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NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Primary Care Conference Highlights

Last month in Seattle, over 400 members of the health center community attended the 2019 Fall Primary Care Conference, jointly hosted by Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) and Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA). The conference theme, “The Future is Now: Advancing Community Health and Wellbeing” reflected the power of health centers in positively impacting and propelling the health and wellness of the communities they serve. In addition to having over 60 training sessions, this year’s conference included welcome and networking receptions, a health center tour, and multiple opportunities to learn together. Plenary speakers included: Tonya Bowers, Captain Sheila Pradia-Williams, and Dr. Judith Steinberg from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA); Joe Gallegos from the National Association of Community Health Centres (NACHC); Alejandro Romillo from Health Choice Network, Nicole Chammartin and Bill Davidson from the Canadian Association of Community Health Centres, and closing speaker Richard Yonck from Intelligent Future Consulting. Each autumn CHAMPS and NWRPCA partner to host this conference in alternating regions. Next year’s Fall Primary Care Conference will be held October 17-20, 2020 in Denver.



Session attendees participate in a group exercise.



Wyoming Primary Care Association (WYPCA) and CHAMPS staff at the Welcome Reception.

Explore the [CHAMPS Annual Primary Care Conference](#) webpage to review conference highlights, access conference [session recordings](#), learn more about [reimbursement opportunities](#), and stay updated on plans for the 2020 conference.

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Congratulations to the 2019 CHAMPS Award Winners!

Each year CHAMPS recognizes community health leaders from across the Mountain/Plains states. All Region VIII health centers and State Primary Care Associations (SPCAs) are encouraged to submit award nominations, and winners are selected by the CHAMPS Executive Committee. The 2019 awards were presented at the CHAMPS Board of Directors meeting during the NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Primary Care Conference in October.

Anne Beer, pictured at right, top left, Director of Homeless Programs at Peak Vista Community Health Centers (CO), received the Outstanding Advocate of the Underserved Award for demonstrating dedication to the health center mission and patient advocacy.



Tom Bibbey, pictured at right, top right, Board Member at Heritage Health Center (WY), received the Exceptional Board Leadership Award in recognition of his service to Heritage Health Center and the medically underserved.

Angela Green, PsyD, pictured at right, middle right, Director of Behavioral Health at STRIDE Community Health Center (CO), was presented with the Exceptional Administrative Leadership Award for her dedication to expanding Behavioral Health Services through innovation and leadership.



Julie Hulstein, pictured at right, center, Executive Director of Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States, with CHAMPS Executive Committee members (from left to right: John Mengenhausen, Dr. Keith Horwood, John Santistevan, and Kristi Halvarson), was awarded the Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award for dedicating her career to building everlasting partnerships with Community Health Centers in the Mountain/Plains States.

Jonathan Muther, PhD, pictured at right, bottom right, Vice President of Medical Services at Salud Family Health Centers (CO), was honored with the Exceptional Clinical Leadership Award in recognition of his advocacy for and commitment to providing integrated primary care.



Congratulations to all awardees!

Coming Soon: 2020 Region VIII Health Center Directory

Stay tuned for the **CHAMPS 2020 Region VIII Health Center Directory**. This biennial resource provides a comprehensive listing of all Community, Homeless, and Migrant health centers in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The directory also includes contact information for each organization's main and satellite sites, along with the leadership and clinical staff at those sites. Printed copies will soon be available and a searchable online version of the health center portion of the directory is always available in the [Members Only](#) Section of the CHAMPS website.

If you have any questions about the 2020 Region VIII Health Center Directory, please contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Workforce and Communications](#).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Encouraging successful careers and strong, cutting-edge organizations by providing live and archived continuing education, recruitment and retention tools, and the latest information on current trends and statistics. Learn more [here](#).

