

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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Need to Know

Where should the next Operation Directors In-Person Peer Group Gathering take place? Now is your chance to [vote](#). Medford? Eugene? Somewhere else? [Vote](#) by November 15, 2022. Questions? Send an [email](#).

HRSA Tidbits

Service Area Competition (SAC) Applications for May 1 and June 1 Starts November 10 SAC HRSA-23-022 applications for May 1 starts are due in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, November 10. SAC HRSA-23-023 applications for June 1 starts are due in [Grants.gov](#): Monday, November 14, by 11:59 p.m. ET, and in EHB by Wednesday, December 14, by 5:00 p.m. ET. Technical assistance (TA) materials are available on the [SAC TA webpage](#).

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-RCORP-Overdose Response Funding opportunity up to \$12M to address immediate overdose needs in rural communities. One-year period grant & recipients implement activities to address rural communities' immediate drug overdose crisis needs. Visit [Grants.gov](#) for more information. Applications due January 19, 2023. Technical assistance webinar for applicants on November 10, 10:00-am PT.

Uniform Data System (UDS) Preliminary Reporting Environment (PRE) Coming FQHCs can access the PRE through the [HRSA Electronic Handbooks \(EHBs\) reporting portal](#), which includes offline Excel & HTML files to help submit UDS data. Find instructions for accessing PRE & reporting tools in [EHBs Help and Knowledge Base](#) & in [Accessing Uniform Data System \(UDS\) Reporting Guidance](#) (PDF). Technical assistance webinar: Thursday, November 10, 10 am PT [Registration page](#).

HHS Report Ties COVID-19 Vaccinations to Fewer Hospitalizations and Deaths HHS' report shows the Biden Administration's historic vaccination program fully vaccinated 90% of seniors, and over 70% of seniors a booster shot, more than 650,000 fewer COVID-19 hospitalizations & more than 300,000 fewer deaths among seniors enrolled in Medicare. Read the ASPE [report on COVID-19 vaccination](#)..

Less Than a Month Left: Comment on the Draft Telehealth PIN Comment on the Draft Scope of Project and Telehealth Policy Information Notice (PIN) by 11:59 p.m. *your local time* on Monday, November 14. Access the draft PIN & how to comment: [Scope of Project and Telehealth PIN Public Comments webpage](#).

Training & Learning Opportunities

Diagnostic and Monitoring Medical Devices for Opioid Use Hosted by FDA/NIH as part of their Public Workshops on Medical Device Innovations and Opioid Use Monday, November 7, 7 am PT [Registration page](#)

HRSA COVID-19 Response Program Office Hours Tuesday, November 15 10:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

Special and Vulnerable Populations COVID-19 Forum Discussion of how COVID-19 has impacted health centers & special populations served. BPHC's Office of Quality Improvement will provide updated information about assistance for health centers. Friday, November 18 11 am PT, [Registration page](#).

Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Identification, Registration & Reporting in the UDS National Center for Farmworker Health & Ag Worker Access Campaign Task Force, is hosting a 60-minute webinar about industries that meet the definition of agriculture & the verification/classification steps for identification for UDS reporting. Tuesday, November 15, 11:30 am PT [Registration page](#)

Implementing Food Rx Programs for Health Center Setting National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) invites you to join us for this 60-minute webinar which will provide an overview of how to implement a Food Rx Program in health centers. Wednesday, November 16 11:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) STAR² Center's updated its Retention & Recruitment Plan Template. Now the [Health Center Comprehensive Workforce Plan](#), it includes an instructions guide, a template, and an action plan. In-depth detail related to diversity, equity, and inclusion have been added.

Emergency Preparedness Resources

Healthcare System Cybersecurity: Readiness & Response Considerations [This readiness and response considerations document](#) (updated in October) can help healthcare facilities—and the systems they may be a part of—understand the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders before, during, and after a cyber incident.

HHS ASPR Addressing the Needs of Older Adults in Disasters Web-Based Training By the year 2035, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that there will be more Americans over the age of 65 than under the age of 18. Many disasters and public health emergencies disproportionately impact older adult populations, especially those ages 85 and older. [This free web-based course](#) is designed to improve the capabilities of public health and medical professionals to address the access and functional needs of community-dwelling older adults in natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks.

Reporting Emergency Operational Status Please remember that if there is a declared emergency 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@orpc.org.

