

Partner Thoughts on CHAMPS' Anniversary



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Congratulations to the board, staff, and members of the Community Health Association of the Mountains/Plains States, as you celebrate your 30th anniversary. We've been doing a lot of celebrating around the country as health centers and associations reach important milestones during our CHC 50th Anniversary year. It is wonderful to pause and reflect on our collective histories, but also a time to say *thank you*. CHAMPS is an outstanding organization. We are proud to partner with you – in our eyes, you are all *champs*!

~Tom Van Coverden

President & Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Community Health Centers

Congrats to our wonderful Region VIII partner CHAMPS on your 30th anniversary! We've so enjoyed and benefited from the bi-regional collaboration over the past twenty years and are excited by the joint projects envisioned for the coming years, from growing and refining the traditional joint Fall conference to further "building out" the Community Health Leadership Institute, the Education Health Center Initiative and bi-regional benchmarking through the salary survey and other measures. Here's wishing you a terrific next 30 years, CHAMPS!

~Bruce Gray

Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Regional Primary Care Association

CHAMPS has been a wonderful partner in helping Western Clinicians Network (WCN) to identify and disseminate best practices in clinical care to the underserved. Thanks for sharing all of your wonderful educational materials and in collaborating to hold the tri-regional conference with NWRPCA and WCN. It has been a pleasure to *have been a part of your collaborative network*.

~Charla Parker

Retired Chief Executive Officer, Western Clinicians Network

We appreciate the opportunities to work with CHAMPS (and NWRPCA) in planning their excellent fall annual meeting and providing some of the content for the clinical track of that meeting.

~Eric Henley MD, MPH

President, Western Clinicians Network

Congratulations to CHAMPS for 30 years of providing education, training, and leadership to those providing care to the underserved in Region VIII. CHAMPS has been a long-standing leader and national partner for many projects at community health centers and we are proud of our work together. Its organized, thoughtful, intelligent staff bring a lot of enthusiasm and productivity to collaborations and we are proud to be a CHAMPS partner and look forward to many more years of success.

~Craig Kennedy

Executive Director, Association of Clinicians for the Underserved

Congratulations to CHAMPS as you celebrate 30 years of excellence and of advocacy in the very best sense of the word. Your work visibly strives to lift all of us up, championing the important work of health centers and making sure that PCAs, NCAs, and other partners have the space to support that work in very concrete ways. We have appreciated the opportunity to work with you over the years and look forward to many more such opportunities.

~Oscar C. Gomez & Kristen Stoimenoff

Chief Executive Officer & Deputy Director, Health Outreach Partners

CHAMPS has been a key partner and resource in our shared efforts to support outreach and enrollment work at health centers across Region 8. They have a clear pulse on the needs and activities of the outreach/enrollment coalition, which I find invaluable. We have a built strong collaborative relationship as both our organizations strive to support and lift up this important work. I am so grateful for their experience and leadership. Congratulations on this 30 year milestone. Here's to another 30—and more!

~Ezra Watland

Northwest/Mountain West Regional Manager, Enroll America