Continuing Education on Your Schedule

CHAMPS' live distance learning events are recorded to give health center staff extra opportunities to enhance professional development, gain clinical knowledge, and learn workforce strategies. Current offerings include:

- ★ **Clinical and Quality Distance Learning Events**
 - [The Opioid Crisis in Region VIII: Everything You Wanted to Know but were Afraid to Ask](#) (Available through 1/10/2020)
 - [Addressing Stigma Against Patients with Substance Use Disorders: Individual and Institutional Strategies](#) (Available through 1/17/2020)
 - [Childhood Healthy Weight Online Workshop](#) (Available through 3/20/2020)
 - [2019 Immunization Update](#) (Available through 6/13/2020)
- ★ **2019 Care Coordination Essential Distance Learning Series**
 - [Motivational Interviewing for Care Coordinators](#) (Available through 5/21/2020)
 - [Navigating Families in Conflict](#) (Available through 6/4/2020)
 - [Caring for Yourself When You're a Care Coordinator](#) (Available through 6/18/2020)
- ★ **CHAMPS/CCHN 2019 Outreach and Enrollment Distance Learning Series**
 - [Social Determinants of Health 101 for Community-Facing Staff](#) (Available through 5/21/2020)
 - [Preparing for Open Enrollment 7: Outreach to Specific Populations](#) (Available through 8/29/2020)
 - [Self-Care: Building Resiliency and Burnout Prevention](#) (Available through 9/19/2020)
- ★ **CHAMPS/MPCA Webcast: Special and Vulnerable Populations Distance Learning Event**
 - [Understanding and Serving Patients who are Veterans](#) (Available through 4/17/2020)
- ★ **Workforce Distance Learning Event**
 - [Understanding and Utilizing Statistics from the 2018 CHAMPS Salary, Benefits, Turnover, and Vacancy Survey Project](#) (Available through 3/21/2020)

Visit the [CHAMPS Online Archived Distance Learning Events](#) webpage for more details.

Corps Community Connection Recap

On October 11, 2019, Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN), Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC), Colorado Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Colorado Rural Health Center, and CHAMPS hosted Corps Community Connection at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs (CO) to celebrate the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and Colorado Health Service Corps (CHSC) programs. Attendees listened to a presentation from Jeffrey Bacon, DO, from Sterling Regional MedCenter on recruitment and retention in a rural setting, participated in a panel discussion about rural communities and mentorship, and engaged in the "Health Equity" training led by Christina James, JD, MSW, and Dante James, Esq., Co-Founders and Managing Partners of the Gemini Group. Attendees were also able to talk to Judy Solano MS, RN, ADS, External Relations Strategist, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. During the training, five providers (all NHSC/CHSC alumni) from across Colorado were awarded for their work and dedication to the health center mission.

To learn more about Corps Community Connection, visit the [CCHN](#) website.

Don't forget about the CHAMPS **Employment Screening Preferred Pricing Program!** CHAMPS Organizational Member CHCs can take advantage of 30% to 35% discounts on ScreeningOne employment screening services - click [here](#) to learn more!

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS, *Continued*

CHAMPS Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Staff Wellness Podcast Series

Don't forget to listen to the CHAMPS [SUD Best Practices Podcast Series](#) and the first episode in the CHAMPS [Staff Wellness Best Practices Podcast Series](#)! Episodes can be heard on the [CHAMPS Events and Trainings](#) webpage; typed transcripts are also available.

Are you or your health center interested in being interviewed in either of these series? Please contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Workforce and Communications](#).

Post Your Openings on the CHAMPS Job Opportunities Bank

The CHAMPS Region VIII Job Opportunities Bank (JOB) receives over 3,000 views each month, advertising administrative, clinical, dental, behavioral health, clinical support, and non-clinical support openings at health centers and Primary Care Associations (PCAs) throughout Region VIII. CHAMPS advertises career opportunities at Region VIII health centers not only through JOB posts but also by advertising those JOB postings at local, regional, and national career fairs and through monthly emails to candidates interested in health center career opportunities. Keep your jobs updated so we have the most accurate information to share with job seekers!

