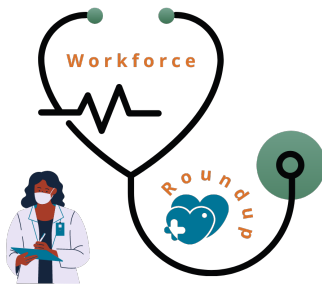


In this month's Member Update, you'll find engaging and valuable content that matters to Oregon's health centers.

Workforce Roundup



Training: Core Competencies for CHC Managers & Supervisors

NWRPCA is hosting a 5-week, highly interactive virtual training for health center managers and supervisors at all levels to develop and strengthen critical skills necessary to successfully navigate their roles in today's increasingly challenging CHC environment.

When: Wednesdays from February 23rd to March 30th

Who Should Attend: This training is ideal for first-time managers or supervisors with 18 months of experience or less, as well as more experienced managers looking to refresh and hone their skills.

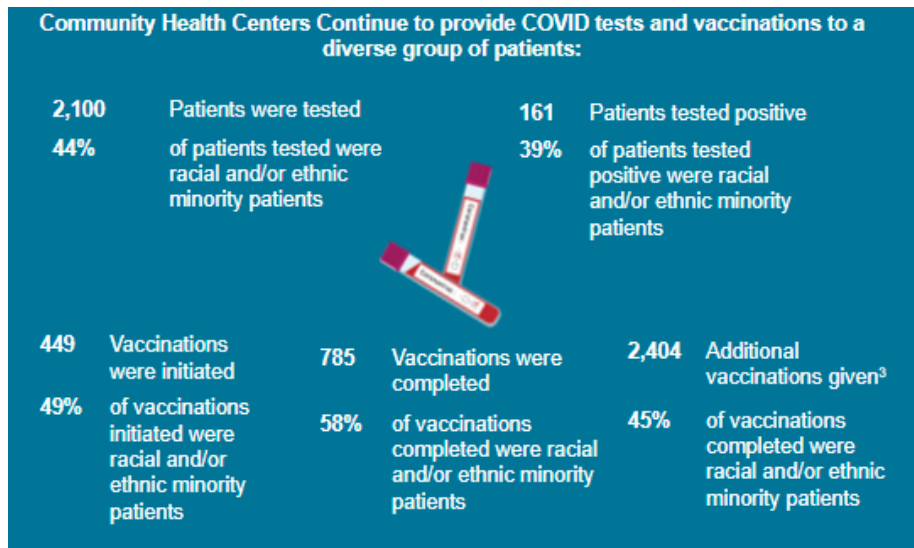
Participants will learn to:

- Develop and retain engaged, productive and satisfied teams.
- Utilize Behavioral Interviewing to hire staff with the right skills and fit for the long-term.
- Coach and develop employees.
- Communicate effectively as a manager.
- Avoid common legal pitfalls when managing employees.
- Create and sustain a culture of customer service.
- Drive accountability and deliver results.
- Register now!

[Register Here](#)

COVID-19 News

The latest COVID-19 news and information can be found on [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#). Find the most recent COVID infographic [here](#).



Governor's Recommended Budget Heads to the Legislature

In this month's edition of OPCA's Policy Update, we break down the Governor's Recommended Budget digging into her three priorities; houselessness, behavioral health, and education.

We also dive into what the end of the COVID Public Health Emergency will mean for health centers and have the latest news on 340B.

It's all in the February edition of OPCA's [Policy Update](#).



Behavioral Health Legislative Liaisons Needed!

In the first few weeks of the 2023 Legislative Session, OPCA's policy team has received robust feedback on bills from participants in OPCA's Legislative Liaison Program. Already, there is a clear emphasis on behavioral health care in the legislature— from workforce, to programs, to funding, all elements of behavioral health are being discussed in capitol committee rooms.

To be responsive, OPCA is looking for more behavioral health leaders to join the [Legislative Liaison Program!](#)

[Learn more](#)

Editions of the following newsletters are available to read:

- [HR Leaders Peer News](#) (February)
- [Operations Peer Group News](#) (January)

You can find past editions of the Operations Peer Group News, HR Leaders Peer News, and the Integrated Clinic Peer Group News on [OPCA's Peer Groups page](#). Peer Group newsletters are curated by OPCA staff who lead these groups.

Resources & Events

Listening Session: Equity Designation Shortage Areas



The Oregon Primary Care Office (PCO) in the Oregon Health Authority would like to meet with you on [February 9th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm](#) in an effort to create **Equity Designation Shortage Areas** targeted to benefit communities that are most impacted by health inequities in our state.

The PCO plans to develop its own methodology for an Oregon-specific shortage designation that can be used to identify and place certain health professionals in communities experiencing inequities across the state. You may be aware that the federal government has standards around the designation of Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) that are based on decades-old standards for who needs care and who can provide it. Although we don't have the ability to change these federal HPSAs, the Oregon Health Authority can say how we will distribute state resources to grow, diversify, develop and retain our health care workers in Oregon in an equitable manner.

The PCO would like to request your participation in engagement sessions so they can gain valuable feedback to inform which factors are most important to consider when developing such designations and meeting community-identified needs. If your organization would be available for a conversation over the next several months, please [register here!](#)

OPCA Spring 2023 All Peer Group Gathering

OPCS is thrilled to be hosting our Spring 2023 All Peer Group Gathering at the beautiful [Tetherow Resort](#), just outside of Bend, OR on Tuesday, April 25th.

The purpose for this event is the following:

- Broad, statewide quality improvement
- Networking, sharing, and learning on a grander scale
- Cross-functional pollination of ideas and initiatives
- Strengthened bonds between members opening the door for collaboration and synergy

Learn more and [register here](#).



OHA Offers Licensing Fees Waivers for Social Workers

The Oregon Health Authority is partnering with the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers to pay the licensing application fees for aspiring social workers. The license is



required for anyone seeking to enter the behavioral health field as a social worker in Oregon.

This program is offered in conjunction with [a similar program announced earlier this month](#) to pay the testing fees for social worker candidates over the same period.

The program is part of a larger effort to rebuild and retool a behavioral health workforce that was decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic. More about this program can be [found](#)

[here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training Program

HRSA has released a new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to expand the number of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, counselors, nurses, and/or social workers (including individuals completing clinical training requirements for licensure) trained to provide mental health and substance use disorder services in underserved community-based settings that integrate primary care, mental health, and substance use disorder services, including such settings that serve pediatric populations.



Awards: HRSA anticipates awarding approximately \$9 million to approximately 17 recipients over a period of five years through this funding opportunity.

View the [grant opportunity](#) for complete eligibility information.

CHC Happenings & In the News



New Support for Mountain View School-Based Health Center

Mosaic Medical recently received three generous donations from Bend Foundation, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation and First Interstate Banc System Foundation. Funds will be used to support development of a new School-Based Health Center at Mountain View High School, expected to open this Spring.



Eight CCC Staff Named Portland's Top Medical Providers

Eight providers from Central City Concern were highlighted in a survey conducted by Portland Monthly identifying the top medical providers of 2023.

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