII's Champions



We all know someone in Region VIII who has exhibited outstanding leadership and dedication to the Community Health Center movement, and for the past several years CHAMPS has been honoring these amazing individuals with awards. **We are now accepting 2006 CHAMPS Awards Nominations.** Region VIII Health Centers, Primary Care Associations, and Primary Care Offices are invited to submit nominations for Exceptional Administrative Leadership, Exceptional Board Leadership, Exceptional Clinical Leadership, and Outstanding Advocate of the Underserved. To request an Awards Nomination Form, or to submit a nomination, please call (303) 861-5165 x285 or contact andrea@CHAMPSonline.org.

Nominations are due Friday, September 8, 2006.

Watch Your Email - Upcoming CHAMPS Evaluation

In the next month CHAMPS will be distributing an online **CHAMPS Satisfaction Survey** to Region VIII Health Centers, Primary Care Associations, and Primary Care Offices via email. The survey is designed to evaluate satisfaction with CHAMPS programs, products, and services. If possible, please complete this survey to help us determine how well we are serving your needs and to provide direction for future offerings.

Community Health in the Windy City



National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) will be presenting their **2006 Annual Meeting & Community Health Institute (CHI)** at the Chicago Hilton and Towers August 25-29. For more information about registration, sessions, speakers, and events, please visit <http://www.nachc.com>.

Eligio G. White, Executive Director of Community Health Centers, Inc. in Salt Lake City, UT, will step into his role as **Chair of the NACHC Board of Directors**.

Eligio, we wish you luck during your upcoming year of service!

Lil Anderson, Executive Director of Deering Community Health Center in Billings, MT, is running for **Chair-Elect of the NACHC Board of Directors**. Elections will be held during the CHI and qualified NACHC members are encouraged to attend the House of Delegates.

If you cannot attend, please arrange for proxy representation.

CHAMPS will be co-sponsoring receptions honoring Lil and Eligio at the CHI.

Region VIII CHC and PCA staff and board members are invited to join us for:

Lil's Reception – Saturday, August 26th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Marquette Room

Eligio's Reception – Sunday, August 27th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Presidential Suite #2302

CHAMPS 2006-2007 Organizational Members – Thank You!

CHAMPS is honored to be a part of the Region VIII community of health centers and related organizations, and we would like to express our appreciation to our 2006-2007 Organizational Members. Your commitment allows us to continue providing timely and high-quality programs and services region-wide. **Many thanks to:**

Ashland Community Health Center (Ashland, MT)
Association for Utah Community Health (Salt Lake City, UT)
Butte Community Health Center (Butte, MT)
Cheyenne Crossroads Clinic (Cheyenne, WY)
Cheyenne Health and Wellness Center (Cheyenne, WY)
Clinica Campesina Family Health Services (Lafayette, CO)
Coal Country Community Health Center (Beulah, ND)
Colorado Community Health Network (Denver, CO)
Colorado Primary Care Office (Denver, CO)
Community Action Partnership of Natrona County (Casper, WY)
Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas (Sioux Falls, SD)
Community Health Centers, Inc. (Salt Lake City, UT)
Community Health Partners (Livingston, MT)
Cooperative Health Center (Helena, MT)
Custer County Community Health Center (Miles City, MT)
Deering Community Health Center and Healthcare for the Homeless (Billings, MT)
Denver Health Community Health Services (Denver, CO)
Dove Creek Community Health Clinic (Dove Creek, CO)
Eastside Neighborhood Center (Pierre, SD)
Glacier Community Health Center (Cut Bank, MT)
Green River Medical Center (Green River, UT)
High Plains Community Health Center (Lamar, CO)
Horizon Health Care, Inc. (Howard, SD)
Lincoln County Community Health Center, Inc. (Libby, MT)
Metro Community Provider Network (Englewood, CO)
Montana Migrant Council, Inc. (Billings, MT)
Montana Primary Care Association (Helena, MT)
Montezuma Creek Community Health Center (Montezuma Creek, UT)
Mountain Family Health Center (Nederland, CO)
Northland Community Health Center (Turtle Lake, ND)
Partnership Health Center (Missoula, MT)
Peak Vista Community Health Center (Colorado Springs, CO)
Prairie Community Health, Inc. (Isabel, SD)
Pueblo Community Health Center (Pueblo, CO)
Rapid City Community Health Center, Inc. (Rapid City, SD)
Rural Health Care, Inc. (Pierre, SD)
Salud Family Health Centers (Fort Lupton, CO)
South Dakota Primary Care Office (Pierre, SD)
Southwest Utah Community Health Center (St. George, UT)
Sunrise Community Health Center, Inc. (Greeley, CO)
Sweet Medical Center (Chinook, MT)
Uncompahgre Medical Center (Norwood, CO)
Union County Health Foundation (Elk Point, SD)
Utah Office of Primary Care & Rural Health (Salt Lake City, UT)
Valley Community Health Centers (Northwood, ND)
Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Alamosa, CO)
Wayne Community Health Center (Bicknell, UT)
Wyoming Health Council (Cheyenne, WY)
Wyoming Primary Care Association (Cheyenne, WY)
Wyoming Primary Care Office (Cheyenne, WY)