Visit the CHAMPS [Job Opportunities Bank \(JOB\)](#) to review all active postings. Need to post a new job or update a currently listed opening? Contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Workforce and Communications](#).

Stay up to date with all the latest news and CHAMPS offerings and resources through the CHAMPS [LinkedIn Company Page](#)!

MOUNTAIN/PLAINS CLINICAL NETWORK (MPCN) NEWS

Providing professional, administrative, and educational support to all clinicians who practice in Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers in Region VIII to ensure the delivery of the highest possible quality of care to poor and underserved populations. Learn more [here](#).

MPCN Steering Committee is Looking for New Members

The [Mountain/Plains Clinical Network](#) (MPCN) was developed to facilitate the professional, administrative, and educational development of all Region VIII health center providers to ensure the delivery of the highest quality of care, eliminate disparities, and increase access. A steering committee of Region VIII clinicians guide CHAMPS' clinical and quality improvement programs to ensure that they meet the needs and challenges of MPCN. The MPCN Steering Committee is comprised of up to four representatives from each state in Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) with the intention of including at least one medical provider, one oral health provider, and one behavioral health provider, although members are not limited to these disciplines alone and may represent another clinical role as well. The MPCN Steering Committee meets every other month via online video meeting and in-person once each year in conjunction with the [CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall Primary Care Conference](#). **The MPCN Steering Committee is looking for additional clinicians, particularly those from rural areas in North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming to serve on the Steering Committee.**

If you are interested in learning more about the MPCN Steering Committee, please visit the CHAMPS [MPCN Steering Committee](#) webpage or contact the CHAMPS [Clinical Quality Improvement Director](#).

Register Now - Engage, Inspire, Transform: Practical Approaches to Becoming an Employer of Choice

Join the Western Clinicians Alliance, whose members include [Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers](#) (AACHC), [California Primary Care Association](#) (CPCA), [Northwest Regional Primary Care Association](#) (NWRPCA), [Western Clinicians Network](#) (WCN), and CHAMPS for an intensive and interactive in-person training in Seattle (WA). Leaders will learn practical steps they can take to establish their health center as an employer of choice focusing on individual development, organizational leadership, and systemic engagement. Engage, Inspire, Transform: Practical Approaches to Becoming an Employer of Choice will be held Tuesday, January 14 through Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Leadership teams are encouraged to register and attend the event together.

To learn more about this event, visit the CHAMPS [Events and Trainings](#) webpage. For questions, contact the CHAMPS [Clinical Quality Improvement Director](#).

Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center

Sarah Davis, Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center

The Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center (RM-PHTC) is one of ten regional training centers designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Like CHAMPS, the Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center provides training for professionals in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Given this vast and largely rural geographic area, RM-PHTC focuses on providing high-quality, engaging, distance-based training.

Face-to-face learning can be so valuable, but the time and travel required to attend in-person trainings can often be a barrier. That's why more than half of the trainings RM-PHTC is offering this year utilize video to connect professionals to experts and their peers. Whether it's an ECHO series on [Care Coordination](#) or an online course focused on achieving [Health Equity for LGBTQ+](#) individuals, RM-PHTC uses interactive discussions, activities, and case-based learning to help professionals advance their practice. RM-PHTC also recognizes that short, on-demand trainings are important for working professionals. Check out RM-PHTC's recent additions on [Upstream Prevention](#) or [Marijuana](#), as well as the series on [Population Health](#).



Check out RM-PHTC's full directory of trainings at www.RMPHTC.org or reach out to info.rmphtc@gmail.com for more information on support for any training development or delivery needs.

