July 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. Register by July 15th, and learn more here. Contact Sonya Howk for more information.

The 2021-22 OPCA Awards of Excellence nomination are open. Each year we honor CHC individuals and organizations who do outstanding work to deliver integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health services to their communities. 2021-22 awards will be presented at the September All Peer Group Gathering. See here, or email awards@orpca.org for more information. Nomination deadline is July 22, 2022.

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 Health Center Program Site Visit Protocol (SVP) On May 26, the SVP was updated with minor changes to improve consistency. These updates will not impact the way that site visits are conducted. See a summary of key changes. If you have questions, please use the BPHC Contact Form (Policy > Site Visit Protocol General Inquiry).

How to Get the Answers You Need Following the update from Office of Strategic Business Operations Director Kate Mitchell during the May 4 Today with Macrae, we issued a bulletin to health center leaders last week clarifying how health centers can get the answers they need from us.

Billing and Cost Sharing Overview for COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Treatment A new webpage provides health centers with a summary of billing and patient cost-sharing for COVID-19 related services and supplies. Note: This is not an exhaustive list. Health centers still refer to the specific and most recent requirements or restrictions for each payor source or program. For additional questions, health centers should use the BPHC Contact Form.

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program: Medication-Assisted Treatment Access The goal of this HRSA funding opportunity is to improve health care in rural areas by establishing new medication-assisted treatment (MAT) access points and increasing the capacity for sustainable MAT services.

Training & Learning Opportunities

Creating and Maintaining a Culture of Continuous Compliance: Preparing for HRSA’s Operational Site Visit (OSV) and Beyond A 3-Part Webinar Series for health centers preparing for HRSA’s OSV and building continuous compliance. Three-part series features the perspective of three independent OSV reviewers with experience conducting in-person and virtual HRSA OSVs. July 12, 13, and 14, 2022 10 – 11:30 am PT. Register

Special and Vulnerable Populations COVID-19 Forum Join to hear discussion of how COVID-19 has impacted health centers and the special populations they serve. Suma Nair, PhD, Director of BPHC’s
Office of Quality Improvement, will provide up-to-date information about assistance for health centers. Friday, July 22 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET Register here (visit to see all dates and times)

**Credit Reporting: Why Health Care Advocates Should Care** Community Catalyst’s Community Benefit & Economic Stability Project Webinar. Illnesses can throw patients into financial crisis. Information on new changes to reporting medical debt. Thursday, July 28 11:30 am PT. Email onguyen@communitycatalyst.org if you have any questions, or register here.


**Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Learning Series** 6-month through 5-year old populations last session, Data and Strategies for Pediatric Vaccine Catch-up July 21 9 – 10 am PT Register here.

**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, 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@orcpa.org.