Membership list as of August 11, 2006

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

2006 CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Salary Survey

The data is in, and compilation has begun! Seventy-six percent of Region VIII Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers participated in the **2006 CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Salary & Benefits Survey**, designed to provide a regional snapshot of salary and benefits structures at health centers across the region.

The **2006 CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Salary Survey Report** on this data will be released in October 2006, and will include average salary and salary ranges by position title, average dollar amount of benefits, average benefits as a percentage of the average salary, breakdowns of salary and benefits information by annual budget range, salary and benefits averages for executive level employees (Executive Director, Fiscal Director, etc.) broken down by number of service sites and by years of service, comparisons of 2006 Region VIII data with 2004 Region VIII data and other state and national surveys, and summarized turnover and compensation information. All participating organizations, and all CHAMPS Organizational Members, will receive one free copy of the report. Questions? Please contact andrea@CHAMPSonline.org.



Many thanks to the 40 Region VIII CHCs that participated this year!

CHAMPS to Exhibit at Job Fair



CHAMPS staff will be exhibiting at the **2006 Fall Career Expo** on September 26, 2006. Students in over 100 fields of study will attend the fair, presented by the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. CHAMPS will promote available career opportunities at Region VIII health centers, based on the positions posted on the CHAMPS online **Job Opportunities Bank (JOB)**, <http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/JobBank>. JOB advertises any open positions at Region VIII health centers free of charge, and is searchable by state and position type (administration/management, clinical medical, clinical dental, clinical support, and non-clinical support.)

To post a position on JOB, please contact andrea@CHAMPSonline.org.

RESOURCE: Building Trust

Human Resources professionals know that creating avenues for healthy communication is vital to maintaining a strong and productive work environment. However, conflict within the work place is close to inevitable, and there will be times when communication is difficult. Developing trust between the parties in conflict will go a long way toward facilitating resolution. Keep these five tips in mind whenever you need to build trust with your coworkers and patients:

- ★ **Speak half as much as you listen** – this tells the other person that he or she matters
- ★ **Listen sincerely** – prove that you understand by restating, and by asking for elaboration
- ★ **Be sure of your intentions** – ask for what you want in a clear manner
- ★ **Ask, don't demand** – try to include the other person in your decision
- ★ **Be honest** – if you don't have the answer, admit it

Upcoming Live Clinical Webcast

PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO MANAGING YOUR OVERWEIGHT AND OBESE PATIENTS

Presented by Victoria A. Catenacci, MD

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2006

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM MT

Target Participants: CHC Clinical Staff

Topics:

Obtain the practical knowledge and tools to manage obesity in a primary care setting including:

- An understanding of the trends in national rates of overweight and obesity in adults, children, and minority populations
- Identification of environmental factors that contribute to the obesity epidemic by promoting positive energy balance and weight gain
- Major health risks associated with overweight and obesity, and recognition that modest body weight reduction can substantially impact health
- Assessment of overweight and obesity in the clinical setting, risk factors for obesity related complications, and an approach to discussing obesity with patients
- Current evidence based treatment guidelines based on BMI/risk, including diet and physical activity options, medication options, and surgical options



Click here to link directly to the online registration page for this upcoming live webcast.

The registration link can also be found at http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/Distance_Learning.asp

This event will be offered for 1.5 hours of CME credit.

The webcast is FREE to Region VIII Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers. Other participants will be billed \$50 per link to the webcast and \$15 per person for CME credit.

Archived Webcasts

ONLINE ARCHIVES

All of CHAMPS webcasts are also archived online for one year after the live presentation date. Below are the current archives available online:



Managing Acute Otitis Media

Presented by Peggy Kelley, MD
Through October 2006 – CME available

Opioids for Chronic Pain: Striking a Balance

Presented by Richard L. Brown, MD, MPH
Through March 2007 – CME available

CHC Boards: Legal Roles & Responsibilities

Presented by Henry Granger
Through September 2006 – CME not available

Dealing with the Cranky, Crusty, & Crabby: Serving the Difficult Customer

Presented by Kevin R. Miller
Through May 2007 – CME available

Rheumatoid Arthritis & Osteoarthritis Treatment

Presented by David H. Collier, MD
Through December 2006 – CME available

Click here or visit www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/Distance_Learning.asp for log-on instructions for each archived webcast.