Three Region VIII Clinicians Awarded AIHM Scholarships

In September 2019, the [Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine](#) (AIHM) reached out to CHAMPS regarding an opportunity for CHAMPS member clinicians to be awarded a full scholarship to participate in the [Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine's \(AIHM\) Fellowship Program](#). This opportunity was open to medical, dental, and behavioral health providers. The AIHM Fellowship Program is an interprofessional program that blends online learning with clinical immersion and three retreat experiences located in San Diego, CA. The program takes place over the course of two years that began in October 2019 and will total 1,000 hours of training. Seven applicants applied from Region VIII and the three individuals below were chosen to receive full scholarships (value of \$24,000).

- ★ Michele Marler, MD: Alluvion Health (Great Falls, MT)
- ★ Laura Monthathong, FNP-BC: Denver Health (Denver, CO)
- ★ Colleen Ihnken, CFNP: Summit Community Care Clinic (Frisco, CO)

AIHM is also offering CHAMPS members \$100 off [Individual Membership in AIHM](#). Interested clinicians from health centers who are [CHAMPS Organizational Members](#) should contact the [CHAMPS Clinical Quality Improvement Director](#) to receive the discount code.

OUTREACH & ENROLLMENT NEWS

Assisting Primary Care Associations and health centers in maximizing health insurance coverage for health center patients and communities across Region VIII. Learn more [here](#).

Open Enrollment is Here!

Open Enrollment Period Seven (OE7) began on November 1, and for Federally-Facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs) it will end December 15, 2019; for the State-Based Marketplace in Region VIII – Colorado – it will end January 15, 2020. This Open Enrollment period, some of the most crucial messages to continue to emphasize are:

- ★ **Affordability:**
 - 85% of current marketplace enrollees receive tax credits to help lower their monthly premiums, and most pay less than \$100/month for their plan.
 - There are new plans at new prices. Even if someone has looked before, it is important to review these new options – coverage might be more affordable than people think.
- ★ **Value of Coverage:**
 - Health insurance provides financial security.
 - Key benefits such as mental health, maternity coverage, and preventative care are all covered by every plan offered by Healthcare.gov.
- ★ **In-Person Assistance:**
 - Health centers have years of experience in connecting people to affordable health care regardless of income.



[Get America Covered](#) provides resources and messaging about marketplace plans for a general audience. [Out2Enroll](#) provides resources specifically designed for LGBTQ consumers. Additional social media resources for other communities, including immigrants, young adults, African Americans, people with disabilities, and the Latinx community can be accessed [here](#).

Visit the CHAMPS [Outreach & Enrollment](#) webpage for more information or contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Population Health](#).

Check Out the Region VIII O&E Digest!

The monthly CHAMPS Region VIII Outreach & Enrollment (O&E) Digest is designed to assist Region VIII health centers and Primary Care Associations (PCAs) in maximizing health insurance coverage for health center patients and communities across Region VIII.

Contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Population Health](#) to be added to the mailing list. Interested in past issues? Check out the [archive of previous O&E Digests](#).

SPECIAL & VULNERABLE POPULATIONS NEWS

Increasing the ability of Region VIII health centers to effectively serve populations with limited access to health care by increasing knowledge and enhancing collaborations. Learn more [here](#).

New Resource: Toolkit for VA Medical-Legal Partnership Readiness

Medical-legal partnerships integrate the unique expertise of lawyers into health care settings to help clinicians, case managers, and social workers address structural problems at the root of so many health inequities. The [National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership \(NCMLP\)](#) recently released the [Toolkit: VA Medical-Legal Partnership Readiness Guide](#). This new resource offers a practical guide to help assess if a health center needs and/or is ready to pursue a medical-legal partnership in service to Veterans.

Visit the CHAMPS [Special Populations](#) webpage for more information or contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Population Health](#).

