

**COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MOUNTAIN/PLAINS STATES (CHAMPS)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Mengenhause, President  
Keith Horwood, MD, Vice President  
John Santistevan, Treasurer/Secretary  
Cindy Smith, MT Representative  
Kristi Halvarson, ND Representative  
Melissa Ipsen, WY Representative  
Kim McFarlane, PA-C, Clinical Rep. (by proxy)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Julie Hulstein  
Andrea Martin  
Jen Anderson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM MT.

**CHAMPS SECRETARY'S REPORT**

It was determined that a quorum was present. The minutes from the CHAMPS Executive Committee conference call on January 26, 2016 were reviewed. John Santistevan moved to approve the minutes. Cindy Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**CHAMPS TREASURER'S REPORT**

The unaudited financial reports for the months of January, February, and March 2016 were reviewed. Kristi Halvarson moved to approve the financial reports. Cindy Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Santistevan reviewed the CHAMPS annual budget for FY 17 contained in the meeting packet. Cindy Smith moved to accept the annual budget for FY 17. Melissa Ipsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**CHAMPS STAFF REPORT**

The CHAMPS membership year began April 1<sup>st</sup>; as of May 4<sup>th</sup> 56% of Region VIII CHCs and SPCAs have paid their CHAMPS organizational membership dues.

The goals of the CHAMPS' Corporate Compliance program are to develop and implement a monitoring system designed to ensure that CHAMPS is in compliance with relevant state and federal laws; and, identify and correct compliance issues on an ongoing basis. John Santistevan moved to approve the Corporate Compliance report for the period ending March 31, 2016 as of March 31, 2016. Kristi Halvarson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Cindy Smith moved to approve the Corporate Compliance Workplan for FY 17. John Santistevan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Per the CHAMPS Financial Policies: "The Executive Committee will approve all loans and other financial obligations such as lines of credit and leases when the following conditions exist: the term of the debt exceeds one year and the total amount of payments to be made over the life of the loan exceeds \$100,000." Therefore, the Executive Committee's approval was requested for the CHAMPS new sublease for office space from Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) for five years (through 5/31/21). John Santistevan moved to approve the sublease. Kristi Halvarson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The 2016 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall Conference will be held in Denver October 15-18; planning is underway. CHAMPS awards will be presented during the Board meeting at the Fall Conference and the award nomination form was reviewed by the Executive Committee; the call for nominations will open soon.

In partnership with Region VIII SPCAs, CHAMPS will host FTCA University (FTCAU) this summer. The two-day training will take place in Denver June 16-17 and topics to be covered will include claims management, patient safety, risk management, credentialing and privileging, and healthcare data privacy and protection.

The Education Health Center Initiative (EHCI) continues to explore opportunities to partner with CHC, Inc. and other like-minded organizations in pursuit of its mission to develop training and workforce solutions for the provision of quality primary care to underserved populations through support and transformation of primary care health workforce training partnerships. EHCI is also considering piloting including KCN Consulting as a non-voting member of the Steering Committee and if it is a successful pilot, potentially restructuring EHCI to include KCN as a partner along with CHAMPS and NWRPCA.

CHAMPS Outreach & Enrollment (O&E) Coordinator, Sophie Hagberg, is working with her Region VIII SPCA peers to assist CHCs with O&E activities including helping facilitate SPCA O&E sessions/meetings and maintaining webpages containing O&E, Affordable Care Act (ACA), and health insurance literacy tools and resources; a report of O&E activities was included in the packet. CHAMPS will be launching an O&E webinar series hosted in partnership with CCHN in June that will include four distance learning events on topics such as providing effective assistance to survivors of domestic violence, assisting clients with complex medical needs, engagement and issue advocacy for O&E staff, and habits of highly effective assisters.

Andrea Martin gave the Workforce Development and Member Services update; the CHAMPS Trainings Summary for April 2015-March 2016 was included in the packet. Also included was a flyer highlighting CHAMPS' upcoming distance learning events which include the O&E four-part series, the 2016 Immunization Update, and the Lunchtime Learning Professional Skill Development Series of six one-hour webcasts which began in April and will continue through September. The evaluation summary for the first event in the Lunchtime Learning series, "Utilizing Mindfulness to Reduce Stress and Prevent Burnout" was included in the packet. There were 330 participants and they gave the webinar an average score of 8.2 (with 10 being the best possible) for overall satisfaction.

The CHAMPS Critical Skills for Mid-Level Managers Course, offered in partnership with Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA), began this April with a face-to-face meeting in Golden, CO. There were 36 participants in the training, and the evaluation summary for the training (included in the packet) indicated a median score of 9 (with 10 being the best possible) for overall satisfaction.

Data collection is underway for the 2016 CHAMPS Region VIII Health Center Salary Survey and will continue through mid-June; the Salary Survey Report will be released in October. CHAMPS is partnering with NWRPCA to create the Region X Health Center Salary Survey Report as well.

The CHAMPS Recruitment Activities Report for April 2015-March 2016 was included in the meeting packet as was the Region VIII Job Opportunities Bank (JOB) Data Comparison Report and infographic. Between February 2015 and January 2016, 385 positions were posted on JOB, 33% of which were clinical/medical and 21% of which were administrative/management. The top two successful recruiting resources were identified as online listings and internal hires. Also included in the packet was the CHAMPS website usage report for April 2015-March 2016; the CHAMPS website had over 1.5 million hits in that time period and 51,450 unique visitors.

