Welcome to the CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall Conference
Region 18: Elevation Through Innovation in 2018

CHAMPS and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) welcome you to Denver, Colorado, and the 2018 Fall Primary Care Conference! This year’s conference includes ten carefully curated tracks, designed to elevate your knowledge and inspire you to innovate with your team, in your organization, and across the community health movement. We are so pleased that you chose to join Region 18 in 2018 as we celebrate our collective progress, explore our common challenges, and pursue the innovation and excellence so needed in health care at this historic moment.

Plenary Speakers

General Plenary, Monday, October 22, 8:30 – 10:30 am
★ Tonya Bowers, MHS, Deputy Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration
★ Luis Padilla, MD, FAAFP, Associate Administrator for Health Workforce, Director of the National Health Service Corps, Health Resources and Services Administration
★ Brian Shiozawa, MD, Region VIII Regional Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources
★ James Luisi, Chair of the Board, National Association of Community Health Centers
★ Dan Hawkins, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Research, National Association of Community Health Centers

Closing Plenary, Tuesday, October 23, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
★ Paul Huschilt, Humor and Wellness Expert

CHAMPS Leadership and Networking Events

CHAMPS Strategic Planning Meeting
Friday, 10/19, 12:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday, 10/20, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

CHAMPS Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, 10/20, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Welcome & Networking Reception
Saturday, 10/20, 5:15 – 7:15 pm

CHAMPS Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, 10/21, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Wine Tasting & Dinner
Sunday, 10/21, 6:45 – 8:45 pm
Pre-registration required

BPHC CMO Listening Session
Monday, 10/22, 7:00 – 8:30 am

BHW Lunch and Learn
Monday, 10/22, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

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Quiet Time with NACHC
Monday, 10/22, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Region VIII CHAMPS/CCHN Meet & Greet
Monday, 10/22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) Strategic Planning Meeting
Monday, 10/22, 3:30 – 8:00 pm

Roundtable Lunches
Sunday, 10/21, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
★ Clinical Leadership, Workforce
Tuesday, 10/23, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
★ Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Operations Officers, Primary Care Associations, Substance Use Disorder

CHAMPS is pleased to provide a Preferred Pricing Program (PPP) for DynaMed Plus, a clinical decision support tool that helps clinicians provide quality patient care. DynaMed is a peer-reviewed, evidence-based resource that provides quick answers to questions from health professionals. The DynaMed Plus 2018 – 2019 Enrollment Period is open until October 31, 2018. Contact Jen@CHAMPSonline.org to enroll and learn more!
Over One Million Patients Served in Region VIII

Region VIII Health Centers served more than 1,000,000 patients for the first time in 2017 according to Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) Uniform Data System (UDS) information. Each year CHAMPS compiles a report of this data for Region VIII Health Center Program grantees. The 2017 Region VIII BPHC Uniform Data System Summary (to be released in late October/early November 2018) will include valuable trend data about health center grantees, sites, staffing, visits, income, patients, medical productivity, tenure, and clinical and fiscal performance. A one-page highlights flyer of 2017 Region VIII BPHC UDS information is now available on the CHAMPS Publications webpage: http://champsonline.org/tools-products/publications-electronic-media/champs-publications#UDSsummary.

Region VIII Leader Awarded at NACHC’s 2018 Community Health Institute (CHI) & Expo

During the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) 2018 Community Health Institute (CHI) & Expo, Pam McManus, MBA, CPA, (pictured at left, third from left) was honored with the Jessie Trice Excellence in Leadership Award. Pam is President and CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers, which serves more than 92,000 patients in Colorado’s Pikes Peak and East Central regions. Congratulations, Pam!

Denver Health Awarded NIH All of Us Research Program Funding

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded $21 million to 46 community health centers, including Denver Health, in Denver, Colorado, to support participation in the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) All of Us Research Program. All of Us is a national effort to collect information from U.S. residents to advance research and enhance health by taking individuals’ differences in lifestyle, environment, biology, and other factors into account. The HRSA investment supports CHCs’ capabilities to enroll and retain participants in All of Us, which seeks to advance precision medicine.

HRSA Funding Expands Access to Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services

On September 19, 2018 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration announced $352 million in funding to 1,232 community health centers nationwide via the Expanding Access to Quality Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services (SUD-MH) Awards. This funding was paired with an additional $18.5 million to support Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) and Enhancing Behavioral Health Workforce (EBHW) for Health Centers awards, supporting partnerships between 21 academic institutions and 54 HRSA-funded health centers. Together, these and other awards support HHS’s Five-Point Opioid Strategy addressing Access, Data, Pain, Overdoses, and Research; this strategy was launched last year to empower local communities on the frontlines of the national epidemic.

CHAMPS commends the 59 Region VIII Health Centers receiving SUD-MH Awards, and the six Region VIII Health Centers receiving EBHW Awards!

Upcoming Events

- **October 30**: Wyoming Primary Care Association 2018 UDS Training (Casper, WY)
- **November 7**: CHAMPS Region VIII Healthcare for the Homeless Grantee Collaborative Call
- **November 8**: Association for Utah Community Health 2018 UDS Training (West Valley City, UT)
- **November 9**: Colorado Community Health Network 2018 UDS Training (Denver, CO)
- **November 11 - 14**: National Network for Oral Health Association Annual Conference (New Orleans, LA)
- **November 14 - 16**: National Association of Community Health Centers 2018 PCA and HCCN Conference (New Orleans, LA)

Learn more by visiting http://champsonline.org/events-trainings/calendar-events.