SPECIAL & VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, *Continued*

Health Network: Helping Mobile Patients Continue Treatment

Claire Hutkins Seda, Migrant Clinicians Network

Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, and back to Texas: this is the migration route of one farmworker family, who consider themselves Texans but live on the road for half of the year. When the father goes to the clinic in Wyoming concerned with growing fatigue and blurred vision, his physician diagnoses him with diabetes. But how can the physician assure that this farmworker keeps up with his treatment plan and maintains access to needed insulin, across state lines, with different health systems and coverage? What about the truck driver with hypertension, the immigrant moving back to her home country who has cancer, or the seasonal fire worker who hasn't figured out his next steps, but is moving away before test results return?

Health Network, the bridge case management system of Migrant Clinicians Network, picks up the case where the physician cannot. Health Network associates find a new clinic and transfer health records to the next clinic, communicate directly with the patient to assure needs are met and treatment plans understood, and provide treatment completion reports back to the enrolling physician. Since 1996, Health Network has assisted thousands of patients moving domestically and internationally who because of their mobility are at a higher risk of being lost to follow-up. Health Network assists patients on the move with any health concern, moving to any location.

Health Network services are free of charge and available for health centers, clinics, local health departments, and other agencies. Health Network's concise [four-part video series](#) shows how and why to enroll, and Health Network's [enrollment application](#) is online in four languages. Enrollment training and support are also available.

For more information, contact Theresa Lyons-Clampitt at tlyons@migrantclinician.org or (512)579-4511.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

Health Center Program Funding Update

On September 19, the House of Representatives voted to fund the government through November 21 with a continuing resolution (CR). The measure was then voted on and passed in the Senate and signed by the President. This CR provides a short-term extension of funding for the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF), National Health Service Corps (NHSC), and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program and is a stopgap measure to give Congress more time to pass a funding bill. November 21 is fast approaching and advocacy for continued Health Center Funding is as important as ever.

The [National Association of Community Health Centers \(NACHC\)](#)'s [Health Center Advocacy Network \(HCAAdvocacy\)](#) has created a one-stop-shop for [advocacy tools](#) for Primary Care Associations (PCAs) and health centers. These are updated on an ongoing basis. Some suggestions from NACHC on advocacy activities include:

- ★ Set up visits with District congressional staff. Invite various stakeholders, including patients, clinicians, and staff to join you.
- ★ Ask your state and local elected officials to sign onto a letter asking your federal delegation to pass long-term, stable CHC funding.
- ★ Invite congressional staff for a tour of your health center.
- ★ Print signs advocating for CHC funding and ask local businesses to post them.

This year for the first time, HCAAdvocacy is hosting [Unity for Community Health Day](#) on Tuesday, November 12. This is a national movement where advocates fill congressional district and state offices to ensure Congress understands why health centers are so important.

Sign up and learn more at the [Unity for Community Health Day](#) webpage.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS, *Continued*

Spectra Health Featured for Collaboration

Spectra Health, a health center located in North Dakota, was featured in a [national publication](#) from the Center for Sharing Public Health Services regarding collaboration between local health departments and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Of the 125 respondents to the national survey, only nine were invited to participate in more in-depth interviews, including Spectra Health and the Grand Forks Public Health Department. The objective of this publication was to use the information in a future project phase to identify and help inform the development and piloting of service sharing tools between local health departments and community health centers.

To learn more and to read the publication, visit the [Center for Sharing Public Health Services](#) website. To learn more about Spectra Health, visit their [website](#).

Coal Country CHC Highlighted in New Rural Health Care Guide



Coal Country Community Health Center based in Beulah, ND was cited in Case Study 2 of the "Guide for Rural Health Care Collaboration and Coordination," a recently released tool from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The guide provides information on how rural providers can work together to identify health needs in their communities, create partnerships to address those needs, and develop a "community minded" approach to health care. The partnership between Coal Country Community Health Center and Sakakawea Medical Center, a Critical Access Hospital, is discussed throughout Case Study 2 and details how their work together to better serve their populations sprouted other meaningful partnerships.

To view the guide, visit HRSA's [website](#).

