

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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Need to Know

COVID-19 Health Equity Mini Grants: Cambia Health Foundation is providing OPCA with the ability to support you with COVID-19 crisis funds and/or health equity funds for your clinic. These grants of at least \$3,000 are meant to fund a project at your health clinic that will help your community, including your staff and/or patients. Small, short-term projects could focus on buying COVID-19 test kits or implementing a health equity plan, among other options—it's up to you. [Learn more about this grant opportunity here](#) and [fill out the application here](#). Contact [Maya Roe-Bauer](#) for questions and to submit applications.

HRSA Tidbits

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program: HRSA has released the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for the Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program](#) (HRSA-21-027). HRSA plans to award 60 grants to rural communities as part of this funding opportunity.

Rural Health Network Development Planning: HRSA released the [Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#) (HRSA-21-021). HRSA plans to award 20 grants to rural communities as part of this funding opportunity.

Supplement to Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Health Center Program Virtual Site Visit Protocol: [Guidelines and logistics for virtual HRSA/BPHC FTCA Site Visits can be found here](#). For more information and additional resources, [contact Health Center Program Support online](#) or by phone: 877-464-4772, option 1.

Social Determinants of Health Screening Learning Collaborative: Farmworker Justice, Health Outreach Partners, Migrant Clinicians Network, MHP Salud, and the National Center for Farmworker Health (all HRSA-funded NTTAPs) present a multidisciplinary learning collaborative starting in 2021 designed for staff of community and migrant health centers. [Learn more and register here](#).

Training & Learning Opportunities

Virtual Care Innovation Network: The program—funded by Kaiser Permanente and designed in partnership with Center for Care Innovations (CCI), Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA), and National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC)—aims to bring together safety net organizations across nine states to redesign care so that virtual care models continue after the pandemic abates and beyond. Running from January 2021 to March 2022, there are three tracks with varying levels of funding (\$7,000-\$45,000), participation, technical assistance, and support. [Learn more here](#).

- **Informational webinar:** Nov. 10, noon–1pm PT [Link to join here](#)
- **Application deadline:** Nov. 25, 3pm PT
- **Program acceptance announced:** Jan. 4, 2021
- **Virtual program kickoff webinar:** Jan. 27, 2021
- **Program end:** March 2022

Free Learning Collaborative on the Fundamentals of Comprehensive Care: Applications are being accepted for a program offered by the National Health Center Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAP), funded by HRSA, and hosted by Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC). The collaborative begins mid-November and is **FREE**; **applications are due Nov. 16**. [Learn more here](#).

Finance Office Hours for Health Centers (FOH): Strategies to Manage Operations During COVID-19 FOH Session 2: Fiscal Cliff, Provider Relief Funds and Cares Act Update will take place on Nov. 18, 11am-noon PT. [Learn more and register here](#).

National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT): The 2020 80% in Every Community Conference will take place virtually on Nov. 16 & 17. Free to attend. [Learn more and register here](#).

NACHC COVID-19 Learning Series: Each webinar will dive into different challenges and explore opportunities around business contingency planning and data fundamentals. Takes place on Wednesdays: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 from 10-11am PT. [Learn more and register here](#).

Using REALD Data To Advance Health Equity: This webinar takes place Nov. 20, noon-1pm PT. The OHA Transformation Center and Division of Equity and Inclusion has been hosting a webinar series focused on the use of REALD (race, ethnicity, language and disability) for CCOs and clinics. [Register here](#).

Technical Assistance for the 2020 PCPCH Recognition Standards: Twice a month the PCPCH program will publish recorded webinars detailing the requirements for identified standards and measures in the 2020 PCPCH Recognition Standards. All webinars will be available on the [PCPCH website](#). Other [resources and technical assistance found here](#).

PCPCH Standard 3.C – Behavioral Health Services

- Webinar recording to be published: Nov. 23
- *Link forthcoming: Will be shared on Operations Listserv*
- Live Q&A Session: Dec. 4 at 11am
- *Virtual session details forthcoming: Will be shared on Operations Listserv*

Other Resources:

OHA BinaxNOW Provisional Guidance: [This document](#) provides guidance on using BinaxNOW point-of-care antigen COVID-19 tests in the general population.

OHA COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan: OHA submitted [this plan](#) to the CDC on Oct. 16.

New Questions on the Weekly HRSA HC COVID-19 Survey: HRSA has added two questions about flu vaccination. See a [preview of the updated survey](#) and a [survey tool user guide](#) that further explains the data being collected.

Natural Disaster Reporting: HRSA has asked [Primary Care Associations \(PCAs\)](#) to take the lead in gathering critical health center information and reporting impact data back to us on the operational status of delivery sites. [Complete this OPCA form if your health center should be affected by a declared emergency](#).

COVID-19 Funding Deadlines Chart: [This NACHC chart](#) provides deadlines for several COVID-19 funding sources.