CHAMPS is continuing to work with CCHN on the creation of a preferred pricing program for Human Resources background screening services. A workgroup was convened to discuss how best to proceed and offer guidance and ScreeningOne was chosen as the preferred vendor; it is anticipated that the program will begin in a few months.

Jen Anderson gave the Mountain/Plains Clinical Network (MPCN) update. The MPCN Steering Committee membership list was included in the packet; the MPCN Steering Committee is recruiting representatives from Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota so please let Jen know if you are aware of any clinicians who would like to be a part of the Steering Committee.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> CHAMPS hosted a 90 minute webinar entitled “Exploring Behavioral Health Integration Models throughout Region VIII” which included presentations from three Region VIII CHCs; 83 people participated in the webinar. The evaluation summary was included in the packet and participants gave the webinar a median score of 9 (with 10 being the best possible) for overall satisfaction. The pre-/post-test comparison report was also included in the packet.

CHAMPS hosted its annual Spanish Language Training for Health Care Professionals in conjunction with the Denver Medical Society April 22-25, 2016. There were 43 participants and the evaluation summary was included in the packet; participants gave the training a median score of 10 (with 10 being the best possible) for overall satisfaction.

CHAMPS will be launching its first two ECHO learning communities next month. In partnership with the Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center (RMPHTC) and Project ECHO Colorado, CHAMPS will be offering Behavioral Health Integration and Colorectal Cancer Screening ECHO learning communities for Region VIII CHCs. Participating health centers are encouraged to invite a cross disciplinary team of professionals to participate. Each ECHO series can have participants from 15-20 Region VIII CHCs who will see, hear, and interact with content experts and other participants in the learning community. Registration is free and CME will be offered.

CHAMPS has offered the UpToDate Preferred Pricing Program for CHAMPS Organizational Members for a few years, unfortunately, UpToDate is changing its policies and moving towards a seat-based model and eliminating personal subscriptions. UpToDate is still finalizing details of the transition, but this change will effectively end the CHAMPS PPP. CHAMPS did request that UpToDate offer discounted “seats” for FQHCs in their new model and they have agreed to do so. CHAMPS will investigate comparable clinical decision support tools in hopes of finding a suitable alternative PPP.

#### **HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) REPORT**

The Health Resources and Services Administration has made several funding announcements recently. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, \$94 million in funding for 271 health centers was awarded to improve and expand the delivery of substance abuse services in health centers with a specific focus on opioid use disorders. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, \$50 million to support an estimated 75 New Access Point awards was announced. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, \$260 million was awarded to 290 health centers to allow them to renovate or acquire new health center clinical space.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (NACHC) REPORT**

The NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) schedule was included in the packet – it will be held August 25-30 in Chicago, IL; a Region 18 Leadership meeting will be held during the CHI. National Health Center Week will be held August 7-13. A special call was held yesterday with the NACHC Board to discuss recent developments with the Community HealthCorps; unfortunately the NACHC HealthCorps funding will not be renewed effective this July. The NACHC Board of Directors will next meet in Detroit in June.

#### **CHAMPS PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The 2014-2016 CHAMPS Strategic Plan was included in the packet. The possibility of conducting strategic planning this year was discussed and it was determined that the best time to do so would be in conjunction with the Fall Conference in Denver in October.

The CHAMPS Board of Directors will elect a new Executive Committee at their meeting this October, to that end, John Mengershausen appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Cindy

Smith and Kristi Halvarson which he will chair. The Nominating Committee will meet this summer to come up with a recommended slate of candidates to serve on the 2016-2018 CHAMPS Executive Committee.

Included in the packet was an article published in the most recent edition of the *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* written by CHAMPS staff entitled "Dr. Virgilio Licona – A Crusader for Health and Social Justice" which highlighted several of Dr. Licona's manifold contributions to the health of Colorado and the Nation. Dr. Licona passed away in March and will be greatly missed.

#### **REGION VIII STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION (SPCA) REPORTS**

CHAMPS staff participate in SPCA meetings/conferences and convene regular conference calls with their SPCA peers/colleagues to ensure coordination of Region VIII PCA programs and services and open, ongoing communication and collaboration.

Brief SPCA updates were given by Executive Committee members. Keith noted that he will be attending, and presenting at, the Region IX Conference in Lake Tahoe in June and will participate in the Western Clinicians Alliance meeting with NWRPCA, WCN, and CA and AZ PCAs on behalf of Region VIII. John Santistevan noted that the state of Colorado received a CMMI State Innovation Model (SIM) grant to implement and test its proposed model for healthcare innovation. John Mengenhausen noted that the South Dakota Governor may hold a summer session to discuss Medicaid expansion. There may also be a CMS pilot to change Medicaid payments to 100% of Native Americans are seen at a CHC. Kristi mentioned that in North Dakota, there was a 3% cut across the board for all state agencies and there may be another cut on top of that. It was also noted that CHAD's new CEO Shelly Ten Napel is now on board. Cindy announced that MT PCA CEO Bob Marsalli is leaving so the MT PCA is searching for a new CEO and the PCA is launching payment reform pilot projects. While Montana recently expanded Medicaid, there is concern that the legislature might get rid of it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 AM MT.

Respectfully submitted, President John Mengenhausen