New Offering from NIMAA - UpSkillMA

Ali Murray, National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMAA)

Looking for ways to build the skills of your medical assistant (MA) staff? National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMAA) is excited to share information about a new offering, called UpSkillMA, offered through the Weitzman Learning Academy. UpSkillMA provides continuing education courses designed to build next level medical assisting skills. All courses are online, self-paced, and instructor-led to offer flexibility and subject matter expertise. Participants complete roughly one hour of learning per week, which allows them to apply the learning in their clinical setting as they progress through the course.

Start	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Final Week
1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	3/9	3/16	4/13	4/20
2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	
3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	5/4	5/11	5/18	
1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	3/9	3/16	4/13	4/20
2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	
1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	3/9	3/16	4/13	4/20
2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	

Start indicates when Week 1 of the coursework opens. The final week is in bold. Final Week is an entire week of access to the course where no new content is released. This allows participants one extra week to complete the course if needed.

Current training options include:

- ★ Interprofessional Team-Based Care: \$360 per participant; 12 hours
 - Learn about the roles of the members on the interprofessional team, patient-centered medical home, concepts to improve teamwork and team communication, and more.
- ★ Quality Improvement (QI) & Making the Data Count: \$300 per participant; 10 hours
 - Learn about ways data can be used to measure quality of care, basic tools used in QI, the benefit of displaying data over time, and more.
- ★ Immunizations: \$300 per participant; 10 hours
 - Learn about best practices for patient education, core concepts of the vaccine schedule, needle storage, administration, and more.
- ★ Professionalism & Effective Communication: \$270 per participant; 9 hours
 - Learn about communication skills across audiences, time management, legal and ethical responsibilities, and more.

To learn more about UpSkillMA offerings, visit the Weitzman Learning Academy's [website](#).

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS, *Continued*

HRSA Announces Oral Health Infrastructure Awards

Over \$85 million was awarded to 298 health centers to expand access to Oral Health Care service capacity through new infrastructure enhancements in mid-September 2019. These investments are the first by Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) to solely focus on oral health infrastructure and will enable health centers to provide new or enhance existing oral health services. Acting HRSA Administrator Tom Engles stated, "These awards, which are the first of their kind, will help health centers tackle limitations in infrastructure, such as outdated equipment and insufficient space, and improve access to integrated, oral health services in primary care settings in communities across the country."

To learn more about the awards and awardees, visit HRSA's [website](#).

National Funding Opportunities

[State and Regional Primary Care Association \(PCA\) Cooperative Agreements](#) (December 10)

[National Health Center Training and Technical Assistance Partners \(NTTAP\) Cooperative Agreements](#) (December 17)

[Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Residency Training in Primary Care \(PCTE-RTPC\) Program](#) (January 24)

