

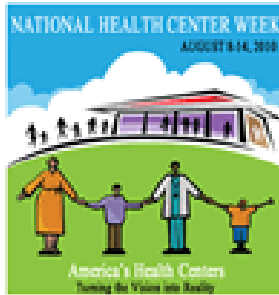


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NEWS FOR CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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National Health Center Week is almost here –
August 8 -14!!!

Please remember to post your events at

<http://www.healthcenterweek.com/>

CHCACT WELCOMES NEW STAFF

CHCACT is pleased to announce that **Kate Galambos**, RN, MSN, CPHIMS (certified professional in health information management systems) has joined CHCACT as the Director of Technical Services. Kate will run CHCACT's regional extension center assistance program and ER Diversion program. Kate can be reached at KGalambos@chcact.org

Siobahn Kinney has joined CHCACT as Program Assistant. Siobahn has just recently graduated from Amherst College and has been working as a Field Representative for Connecticut Working Families. Siobahn can be reached at SKinney@chcact.org.

UPCOMING CHCACT MEETINGS

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 20 - Clinical Issues Committee of CHCACT held a conference call seminar on Clinical Issues and Performance Improvement activities. CS-Hill, Charter Oak, Staywell, East Hartford, Norwalk, and Generations shared their medical performance improvement projects. Staywell shared their dental performance improvement project and CS-Hill shared their behavioral health performance improvement project. Mark Doherty and Dori Bingham from the Denta Quest Institute introduced the dental practice web portal that will be made available to the 9 centers in Connecticut who participated in the dental practice assessment project. The portal will provide the platform for uploading quarterly data which DentaQuest will analyze and provide feedback on in order to identify best practice models for FQHC dental programs. CHCACT provided project updates on the following projects: SEARCH, Colorectal Cancer Screening, Access/Redesign, EASY BREATHING, TEXT4BABY, and a proposed diabetes conference. Deb Rosen from DPH's Immunization Division gave an update on adult immunizations. The University of Connecticut Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention presented an overview of the OPTIONS program, which consists of an intervention delivered by healthcare providers during the routine clinical care of people living with HIV and AIDS and uses motivational interviewing techniques to reduce the risk of HIV transmission resulting from unprotected sexual contact and illegal drug use. Over 500 providers have been trained in the OPTIONS intervention and it has demonstrated clinical efficacy in research studies in the United States and South Africa. The next CIC meet will be September 21, 2010. For further information please contact Scott Selig at 860.667.7832 or sselig@chcact.org

July 21 – Human Resource Directors Workgroup Conference Call. R. Collins gave an update on the Essential Learning group purchasing option and the CT SEARCH program. HR policies and procedures regarding new provider orientations were also discussed. J. Granger discussed ongoing negotiations with the CT Dept. of Social Services regarding credentialing services for the Medicaid program. The next call is scheduled for August 18, 2010 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For additional information contact Rashad Collins at rcollins@chcact.org or 860-667-7820.

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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 30 – Positive Futures: HIV, Employment and the Vocational Rehab System, Hamden *New*
- July 30 – Joint Commission Technical Assistance Training Teleconference *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
- October 22 - CT Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Conference, Southington *New*
- 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 18 - Qualifying for ARRA EHR Incentive Funding *New*
 - August 25 - Health Center Practice Operations Management Seminar
 - August 25 - Performing a Self Assessment Using HRSA's Site Visit Guide *New*
 - September 1 - What You Should Know in Completing the FFR *New*
 - September 8 - Dual Status Health Center: Strategic Considerations *New*
 - September 9 - Developing Effective FQHC Programs and Applications *New*
 - 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

The School-Based Health Center Capital Equipment Grant Program will award funds that will support school-based health center efforts to expand capacity to provide primary health care services to school-aged children. The current deadline to submit applications to secure available funding in response to the RFP is **July 30, 2010**. To view the details of any of these offers, go to www.welchallyn.com/SBHC10 or call 1.800.535.6663.

The **Avon Breast Health Outreach Program (BHOP)** awards grants that help organizations link medically underserved women to breast health education and screening services. Grants are available to community-based organizations in the U.S that are implementing a program that provides education and information on breast health and breast cancer, and helps women access medical providers. The majority of the grants will range from \$30,000 to \$60,000. The foundation is particularly interested in applications from organizations that recruit women for both first time screening and annual screening. Deadline: Aug. 27, 2010. www.avonbhop.org

Hearst Foundation Healthcare Grants. The foundation supports a wide range of healthcare-related grants and specialized medical institutions. In general, applicants must run programs that seek to improve and assure access to quality healthcare for underserved populations. Primary areas of interest include cancer, perinatology, pediatrics, women's health, and healthcare for the elderly and the disabled. Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) statuses throughout the United States are eligible. Amount of funding varies depending on the request. Info: www.hearstfdn.org/fp_health.html

Department of Public Health, Bid/RFP Number RFP 2010-0912, Due Date 09/15/2010. DPH is seeking proposals from applicants to provide tobacco use cessation services to Connecticut residents, especially targeting populations

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that have a documented disparate use of tobacco products compared to the general population.

http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/BidDetail.aspx?CID=19275

Department of Public Health, Bid/RFP Number DPH RFP 2011-0910, Due Date 09/10/2010 . DPH is seeking proposals from community coalitions or other local or regionally-based organizational entities to reduce the incidence of cancer using the National Association for Chronic Disease Directors and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Action Communities for Health, Innovation and Environmental Change initiative as a model in effecting such changes. http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/BidDetail.aspx?CID=119

RESOURCES

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Subcommittee Passes Health Center Funding for FY2011: "Great news from the House of Representatives! The House Labor-HHS Subcommittee on Appropriations released the mark-up of its annual spending bill. The proposal sets the FY 2011 spending levels for all discretionary health programs located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Health Centers program. The House Subcommittee has now officially proposed that the Health Centers program be funded at \$2.19 billion in FY2011! Health Centers will now be on a path to serve an additional 20 million patients over the next five years, doubling the size of the program to 40 million patients." - Krystal Knight, Health Centers on the Hill

Enroll for PSPC 3.0! You are invited to be a part of an effort that is dramatically improving the health outcomes and medication safety of high-risk patients in your community. For the past two years, HRSA's Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative (PSPC) has been helping teams across the nation transform how they deliver care to their patients to achieve impressive results in patient safety and health status (see attached for more information). HRSA is currently enrolling teams for PSPC 3.0! **Want to learn more about PSPC 3.0?** Join HRSA for the **final** informational webinar (no reservations are needed) for an overview of PSPC and sharing insights on what new teams should consider when joining, and there will be opportunities to ask questions. You may also direct questions regarding PSPC 3.0 to patientsafety@hrsa.gov.

July 27, 2010 (12-1pm EDT)

For Participants:

Conference number: PW5477169

Audience passcode: PSPC

To access the **audio** portion, please call: 888-566-1385

To access the **net** portion, Participants can join the event directly at:

<http://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW5477169&p=PSPC&t=c>

You must access both the audio and net portions to participate on the call.