June 6, 2022

Need to Know

Mark your calendars: OPCA Operation Directors Peer Group will meet in-person at Klamath Health Partnership in Klamath Falls, OR on Friday, July 29. Agenda coming soon. Contact Sonya Howk for more information.

Suicide and Crisis Network’s Call for Volunteers and Employees On July 16, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) will transition to an easy-to-remember, 3-digit number (988). Learn more about 988.

HRSA Tidbits

Updated Guidance on COVID-19 Booster Shots CDC recommended a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 who completed their primary vaccination more than five months ago. See the CDC statement & HHS’ We Can Do This website. Clinic resources: CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot Webpage & Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

Funding for Accelerating Cancer Screening Through Accelerating Cancer Screening, HRSA will invest $5 million for health centers to increase equitable access to cancer screenings. Review the FAQs for applicants; visit the AxCS TA webpage. Applications due in Grants.gov by June 15, 8:59 pm PT.

Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Program Calendar Year 2023 Deeming Cycle Applications are due in EHBs by July 8, 8:59 pm PT, Watch a recording of the TA webinar, or join the Office Hour sessions June 27, 11:00 am PT, Join the day of the session

Pledge to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions In support of HHS’s initiative to mobilize the health care sector, the HHS Office of Climate Change & Health Equity (OCCHE) invites FQHCs to submit a pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase climate resilience. OCCH published Climate and Health Outlook update on extreme heat.

Health Professional Faculty Loan Repayment Program Open If any of your providers are teaching the next generation of providers, they may be eligible for the Faculty Loan Repayment Program. Full/part-time options available; applications due June 30, 4:30 pm PT.

Test to Treat Resources All HRSA-supported health centers with pharmacy capacity may join the HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Therapeutics Program by submitting a ticket at BPHC Contact Form (COVID-19 > COVID-19 Therapeutics Program). Resources for Test to Treat:
- Several health centers were featured in a March 4 Test to Treat webinar. Watch the recording.
- Representatives from the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) recently joined the Office Hours to address questions. Watch the recording.
- Visit the ASPR Test to Treat website for the latest clinical guidance and updates.
Training & Learning Opportunities

**NACHC’s Virtual Training: Fundamentals of Board Leadership Roles** This virtual training series provides an overview of board leadership roles and introduces various tools to effective leadership. FREE June 2 and 16, 2:30-4:00pm PT [Register and learn more](#).

**Deciphering the Operational Site Visit** Feldesman + Tucker + et al presents a workshop on HRSA requirement and practical tips for a successful OSV. June 7 - 9, 2022 [Register here](#).

**NWRPCA Four-Part Webinar Series** [2022 Population Health Academy](#) This series highlights innovations that FQHCs have implemented to elevate patient care. Four separate webinars: June 8, 15, & 23, 11:30am–1:00pm PT [Learn more and register](#).

**NACHC’s 2022 Revenue Cycle 360 Virtual Workshop** Revenue Cycle 360º a two-day virtual training provides key health center staff with in-depth guidance on unique and complex revenue cycle for FQHCs. June 29 – 30. [Register by June, 15](#). Learn more.

**Health Center Compliance Program: Fundamentals** Feldesman + Tucker + et al present a two-day training designed for compliance officers who are new to their role or for health centers launching new compliance programs or initiatives. June 21 – 22. [Register here](#).

**Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding: What to Know and How to Prepare.** States will be required to restart Medicaid & CHIP eligibility reviews; millions of people could lose health coverage. CMS hosts a monthly call series for stakeholders. June 22, 9:00 am PT [View dates and times or register now](#); email [PARTNERSHIP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PARTNERSHIP@cms.hhs.gov).

**Motivational Interviewing Trainings for Diabetes Management** A no-cost training on [motivational interviewing for diabetes management](#). Focus on improving provider conversations about sensitive behavior change topics required for diabetes management. Level 1 starts June 22. CME available. Contact [Laura Kreger](mailto:Laura.Kreger@orcpa.org) or 503-487-7409.

**PHE Unwinding Readiness for Health Centers: Strategies for Preparing Medicaid Beneficiaries for Eligibility Determinations.** NACHC [PHE Readiness webinar](#); hear staff and Health Center Outreach & Enrollment (O&E) leaders highlight strategies to prepare patients for the end of the PHE. June 29, 10:00 am PT [Register](#).

**Association of Clinicians for the Underserved 2022 Conference** Resilience & Transformation in Care. Explore concrete strategies in building and sustaining a powerful CHC workforce. July 31-August 2 in Washington, D.C. and online. [Register now](#).

Emergency Preparedness Resources

**Reporting Emergency Operational Status** Please remember that if there is a declared emergency due to Winter Weather, we ask that you report your clinic status. You can do so here: [https://forms.office.com/r/1VNmN2eKCT](https://forms.office.com/r/1VNmN2eKCT), or at the QR code attached (open the file, point your phone camera at the graphic and a link should pop up to the form).

Questions? Please feel free to contact [showk@orpca.org](mailto:showk@orpca.org).

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