

# Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



December 6, 2022

## Need to Know

**In-person Operation Directors Peer Group Gathering** More information coming soon, however tentative dates are February 17 or March 3, 2023, and tentative locations are Medford or Salem. Topics to include OSV and panel management. Don't like it? Well then email [Sonya](#).

## HRSA Tidbits

**HRSA Announces New \$350 Million Initiative to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations** A new initiative for HRSA-supported health centers to increase COVID-19 vaccines, with specific focus on underserved populations. The goal is to raise awareness & increase administration of COVID-19 vaccinations among the hardest hit and highest risk populations. Read the [HHS press release](#).

**Deadline Reminder: Service Area Competition Applications for June 1 Starts** Service Area Competition (SAC) HRSA-23-023 applications for June 1 starts are due in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks on Wednesday, December 14, by 5:00 p.m. ET. Technical assistance (TA) materials are available on the [SAC TA webpage](#)

**Health Center Workforce Well-being Survey Kickoff** HRSA's Health Center Workforce Well-being Survey for Oregon will launch December 8, 2022. The survey will come from JSI in waves over two months. Once a health center receives the survey staff have 30 days to respond. [Information](#) and a [copy of the survey](#) are available.

**Health Centers and the National Practitioner Data Bank Overview** The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) is a resource that supports health centers' commitment to providing quality care and protecting patient safety. Webinar: Monday, December 14, 11:00 am PST; [Join the day of the session](#). If you prefer to join by phone: 833-568-8864 Webinar ID: 160 387 6638

## Training & Learning Opportunities

**Apply Now for the JEDI Certificate Program: Organizational Change for Leaders** Justice, equity, diversity, & inclusion (JEDI) principles are the heart of FQHCs Starting January 2023, CHC's Weitzman Institute four-month pilot certificate program to equip FQHC leaders with practical strategies putting JEDI principles into practice. Learn more & apply, visit the [Weitzman Education Platform](#) Applications due Monday, December 12.

**Anxiety and Depression: Screening and Intervention within an Integrated Care Setting** Webinar discussing prevalence of anxiety & major depressive disorder with respect to gender, ethnicity, and age. Orient participants to the PHQ-9 & GAD-7 and identify intervention strategies in integrated care settings. Wednesday, December 21, 10 am PST, [Registration page](#) .5 CE available

**Implementing PrEP at Your Health Center** Expert faculty present case-based scenarios illustrating common challenges to integrating HIV PrEP in primary care. Participants will receive strategies to overcome obstacles. December 12, 2022 10:00 PT [Register now](#).

**ACU STAR<sup>2</sup> Center Workforce Professional Development Series returns December 15!** In this popular series of four hour-long webinars in which faculty and guest speakers will bring their expertise in

all things workforce to share insight from the national, regional, and state levels. [Learn more and join us for the first session on Dec. 15!](#)

**Register Now for NACHC's Virtual Health Center 101 Training** [Starting with Success: Building & Enhancing Your Health Center \(SWS\)](#) is a two-day virtual training workshop comprehensive, nuts-and-bolts training curriculum for organizations seeking a true "Health Center 101" course. Earn up to 9.4 CEC hours. Virtual Only • January 25 – 26, 2023 Early bird registration by January 9, 2023 [Learn more and register.](#)

## Emergency Preparedness Resources

**Rural Emergency Preparedness and Response Toolkit Now Available** Rural communities may be uniquely impacted by disasters. The Rural Health Information Hub and the NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis with support from HRSA and CDC, created a toolkit to strengthen rural communities and their emergency preparedness efforts. [Learn more.](#)

**COVID Public Health Emergency Declaration** The Public Health Emergency (PHE) has been extended another 90 days to April 2023. HHS will provide 60 days notice before letting the PHE expire. PHE.gov is now ASPR.HHS.gov. A list of declarations of PHEs can be found on the [ASPR website.](#)

**Enhance Emergency Preparedness & Response** As a reminder, [Primary Care Associations](#) (PCAs) take the lead in gathering critical health center information and reporting impact data back to HRSA on the operational status of delivery sites. For health centers in impacted areas [HRSA asks that you report site-level operational status to your PCA as soon as you are able.](#) During an emergency, health centers and PCAs play an important role in delivering critical services and assisting with the local community and state response. PCAs serve as essential statewide coordinators of information, data, and resources in support of health centers during response and recovery efforts. By working through the PCAs, HRSA reduces the reporting burden for affected health centers.

**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).

