



CHCACT WEEKLY BULLETIN

NEWS FOR CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

JULY 6, 2009



H1N1 INFLUENZA UPDATES

- **8:30 a.m. Fridays** – Weekly conference call with CHC staff. Call #: 888.824.5783 Pass code: 11290705..
- **4:00 p.m. Fridays** – CHCACT will continue to survey all health centers once a week with regard to H1N1 flu cases and supplies needed. The Survey will be emailed to the identified staff member at each CHC.
- **H1N1 information on the CHCACT web site** is updated continuously. Go to:
http://www.chcact.org/Content/2009_H1N1_Flu_Information.asp

CHCACT UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 8, 2009 – Rebecca Willis will facilitate the second Lunch and Learn for CHCACT's summer student interns. Presenters Barbra Rogers and Brian Datcher, members of CYFAN's Advisory Board, will focus on Outreach services from the consultant perspective by discussing the strategies taken to increase awareness and visibility in the community for Outreach.

July NACHC Summer Webinars - CHCACT has registered for 3 webinars offered by NACHC on their summer schedule. These webinars will be hosted on-site at CHCACT, because there is a charge if you connect from your office. CHCACT has already paid for these webinars **Please RSVP to Pat Moro if you plan to attend-**
pmoro@chcact.org

July 23 – Strategies to Maximize Reimbursement, Initial Medicaid PPS Rate Setting & Billing Medicare FQHC 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 30 – New Bureau Reporting Measures 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

July 1, 2009 Brad Howard of Charter Oak Health Center and Myrian Garcia of East Hartford Community HealthCare participated in the CHCACT Lunch & Learn for the summer student Interns working at CHCACT. The presentation focused on Outreach services, patient support, and the importance of developing and determining a target audience that will benefit from outreach efforts.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE OPPORTUNITIES LISTED BELOW

PLEASE CLICK ON <http://www.chcact.org/News/newsView.asp?NewsId=40968146&CategoryID=1>

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- **July 7, 2009 –Capital Improvement Grants (CIP) Post-Award Technical Assistance conference call** Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM Eastern Standard Time, Dial: 888-469-1383 (US toll-free), Passcode: 2346076
- NACHC's schedule for regional meetings is updated through November 2009. To see the listings of meetings, go to the CHCACT web page at: [cms/storage/NACHC Listing of Regional Meetings.pdf](#).
- Interpreting in Health & Community Settings. A five-week course in Trumbull: **June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23. Hartford: Sept. 2, Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30.** Sponsored by Connecticut Area Health Education Center and EAHEC, Inc.
- **July 8 – 10 - Information Technology Workshop:** EHR Implementation | Advanced Uses of HIT, New York City.
- **July 10** – NACHC's New Medical Director Orientation Training, Kansas City, MO
- **August 21-25** – **NACHC's Community Health Institute & Expo**, Chicago, IL
- **September 21** - CT DPH Diabetes Review and Update, Cromwell
- **September 30** - Forum on Innovations in Healthcare Delivery and Organization, Hartford



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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Nancy R. Gelman Foundation** (NRGF) announces its 2009 Seed Grant Program to fund projects aimed at improving outcomes for women with breast cancer by promoting global improvement in services provided to women with or at risk of breast cancer. All applications must be submitted electronically only, to be received at grants@nrgf.org - do not mail an application. Seed grant amounts will not exceed \$1,500 to any one recipient. Please see the [Application Instructions](#) for submission details and additional information which is not listed on this web page.

RESOURCES

Jack Rustico and Petagaye Nembhard are available to assist health centers in completing reporting obligations to HRSA and other HIV/AIDS funding agencies under the new Ryan White Services Report (RSR) format. This is a helpful website for agencies to look at when preparing RSR submissions which are due July 15:
<http://hab.hrsa.gov/manage/CLD.htm>

NACHC's National Health Center Week website www.healthcenterweek.org has updated materials available for download, including sample press materials, event planning ideas and Health Center fact sheets. If there is something you need, but do not see, please let us know. Again this year, you can purchase Health Center Week posters and branded items for your events, some of which can be personalized with your Health Center's name or logo, directly from our online [Health Center Week Store](#). *NOTE: Orders must be placed prior to July 20, 2009 to ensure delivery prior to National Health Center Week 2008. Orders placed after July 20, 2009 may incur a rush fee as well as expedited freight charges.*

The HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau continues to update the following website with important information on the Ryan White Services Report (RSR) due officially by July 31, 2009 for agencies with Grantee responsibilities.
<http://hab.hrsa.gov/manage/CLD.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ProAir HFA Donation Program: Teva Pharmaceuticals has recently made a generous donation of 500,000 [ProAir® HFA inhalers](#) to assist in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration mandated transition from CFC (chlorofluorocarbon-based) albuterol inhalers to the environmentally friendly HFA (hydrofluoroalkane-based) inhalers. These donated inhalers are intended to assist uninsured, low-income individuals treated by safety-net providers in the United States. Teva's donation will provide inhalers to help ease the transition. Facilities that qualify for 340B pricing can also purchase HFA inhalers at the discounted 340B pricing. Please reference the email notification to find the log-in information to access the ProAir® HFA donation questionnaire [Request ProAir® HFA Inhalers](#) Please submit requests by Friday, July 31, 2009. More information and educational materials on the transition to HFA inhalers can be obtained from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America: 1-800-7-ASTHMA or www.transitionnow.org.

Health Center Quarterly Reporting (HCQR) Updates: The Health Resources and Services Administration/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) has announced that the Health Center Quarterly Reporting (HCQR) Module will be available on June 30 after 7:00pm ET for grantees to begin completing their health center related quarterly reporting. In addition, there is posted a revised HCQR Manual to provide further guidance in completing the first quarter report. As a reminder, grantees must submit their health center HCQR report to HRSA within HRSA's Electronic Handbook (EHB) by July 10, 2009.