



CHCACT WEEKLY BULLETIN

NEWS FOR CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

JULY 19, 2010



Greater Danbury Community Health Center celebrated their Grand Opening on July 11 with Congressman Christopher Murphy helping Jim Maloney and staff cut the ribbon.

UPCOMING CHCACT MEETINGS

July 20 - Clinical Issues Committee of CHCACT will hold a conference call seminar on Clinical Issues and Performance Improvement activities and will include medical, dental and behavior health leadership on the call. The seminar will consist of an hour (9:30-10:30am) long exchange of performance activities and best practices that are currently implemented in medical, dental and behavioral health practices at Community Health Centers here in Connecticut. The Denta Quest Institute Dental PI project will be updated. *The CIC Committee will then conduct its meeting from 10:30-11:30.* This will consist of highlights of current project updates: SEARCH, Colorectal Cancer Screening, Access/Redesign, EASY BREATHING, TEXT4BABY, Diabetes conference, Adult Immunization and an overview of the OPTIONS program.

Call in Number: 1.888.994.2509
Pass code: 519603#

July 21 – Human Resource Directors Workgroup Conference Call, 10:30-11-30 a.m. The agenda will include: Essential Learning update, SEARCH program update, and HR workforce policies/issues. For additional information contact **Rashad Collins** at rcollins@chcact.org or 860.667.7820. Conference Call number is 1.888.994.2509, pass code is 519603#.

July 28 - OIG Audit? Don't Despair, Prepare! Webinar, 2:00 – 3:00 pm., CHCACT conference room

August 10 – The monthly meeting for the Billing Managers and CFOs will be a combined meeting from 1:00-3:00 at the CHCACT office in Newington. Representatives from DSS, AmeriChoice and CHN will be attending to discuss issues including SAGA transition, HUSKY B Dental Updates, etc.

August 11 - Challenging Government Audits webinar, 2:00 – 3:00 pm., CHCACT conference room

MEETINGS ATTENDED

July 13 - CT SEARCH Partners Network Meeting. SEARCH Network participants met via conference call to discuss the student experiences during summer 2010, the year two student recruitment process for 2011, the preceptor and training, student projects, and the professional development series. Network partners from UCONN, Quinnipiac University, Fairfield University, the Department of Public Health and the CT Office of Rural Health participated on the call. For additional information contact Rashad Collins at rcollins@chcact.org or 860-667-7820.



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July 14 – What You Need to Know About OIG Audits Webinar, The first of a three part series on what FQHCs need to know about the federal government's audit process was held. The webinar provided information on the triggers for an audit, the overall process of how an audit is conducted, and the standards that OIG must follow in completing an audit. Slides are available by emailing pmoro@chcact.org.

EVENTS/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE OPPORTUNITIES LISTED BELOW PLEASE CLICK ON [HTTP://WWW.CHCACT.ORG/EVENTS/DEFAULT.ASP](http://www.chcact.org/events/default.asp)

- July 21 – CT HIVQUAL Workgroup, “HIV/AIDS Patient Retention Workgroup”, CHC, Inc., Meriden, CT
- July 30 – Positive Futures: HIV, Employment and the Vocational Rehab System, Hamden *New*
- August 8-14 - National Health Center Week
- September 3 - 2010 International Medical Interpreters Conference, Boston
- September 23 - National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice, Washington
- September 24 – 5th Annual New England Rural Oral Health Conference, Westford
- October 4 - Managing Ambulatory Health Care I: Introductory Course for Physicians in CHCs, Boston
- October 15 - African Refugee Health Conference, Lewiston, ME
- October 18 – 7th National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations, Baltimore
- October 20 – DPH 2010 Diabetes Review and Update, Cromwell
- NACHC Seminars/Conferences/Webcasts, **Register Today!**
 - July 28 - Health Center Financial Operations Management Level III Seminar
 - July 28 - OIG Audit? Don't Despair, Prepare!
 - August 10 - Strategic and Business Planning Seminar
 - August 11 - Challenging Government Audits
 - August 25 - Health Center Practice Operations Management Seminar
 - September 10 - NACHC 2010 Community Health Institute (CHI) & EXPO
 - September 11 - Strengthening the Board Chair/CEO Partnership
 - November 8 - 2010 State and Regional Primary Care Association Conference
 - November 16 - NACHC 2010 Financial Operations Mgmt/Info Technology Conference

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[\\$2.3 Million Available for Health Disparities Umbrella Cooperative Agreements.](#) \$2,275,000 is available from OMH for partnerships to address: access to care; achieving health equity by addressing social determinants of health; youth violence (including gang violence); work force development; and data collection, analysis, and evaluation. Deadline: August 2, 2010 .

RESOURCES

Text4baby is a free mobile health education service that provides underserved pregnant women and mothers with an infant under one year of age with free, evidence-based, brief health messages. An educational program led by the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, CTIA-The Wireless Foundation, Voxiva, and many other state and local partners, text4baby is intended to help women have safe and healthy pregnancies by empowering them with information they need to give their babies the best possible start in life. The text4baby service was launched nationally in February 2010 and subscribing to the service is free! To learn more about text4baby, please see www.text4baby.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of Health Care Access Issues Healthcare Utilization Report: State health officials reported today that many Connecticut residents are visiting hospital emergency departments when a trip to a primary care facility could suffice. These findings are part of a recent study released by the Department of Public Health's Office of Health Care Access (OHCA). The study, “Health Care Services in Connecticut, Availability, Utilization, and Access,” is the first of a three-part approach to planning for Connecticut's future health care system. This study, along with an inventory of



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facilities, services and equipment and a Statewide Facilities and Services Plan to be released in 2012, will allow for a comprehensive approach to system-wide planning in order to positively impact the state's health care system.

The study includes comprehensive data on Connecticut's socioeconomic characteristics, primary reasons for utilization, and insurance coverage, as well as recommendations for future needs. The study can be viewed in its entirety on the DPH web-site at www.ct.gov/dph.