Region VIII in the News

- ★ Partnership Health Center: [Partnership Health Center Applauds Workers](#) (Missoulian, September 2)
- ★ PureView Health Center: [Don't Let Community Health Center Funding Expire](#) (Independent Record, September 11)
- ★ Heritage Health Center: [Health Organizations Come Together on Assessment of Community's Health Needs](#) (Powell Tribune, September 12)
- ★ Community Health Center of the Black Hills: [Free HIV/AIDS Testing in Rapid City](#) (KEVN Black Hills FOX, September 18)
- ★ Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas and Wyoming Primary Care Association: [Regional Groups Team to Set Up Great Plains Health Data Network](#) (HIT Infrastructure, September 18)
- ★ RiverStone Health: [Community Health Centers Help all Montanans Access Health Care](#) (The Laurel Outlook, September 19)
- ★ RiverStone Health: [Health Centers Vital in Montana](#) (Billings Gazette, September 21)
- ★ Mountain Family Health Centers: [Congress, Please Approve Health Center Funding](#) (Post Independent, September 22)
- ★ Alluvion Health: [Alluvion Health Bridging the Healthcare Gap with Rural Montana](#) (ABC Fox Montana, September 24)
- ★ STRIDE Community Health Center: [Letter to the Editor: Health Centers Deserve Support](#) (Colorado Community Media, September 25)
- ★ Alluvion Health: [Alluvion Health Will Use \\$300K Grant for a Mobile Dental Unit](#) (Great Falls News, September 27)
- ★ Axis Health System: [Medicaid Expanding to Cover Inpatient, Residential Addiction Treatment](#) (The Journal, October 1)
- ★ Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas and Spectra Health: [Spectra Health Receives \\$300,000 Grant](#) (Grand Forks Herald, October 1)
- ★ River Valley Family Health Center: [Community Health Centers Seeing Increase in Uninsured Patients](#) (Public News Service, October 3)
- ★ Alluvion Health: [Alluvion Health Fighting Opioid Crisis](#) (KULR8, October 7)
- ★ Association for Utah Community Health and Utah Health Centers: [As Costs of Insulin Rise, Utah Diabetics Are Going Online to Plead for the Drug from Strangers](#) (The Salt Lake Tribune, October 25)
- ★ Axis Health System: [Residents Call for Behavioral Health Care Reform](#) (The Durango Herald, October 1)
- ★ Bullhook Community Health Center: [Bullhook Holding Brown Bag Educational Series](#) (Havre Daily News, October 21)
- ★ Clinica Family Health: [Kids First Health Care and Clinica Family Health Bring Dental Services to Thornton High School](#) (YourHub, September 20)
- ★ Community Health Center of the Black Hills: [STD Rates are on the Rise and South Dakota is No Exception](#) (KEVN Black Hills FOX, October 17)
- ★ Midtown Community Health Center: [Formerly Addicted and Homeless, Utah Woman Says Medicaid Saved Her Life](#) (abc4, October 1)
- ★ Peak Vista Community Health Centers: [Peak Vista Holds 15th Annual 'Breakfast of Champions'](#) (KKTU 11 News, October 24)
- ★ Utah Navajo Health System: [San Juan County Painter Gilmore Scott has Unique Take on Traditional Navajo Artwork](#) (The Salt Lake Tribune, October 6)
- ★ Sapphire Community Health: [Sapphire Community Health is Hosting a Wellness Fair, Oct. 29](#) (Ravalli Republic, October 18)
- ★ Northwest Community Health Center: [Rural Providers Make the Best of Dwindling Resources](#) (Daily Inter Lake, October 27)
- ★ Partnership Health Center: [Tester Pushes for Health Center Funding; Partnership Urges Long-Term Certainty](#) (8KPAX, November 3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the Interactive [Online CHAMPS Calendar of Events](#) for continuing updates!



2019

[CCHN UDS Training](#)

Friday, November 15, 2019
Denver, CO

[NACHC PCA & HCCN Conference](#)

November 18-20, 2019
San Diego, CA

[Region VIII Healthcare for the Homeless Grantee Collaborative Call](#)

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
11:30AM-12:30PM MT / 12:30-1:30PM CT

[2019 CCHN Credentialing and Privileging Webinar Series – How to Conduct Peer Review](#)

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
12:00-1:00PM MT / 1:00-2:00PM CT

[MPCA UDS Training Webinar](#)

November 20-21, 2019
8:00AM-12:00PM MT / 9:00AM-1:00PM CT

[BPHC All-Programs Webcast](#)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
12:00-1:00PM MT / 1:00-2:00PM CT



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2020

[NWRPCA/CHAMPS Employer of Choice Training](#)

January 14-15, 2020
Seattle, WA

[NACHC Policy & Issues Forum \(P&I\)](#)

March 16-19, 2020
Washington, DC

[MPCA Annual Training](#)

April 15-17, 2020
MT

[2020 National Health Care for the Homeless Council Conference & Policy Symposium](#)

May 11-14, 2020
Phoenix, AZ

[NACHC Conference for Agricultural Worker Health](#)

May 19-21, 2020
Clearwater, FL

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