NEW CD-ROM AVAILABLE

CHAMPS Archived Webcasts Volume VII, featuring Kevin R. Miller's presentation *Dealing with the Cranky, Crusty, & Crabby: Serving the Difficult Customer*, is now available. CHAMPS Organizational Members have already been mailed one free CD-ROM of the webcast; members and non-members may purchase additional copies for \$15.00 a piece.

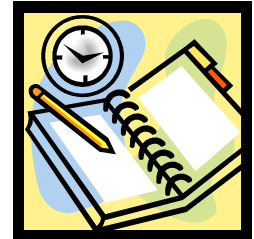
Visit <http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Tools/PubsElectronicMedia/VideosCDROMsDVDs/> to print an order form for this and other CHAMPS Archived Webcasts on CD-ROM.

HEALTH DISPARITIES COLLABORATIVES (HDC) NEWS

Excelling in patient self-management, clinical decision support, positive delivery system redesign, clinical information systems, and strong partnerships with local and community organizations in order to delay or decrease the complications of chronic diseases

Recap: Phase III Learning Session – Optimizing Clinical Care

The West Center Cluster held a Learning Session for the Optimizing Clinical Care Collaborative in Dallas, Texas July 12-13, 2006. This collaborative focuses on improved access and clinic processes redesign, offering participating centers an innovative approach to a clinical model that combines the work of Phase I and Phase II activities. Twenty-five teams from newly participating and veteran HDC health centers attended the meeting, lead by Dr. Mark Murray and Dr. Mike Davies. The objectives of the meeting included identifying clinic process efficiencies, creating plans for implementation of “no-wait” appointment schedules, and showing how improved access and redesign initiatives improves clinical outcomes. The goals for the Optimizing Clinical Care Model include, among others, reducing delays for appointments, reducing appointment cycle time, reducing no-show rates, reducing costs per visit, increasing continuity of care, and increasing the provider panel size. A second Learning Session will be held October 2-3, 2006 in Texas and two additional sessions will be offered on-line as virtual learning modules. Visit <http://www.champsonline.org/about/HDCs/default.asp> for more information about the Health Disparities Collaboratives.



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

Spanish Language Training – Registration FULL

CHAMPS is sponsoring a three-day **Spanish Language Intensive for Medical Providers** September 14-16, 2006 in Denver, Colorado. This course, presented by Rios Associates, uses immersion learning techniques that are intensive and individually tailored to develop skills for communicating with Spanish-speaking patients. Registration for this event is currently full; however, CHAMPS is compiling a waiting list for those still interested in participating. Please contact stephanie@CHAMPSonline.org or call 303-861-5165, ext. 236 to be added to this waiting list.



RESOURCE: Online Healthy Heart Guide

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has developed a new publication to help people jump-start and maintain a physical activity program for their heart. "Your Guide to Physical Activity and Your Heart" presents comprehensive and easy-to-understand information on the impact of physical activity on the heart, as well as the power of physical activity to enhance overall health. The 44-page guide is full of practical tips, including sample walking and jogging programs, instructions for finding your target heart rate zone, ideas for making fitness a family affair, an overview of the best physical activities for a healthy heart, and addresses the many other benefits of regular physical activity. This and other guides in the NHLBI "Your Guide to Better Health" series can be downloaded for free from the NHLBI Website <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>, or can be ordered through the NHLBI Information Center, (301) 301-592-8573 or online at <http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/yourguide/>.

Obesity Prevention & Treatment Resources & Tools

The MPCN Steering Committee and other Region VIII providers have placed **obesity prevention and treatment** at the top of their list of clinical priorities. Obese patients are at a high risk for developing serious medical conditions such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, and premature death. Unfortunately, health center providers, like most primary care providers, are often uncomfortable initiating obesity counseling among their patients, even while seeing overweight and obese patients daily in their practices. While these visits are usually initiated for the medical conditions associated with obesity, such as diabetes or hypertension, weight loss becomes a major goal as part of the disease management process. Most clinicians feel constrained by the limited amount of time and reimbursement available when trying to help patients. Additionally, many feel they would like an update on tools and counseling techniques to better address weight loss issues.

