



# 2017 FALL CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

October 2017

## Welcome to the 2017 NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Conference: Together Toward Tomorrow - Celebrating 20 Years of Region 18

CHAMPS and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) **welcome you to Seattle, WA and the 2017 Fall Primary Care Conference!** In these four days of exceptional presentations and networking opportunities, we invite you to take inventory of recent health center progress by sharing success stories, seeking out new perspectives, and engaging in novel strategies for fostering change. Use this occasion to strengthen connections with old friends, cultivate new relationships, and renew your commitment to providing quality healthcare for underserved communities!

**Thank you for joining us!**

### Plenary Speakers

#### **Keynote Plenary, Monday, October 23, 8:15 – 10:30 am, Ballroom C**

- ★ **Chris Jenson**, "Leadership and Building Team Cohesiveness"
- ★ **Tonya Bowers** and **Dr. Luis Padilla**, Deputy Associate Administrator for the Bureau of Primary Health Care and Associate Administrator for the Bureau of Health Workforce, Health Resources and Services Administration
- ★ **Dan Hawkins**, Senior Vice President, National Association of Community Health Centers

#### **Closing Plenary, Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Ballroom C**

- ★ **Paul Huschilt**, "Seven Humor Habits for Workplace Wellness"

### CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events

#### **Welcome & Networking Reception**

Saturday, 10/21, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Ballroom C

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

Sunday, 10/22, 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Cyan Rooms A & B

#### **Seattle Wine Tasting & Dinner**

Sunday, 10/22, 6:45 – 8:45 pm

*Pre-registration required*

#### **Quiet Time with NACHC**

Monday, 10/23, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Cobalt Room

#### **Roundtable Lunches**

Sunday, 10/22, 12:00 – 1:15 pm

- ★ CHC 101, Workforce/Human Resources, Behavioral Health

Monday, 10/23, 12:30 – 1:15 pm

- ★ Clinical

Tuesday, 10/24, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

- ★ Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Operations Officers, Quality Transformation, Primary Care Associations

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### **CHAMPS' Julie Hulstein Receives 2017 NACHC Leadership Award**

In August the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) honored CHAMPS Executive Director **Julie Hulstein** as a co-recipient of the **2017 Norton Wilson State/Regional Leadership Award**. This accolade is presented annually in recognition of excellent leadership in the health care association arena. Julie has spent more than two decades at CHAMPS, where she has been unwavering in her dedication to the health center mission, working in collaboration with the five state Primary Care Associations and more than 60 Community Health Centers to promote health equity and social justice throughout Region VIII. Thank you, Julie, for your extraordinary work!

## Region VIII Leader Honored by Center for Health Progress



At its annual HEALTHtalks fundraiser luncheon in Denver, CO last month, the Center for Health Progress recognized the achievements of an outstanding Region VIII health center leader. **Ross Brooks**, Chief Executive Officer of Mountain Family Health Centers in the Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado (pictured at left), received the **Advocate of the Year Award** for his tireless championing of health equity in rural and mountain communities. Ross joined Mountain Family in July 2012, after serving as Chief Operating Officer at Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN, the State Primary Care Association for Colorado). As an advocate for high-quality, patient-centered, integrated health care for all Coloradans, Ross is driven by the simple principle that access to health care is a human right.

### CHAMPS 2016 UDS Summary Now Available

CHAMPS is pleased to announce that the 2016 Region VIII BPHC Uniform Data System (UDS) Summary and related two-page Fact Sheet are now available!

These documents summarize multiple years of UDS information for Health Center Program Awardees in Region VIII.

Visit the **CHAMPS Publications** webpage at [www.champsonline.org](http://www.champsonline.org) to download these free electronic resources!



## FY 2017 Funding Strengthens Health Centers Nationwide

During National Health Center Week in August 2017, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced nearly \$105 million in FY 2017 **Quality Improvement (QI) Awards** to 1,333 health centers across the nation, and in early September 2017, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced over \$200 million in FY 2017 **Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (AIMS) Awards** to 1,178 health centers nationally. Altogether, Region VIII health centers received over \$14.5 million in FY 2017 QI and AIMS awards. QI funds will be used to continue improving services in recognition of high levels of past performance in one or more of the following categories: Improving Quality of Care, Increasing Access to Care, Enhancing Delivery of High Value Health Care, Addressing Health Disparities, and Achieving Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition. The AIMS funding will be used to increase personnel, leverage health information technology, and provide training to support the expansion of mental health services and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse, and their integration into primary care. Congratulations to all of the Region VIII awardees!

*Read the QI Awards news release at [www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/08/15/hhs-awards-nearly-105-million-improve-health-center-quality.html](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/08/15/hhs-awards-nearly-105-million-improve-health-center-quality.html).*

*Read the AIMS Awards news release at [www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/09/14/hrsa-awards-200-million-to-health-centers-nationwide.html](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/09/14/hrsa-awards-200-million-to-health-centers-nationwide.html).*

### Upcoming Events

#### October

- ★ **Oct. 26:** Take Care Utah Annual Outreach & Enrollment Summit (Sandy, UT)
- ★ **Oct. 30:** Colorado Community Health Network 2017 UDS Training (Denver, CO)

#### November

- ★ **Nov. 3:** Association for Utah Community Health 2017 UDS Training (Salt Lake City, UT)
- ★ **Nov. 8:** Wyoming Primary Care Association 2017 UDS Training (Casper, WY)
- ★ **Nov. 9-10:** NACHC Cultivating Health Center Operations Level II Training (Denver, CO)
- ★ **Nov. 12-15:** National Network for Oral Health Access Annual Conference (San Diego, CA)
- ★ **Nov. 14:** Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas 2017 UDS Training (Bismarck, ND)
- ★ **Nov. 15:** CHAMPS Region VIII Health Care for the Homeless Grantee Collaborative Call
- ★ **Nov. 29-30:** Montana Primary Care Association 2017 UDS Training (Helena, MT)

