

MPCN Steering Committee Thoughts: Anniversaries for CHAMPS and the Mountain/Plains Clinical Network



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In addition to CHAMPS celebrating 30 years of service in 2015, the Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) is celebrating 25 years of clinicians from health centers in Region VIII working together to ensure the delivery of the highest quality health care to their communities. The [MPCN Steering Committee](#) has shared their thoughts on these milestones and what CHAMPS means to them.

CHAMPS is an invaluable organization. It supports me clinically to provide excellent patient care, it gives me tools to manage my team effectively and efficiently, and it informs me with the necessary political background to know what's going on in the CHC world in general. I've felt more prepared and confident at several big steps in my career thanks to resources it has been able to provide.

~Matt Allen, DDS
Dentist, Clinica Family Health Services, Inc., CO

CHAMPS has had a significant impact on my life both personally and professionally, and has allowed me to grow into leadership roles within my organization and CHAMPS. As far as I am concerned, the community health center model is the best solution for grassroots, whole person, family focused, and community centered care. CHAMPS leadership ensures health centers have access to the latest advocacy, training, and networking opportunities. Together, our struggles are shared and identified opportunities to overcome any obstacle become infinite.

~Ken Davis, PA-C
Medical Director of Integrated CARE, Mountain Family Health Centers, CO

CHAMPS is my "go-to" for all education and training resources related to Coal Country Community Health Center's development and delivery of quality patient care. I have gained such a vast knowledge base through viewing live and archived webcasts, online resources, and most importantly at the annual conference through peer to peer networking and best practice presentations. Thank you to the CHAMPS staff for also being such a reachable resource and always extending a helping hand!

~ Chastity L. Dolbec, RN, BSN
Director of Patient Care & Innovation, Coal Country Community Health Centers, ND

Being part of the MPCN Steering Committee has provided me the opportunity to have input and participate with clinical updates, continuing education, and exposure to best practices.

~ Chad Hess, MPAS, MBA, PA-C
Associate Medical Director, Pueblo Community Health Center, Inc., CO

Congratulations to CHAMPS for 30 years of committed service in providing health care leadership to those serving the underserved. They are great leaders and are always looking for ways to improve the service they provide to the Health Centers and Health Care Providers in Region 8.

~ Kim McFarlane, MPAS, PA-C
Medical Director, Green River Medical Center, UT