To help providers with these issues, CHAMPS has been collaborating with several organizations to distribute and develop obesity tools and resources that will be available in the coming months, including:

- ★ **A live webcast on obesity** on Thursday, November 16th, 2006 presented by Dr. Vicki Catenacci from the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Click **HERE** or visit http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/Distance_Learning.asp to link to an online registration page.
- ★ **A 30-minute instructional DVD for providers** to gain motivational interviewing skills created by the Colorado Department of Health's Department of Physical Activity and Nutrition. The DVD will depict several types of patient encounters to help providers convey the compelling need for change and to help patients understand they have the capacity to do something. This resource is unique in its demonstration of role modeling along with definitive tools to tackle this challenging topic. Highlights of the DVD include:
 - Scenes depicting realistic patient encounters (patient who is trying to lose weight without success, and another requesting pharmaceutical or surgical intervention)
 - Significant focus on lifestyle modifications and self-management tools
 - Emphasis on cultural competencies and working with underserved populations
- ★ **Additional obesity counseling tools** to be distributed along with the DVD, including Adult Evidence-Based Obesity Guidelines that are being developed by the Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative. Colorado CHC providers are serving on a focus group to comment on the proposed guidelines, which will be ready for wide distribution in October 2006.
- ★ **A session at the upcoming CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference** highlighting two innovative obesity prevention and treatment programs.

For more information about these upcoming obesity treatment resources, please contact stephanie@CHAMPSonline.org.

RESOURCE: HHS Daily Health Beat



US Department of Health and Human Services provides health promotion and disease prevention tips five days a week through their Daily HealthBeat Tip website, <http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/>. Each HealthBeat Tip is available in one-minute audio as well as text formats, and includes a "Take the Next Step" link designed to help consumers take action to improve their own health. Media stations are invited to download tips for broadcast use. Recent tips have addressed topics including oral health, energy medicine, and heat stress.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

To submit an article about state, regional, or national news, please contact andrea@CHAMPSonline.org.

Nominate a Community Health Leader!

The **Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program (CHLP)** is seeking leaders who have overcome complex obstacles while finding creative ways to bring health care services to their communities at the grassroots level. Ten of these individuals will be honored with \$125,000 to be used for personal and program enhancement over a period of up to three years. Interested nominators must complete a Letter of Intent (LOI) form no later than September 22, 2006, and complete nominations will be due in November. For a complete description of CHLP and the nomination process, please visit <http://www.communityhealthleaders.org/>.

Welcome to Region VIII – New Wyoming PCA Executive Director



Patrick "Pat" Monahan was appointed the new Director for the Wyoming Primary Care Association effective June 5, 2006. Mr. Monahan is a former Air Force Medical Officer and has over two additional years of experience working in the healthcare community in Cheyenne at the University of Wyoming Family Practice Residency and most recently WINhealth. Mr. Monahan is looking forward to working closely with statewide organizations to improve access to services for the uninsured/underinsured throughout Wyoming. Originally from Syracuse, New York, Mr. Monahan prefers the wide open spaces of Wyoming and enjoys spending time with his wife Juli and his daughters Jessee and Becca. His interests include watching football and basketball, and biking, hiking, and fishing. If you would like to contact Pat, please email pat@wypca.org.

Welcome to the Region VIII health center community, Pat!

Wyoming Rural Health Conference – "It's All About Access"

Wyoming Primary Care Association (WYPCA) is co-hosting the **6th Annual Wyoming Rural Health Conference** in Cheyenne, Wyoming August 16-18, 2006. The conference will follow a new format including skits illustrating the needs and issues surrounding access in Wyoming. Sessions include:

- ★ *Risk Management and Corporate Compliance in CHC's*
- ★ *Developing Quality Improvement Programs in Health Centers*
- ★ *Caring for the Patient Who's Not In the Room*
- ★ *Crossing Cultural Barriers*
- ★ *Access to Care and Substance Abuse*
- ★ *Helping the Disabled get Access to Care*
- ★ *Access for the Aging*
- ★ *Improving Access through Statewide Initiatives*

Special guests will include Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal and Dr. Brent Sherard, Director of the Wyoming Department of Health. For more information about this conference, please visit <http://www.wypca.org>.

Expanded Loan Repayment in Colorado

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is accepting loan repayment grant proposals for all types of healthcare providers and for innovative temporary coverage programs under its Colorado Rural Outreach Program (CROP). Matching grants of up to \$10,000 per year are funded through support from the Health Professions Initiative of the Colorado Trust. Visit <http://www.coruralhealth.org> to learn more and to download application criteria. Applications are due October 2, 2006.

