

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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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. OCCHE 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 360°](#) 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.

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](#) 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>, 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.

