



# FALL 2013 CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the 2013 NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Conference: Transforming Care – Enhancing Value

CHAMPS and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) **welcome you to Seattle, Washington and the 2013 Fall Primary Care Conference!** In these four days of exceptional presentations and networking opportunities, we invite you to celebrate and take inventory of health center accomplishments and progress through the sharing of success stories, refreshing new perspectives, and learning 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 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

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

Saturday, 10/19, 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Off Site (Dinner)

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

Sunday, 10/20, 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Salon E & F (Snack)

#### **Welcome Reception**

Sunday, 10/20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Salon D (Appetizers & Cash Bar)

#### **CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall 2014 Conference Planning**

Tuesday, 10/22, 7:30 – 8:15 am  
Executive Boardroom (Breakfast)

#### **Roundtable Lunches**

Monday, 10/21, 12:30 – 1:30 pm  
Clinicians

Tuesday, 10/16, 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers,  
Chief Operating Officers, Human Resources

### **Opening and Closing Speakers**

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

#### **Opening Plenary, Monday, October 21, 8:30 – 10:30 am**

- **Clement Bezold**, PhD, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Institute for Alternative Futures
- **Dan Hawkins**, Senior Vice President of Policy and Research, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)
- **Tonya Bowers**, Deputy Associate Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

#### **Closing Plenary, Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 – 5:00 pm**

- **Winston F. Wong**, MD, MS, Director of Disparities Improvement and Quality Initiatives, Kaiser Permanente

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#### **Connect with CHAMPS**

- Visit [www.CHAMPSonline.org](http://www.CHAMPSonline.org) for the latest events, trainings, resources, and updates
- Follow CHAMPS on **LinkedIn!** Search for the CHAMPS Company Page & the CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Program Network Discussion Group
- Join the **CHAMPS Clinicians' Listserv** by emailing [shannon@CHAMPSonline.org](mailto:shannon@CHAMPSonline.org)

Don't Miss: FREE 11/14/13 Region VIII/Region X Webinar on **Recruitment & Retention of Veterans!**  
[www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/DistanceLearning.html](http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/DistanceLearning.html)

### Region VIII Health Center Staff Honored at the NACHC CHI

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

**John Mengershausen**, Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Health Care, Inc. in South Dakota (pictured at left with NACHC Immediate Past Chair Kauila Clark and NACHC Chair Dr. Gary Wiltz), received the **2013 John Gilbert Award** for his longstanding excellence and leadership in community health. Since 1983, John Mengershausen has grown the small community health center, Miner-Hamlin Health Care Project, with a staff of 14 and a budget of \$700,000, into Horizon Health Care, with over 160 employees and a \$13 million budget. In addition to building Horizon, John Mengershausen has served as board chair at Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas (CHAD) and CHAMPS, was a co-founder of CHAMPS, and served as the Chair of NACHC in 2001.



**Pete Leibig**, Chief Executive Officer of Clinica Family Health Services, Inc. for 26 years (pictured at right with NACHC Immediate Past Chair Kauila Clark and NACHC Chair Dr. Gary Wiltz), received the **2013 Aaron L. Brown Memorial Public Service Award** for his significant contributions to the community health field. Pete Leibig grew Clinica Family Health Services from a single facility with two medical providers to five locations and the capacity to care for more than 40,000 patients annually. Pete Leibig has worked hard advocating for health centers through his service on Colorado Community Health Network's Board of Directors and legislative committee, attending NACHC Policy and Issues Forums, mounting voter registration drives, and serving on many panels to improve health care delivery.



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

### Awards for Region VIII Health Centers: New Access Points

On September 13, 2013, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$67 million in grants to health centers, including \$19 million to establish new access points and \$48 million to support ongoing operations and quality improvement. Five of these grants were awarded to health centers in Region VIII. Congratulations to newly funded Axis Health Systems (CO) and the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (UT), as well as to Horizon Health Care, Inc. (SD), Midtown Community Health Center, Inc. (UT), and Mountainlands Community Health Center, Inc. (UT)!

Visit [www.hhs.gov/news/press/2013pres/09/20130913a.html](http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2013pres/09/20130913a.html) to read the news release.

### Anatomy 101 Course for Health Center Billers, Coders, and MAs

Transition to the ICD-10 medical classification code set in October 2014 will require health center staff to have more knowledge of human anatomy than they did for ICD-9 coding. The **Anatomy 101 for CHC Billers, Coders, and MAs** course, sponsored by CHAMPS and the Association for Utah Community Health (AUCH), will teach anatomy and pathophysiology fundamentals to health center staff involved with billing, coding, and/or documentation who have little or no background in anatomy, or those who need a refresher. It will be offered at the AUCH offices in Salt Lake City, UT and as an interactive webinar for those participating from a distance.

**Date/Time:** December 5 and 19, 2013, January 16 and 30, 2014, February 6 and 20, 2014, March 6 and 20, 2014, at 1:00-3:00 PM Mountain Time / 2:00-4:00 PM Central Time.

**Registration fees:** \$150 per participant for staff of AUCH or CHAMPS organizational members; \$120 per participant for member health centers with three or more registrants; \$180 per participant for staff of organizations who are non-members of AUCH or CHAMPS; Plus an additional \$20 for the course book (all participants)

For more information, please visit [www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/DistanceLearning.html#Anatomy](http://www.CHAMPSonline.org/Events/DistanceLearning.html#Anatomy).