CCHN Executive Named to NHSC Advisory Council

Annette Kowal, Chief Executive Officer of Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN), has been appointed Chair of the National Advisory Council of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). The NHSC Advisory Council consults with, advises, and makes recommendations to the Secretary and Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration in regards to health professional shortage areas and assign personnel to improve the delivery of health care services in these areas. Fifteen committee members are invited to serve by Michael Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Congratulations to Colorado PCA Scholarship Awardees!

On August 3rd, Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) awarded scholarships to entry-level Colorado Community Health Center staff who are in training to advance their health care careers while continuing to help patients. This is the third round of scholarships supported by the **Health Professions Initiative (HPI) Scholarship Program**, funded by the Colorado Trust. CHAMPS congratulates the following awardees:



- o **Prisciliana Antillon**, People's Clinic (Mexican MD to United States RN Program)
- o **Melynda Caddell**, Salud Family Health Center (Bachelors of Science in Dental Hygiene)
- o **Edith Clason**, Pueblo Community Health Center (Associates Degree in Nursing)
- o **Maranda Foster**, High Plains Community Health Center (Associates Degree in Nursing)
- o **Yvonne Garcia**, Denver Health (Certification in Medial Assisting)
- o **Lisa Hasser**, High Plains Community Health Center (Certification in Expanded Functions Dental Assisting)
- o **Victor Montour**, Clinica Campesina (Associates Degree in Nursing)
- o **Lisa Persons**, Pueblo Community Health Center (Certification in Childbirth Education)
- o **Shandra Robles**, High Plains Community Health Center (Certification in Licensed Practical Nursing)
- o **Jaob Salido**, Clinica Campesina (Associates Degree in Nursing)
- o **Lacy Schick**, High Plains Community Health Center (Certification in Licensed Practical Nursing)
- o **Brooke Woller**, High Plains Community Health Center (Certification in Expanded Functions Dental Assisting)

CCHN will hold another round of scholarship applications in late 2006/early 2007. Eight more scholarships will be awarded before March 2007. For more information on the program, see <http://www.cchn.org/activities/scholarships-loan-repayment.asp> or contact Amber Galloway at amber@cchn.org or 303.861.5165, ext. 234.

President to Sign New Health IT Adoption Rules



The *Washing Post* reports that US Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt recently announced that President Bush is planning to sign an executive order that will require all providers of federally financed health care to adopt uniform specifications for health IT in partnership with the government. HHS has already drafted a list of four recommended standards for IT functions: registering patients, reporting lab results, writing prescriptions, and creating secure communication channels to transfer information between patients and providers. These standards will be written into the proposed executive order. Click **HERE** to read the *Washington Post* article (registration required).

2005 Uniform Data System (UDS) Rollups Available

State, Regional, and National 2005 UDS Aggregate Reports (Rollups) can now be requested from <http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/uds/>. For a **five year summary of Region VIII UDS information**, please visit <http://www.champsonline.org/about/CHAMPS/documents/RVIIIUDS2001-2005.pdf>.

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Visit the interactive online CHAMPS calendar - <http://www.champsonline.org/Events/Calendar.asp>

AUGUST

Sunday, August 6th – Saturday, August 12th

National Health Center Week

<http://www.healthcenterweek.com>

Wednesday, August 16th – Friday, August 18th

6th Annual Wyoming Rural Health Conference

Hitching Post Inn, Cheyenne, WY

<http://www.wypca.org>

Friday, August 25th – Wednesday, August 30th

NACHC Annual Meeting and Community Health Institute

Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, IL

<http://www.nachc.com>

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 14th – Saturday, September 16th
CHAMPS Spanish Language Training for Health Professionals

Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast, Denver, CO

<http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events>

Thursday, September 21st – Saturday, September 23rd

HIT Conference: A Rural Provider's Roadmap to Quality

Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov>

Friday, September 29th – Monday, October 1st

Association of Clinicians for the Underserved 10th Anniversary Conference

George Washington University- Marvin Center, Washington, DC

<http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Agenda.aspx?i=b56fbb0c-54b3-4432-94a1-a49ebdb83391>

*Monday,
September 4
Labor Day*

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 21st – Wednesday, October 25th

CHAMPS/NWRPCA Annual Primary Care Conference

Marriott Denver City Center, Denver, CO

<http://www.champsonline.org/Events/Conference.asp>

Looking Forward

**Midwest Stream
Farmworker Health Forum**
November 9-11
<http://www.ncfh.org>

**NACHC State/Regional
PCA Meeting**
November 13-15
<http://www.nachc.com>

**CHAMPS Live Webcast: Managing
Overweight & Obese Patients**
November 16
<http://www.CHAMPSonline.org>

Please let us know if your email address has changed.

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