

# Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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## Need to Know

**In-person Operation Directors Peer Group Gathering March 3 in Salem.** Join your FQHC Operational counterparts from across the state to connect, support and learn from each other. An 'Open Space' meeting discussing topics at the top of your priority list. More information coming via email from [Sonya](#).

**Grant opportunity for Practices Working Towards Improving Nurse Well-Being** [Oregon Center for Nursing](#) (OCN) is accepting applications for grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations & groups interested in improving the well-being of nurses in their work environment. Application deadline January 20. [Click here to apply](#)

## HRSA Tidbits

**Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination (ECV) Funding Applications** Health centers have until **Sunday, January 8**, to submit information about ECV planned activities & costs in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs). See [ECV technical assistance \(TA\) webpage](#) for guidance and other resources. Review [frequently asked questions](#).

**Calendar Year 2022 Uniform Data System (UDS) Reporting is Open** EHBs now open for 2022 UDS reports. All HRSA-supported health centers are required to submit complete and accurate UDS reports by **Wednesday, February 15**. The [2022 UDS Manual](#) (PDF) & other resources are at [UDS Training and TA microsite](#). UDS Help Desk: 866-837-4357 (866-UDS-HELP) or [udshelp330@bphcdata.net](mailto:udshelp330@bphcdata.net). For help submitting via EHBs: [BPHC Contact Form](#)

**EHBs Downtime** EHBs will be unavailable from 8:00 p.m. ET on Friday, January 13, until 7:00 a.m. ET on Monday, January 16 while the agency moves to a cloud-based system.

**New CMS Good Faith Estimate Guidance for FQHCs** CCIIO/CMS issued [guidance for providers and facilities](#) that offer sliding fee scale discounts. The updated guidance provides an easier path for health centers to comply with the No Surprises Act provisions. NACHC expects CMS will issue further [guidance](#) in 2023.

## Training & Learning Opportunities

### Implementing Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT) Benefit

Oregon Health Authority will host a free webinar series for those serving children & youth OHP members. Contact [Tom Cogswell](#), 971-304-9642. Click links to register. More information at: [www.oregon.gov/EPSDT](http://www.oregon.gov/EPSDT).

- [Webinar: Overview of EPSDT policy change and implementation](#): Tuesday January 24 (Noon - 1:00 pm)
- [Webinar: Ensuring EPSDT access — documenting medical necessity, prior authorization and related processes for Open Card patients](#): Tuesday February 7 (Noon - 1:00 pm)

**Starting with Success: Building & Enhancing your Health Center** Two-day virtual training workshop is a comprehensive training for leaders, staff seeking "Health Center 101" course.

Earn up to 9.4 hours Continuing Education Units. January 25 – 26 [Learn more and register](#) by January 9 for early bird rate

**Health Professions Student Training** Join Community Health Center, Inc., to learn transformational strategies & coaching support to evaluate, replicate, and sustain health professions student training. Apply by January 13 at [Registration Page](#).

**Emerging Issues for Agricultural Workers & their Families** Focus on urgent issues, developments around vaccines, boosters, and vaccine confidence; the impact of simultaneous surges; and mental health challenges of patients & staff. Visit the [registration page](#) to apply.

**Women's Preventive Services Initiative Overview** Join HRSA's Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs and Maternal & Child Health Bureau, in collaboration with American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG), to learn about HRSA-funded [Women's Preventive Services Initiative](#). January 24; 12:00 pm PT. [Registration page](#)

**Supporting Providers of Color in the Pediatric Workforce: Practices to Diversify the Workforce & Improve Retention** This Center for Health Care Strategies webinar explores opportunities to recruit and support a racially and ethnically diverse pediatric workforce reflective of communities served. January 19, 9:00 am PT. [Learn more and register](#)

**2023 Western Forum for Migrant & Community Health** Northwest Regional Primary Care Association annual conference brings together health professionals from migrant & community health centers and allied organizations. February 14 – 16, Long Beach, CA [Register here](#).

**Advancing Trauma-& Resilience Informed Health Care Systems: Early Lessons from Denver Health** Cosponsored by CHCS & the [Better Care Playbook](#), will highlight how a Colorado health system is implementing a trauma-informed approach into organizational policy & practice. January 18, 10:30 am PT [Learn more and register](#).

**Free technical Assistance Collecting & Using Social Needs Data** [Oregon Rural Practice based Research Network](#) offering free support to 25 clinics on collection & using social needs data to inform clinical decision-making & develop population-based approaches to prevention & health equity. Contact Sara Wild, [wilsa@ohsu.edu](mailto:wilsa@ohsu.edu) or 971-229-9303.

## Emergency Preparedness Resources

**Reporting Emergency Operational Status** Please remember that if there is a *declared emergency*, we ask that you report your clinic status as soon as you can. 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](mailto:showk@orpca.org).



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