

HR Leaders Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Human Resources Professionals



May 5, 2021

Need to Know

On **May 14, from 9-10am PT**, the HR Leaders Peer Group will kick-off their first group gathering with a virtual meeting. The group will discuss hiring difficulties in COVID-19 times, and hear from Brad Guthrie, HR Manager at La Pine on recruitment and retention best practices. Additionally, the group recently transitioned to a new listserv platform: MS Groups. To join the group or the kick-off meeting, please email Mallory Temple.

HRSA Tidbits

HHS Announces \$1 Billion from American Rescue Plan for Construction and Renovation Projects

As part of the American Rescue Plan, HHS has made \$1 billion available for HRSA-Health Center Program funded health centers to support major construction and renovation projects across the country. Health centers that receive this funding will be able to use it for COVID-19 related capital needs and to construct new facilities, renovate and expand existing facilities, and purchase new equipment. Applications are due in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by 2pm PT on June 24. Visit the American Rescue Plan funding for Health Center Construction and Capital Improvements [technical assistance \(TA\) webpage](#) for award submission guidance, information about upcoming question and answer sessions, and other resources.

NHSC Loan Repayment Program

Three National Health Service Corps (NHSC) programs recently opened their application cycles for up to \$100,000 in assistance. The [NHSC Loan Repayment Program \(LRP\)](#), the [NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce LRP](#), and the [NHSC Rural Community LRP](#) applications will remain open until May 6 at 4:30pm PT.

2021 NHSC New Site Application Cycle

The 2021 NHSC new site application cycle is now open for sites that: 1) have never been approved for NHSC, including sites that have applied and had their application denied or cancelled or 2) are currently an inactive NHSC site due to expiration or past compliance issues. Interested sites and treatment facilities should review the [Site Reference Guide \(SRG\)](#) for details on how to become NHSC approved. [Apply Here!](#)

Training & Learning Opportunities

HPSA Previews & Score Changes: To prepare for upcoming HPSA score previews and changes, OPCA will be hosting a webinar on **May 24 at 8am PT** with guest speaker Marc Overbeck, Director of the Primary Care Office at the Oregon Health Authority. This webinar will provide an overview of upcoming HPSA score changes, options for score re-evaluations, and a 2021 timeline. Register [here](#).