

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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Need to Know

OPCA Operation Directors Affinity Peer Group Gathering Join Operation Director Peers for an Affinity Peer Group Gathering on **April 5 at 1:00 pm PST**. Agenda includes Workforce discussions, COVID Successes and an Open Space for emerging discussions. Pre-registration is not required, join the day of: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83828779725?pwd=OU1tZHNWVTdsZ0xCai9EZkhQTTJwZz09>.

COVID Response Successes - Request for Submissions It's time to take a moment to celebrate the accomplishments, successes and good that came from your FQHC's COVID response. What adjustments did your staff and health center make in response to the pandemic? Who made the biggest difference for FQHC or staff; and who or what are you grateful for? Send us a description of a COVID Response Success using [this form](#) by **March 15**. Submissions will be shared at the Operation Director's Peer Group Gathering on Tuesday, April 5. Questions? Please email Sonya Howk at showk@orpca.org.

HRSA Tidbits

BPHC Contact Form Reimagined for Health Centers The [BPHC Contact Form](#) updates are based on feedback and of months-long collaboration across the bureau. The BPHC Contact Form is an addition to the Health Center Program Support phone line, available at 877-464-4772 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday (except federal holidays).

Order COVID-19 Point-of-Care Testing Supplies and N95 Masks HRSA invites all HRSA-supported health centers (including look-alikes) to order point-of-care testing supplies and N95 masks in the Health Partner Order Portal (HPoP) system. Please visit HPoP or the [Health Center COVID-19 Online Community](#) for details, including organizational ordering caps, deadlines, and information about expected delivery dates. [Learn more in our bulletin from last week.](#)

Training & Learning Opportunities

OPCA 2022 SPRING ALL PEER GROUP GATHERING EVENT You are cordially invited to OPCA's 2022 Spring Peer Group Gathering: Workforce Connections. Day 1 will take place *virtually* on **Wednesday, April 20th from 9 AM to 12 PM**. Day 2 will take place *in-person* on **Wednesday, April 27th from 1 PM to 4 PM** in Portland, OR. Registration is required for both events. Day 2's in-person event requires a \$25 registration fee (Scholarships are available). For more information please contact: [Claire Tranchese](#), Deputy Director; [Terese Cook](#), Sustainability & Transformation Program Specialist; or, [Malia Turina](#), Events & Marketing Specialist.

HRSA Panel Discussion on [test to treat approach](#) for COVID-19. Friday, March 4 11:00 am PST [Join the day of the session](#), or by phone: 833-568-8864; when prompted, enter meeting/webinar ID: 161 684 5030. Regularly check-the [Health Center COVID-19 Online Community](#) for upcoming events, program announcements, and training/technical assistance materials.

Virtual 2022 CMS Quality Conference will take place April 12-13. Registration for the conference will open on **Tuesday, March 8**. More information about the conference and registration will be available at

<https://www.cmsqualityconference.com/>. Please contact the TA Mailbox with questions at MACQualityTA@cms.hhs.gov.

Join the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium at a Mini Resilience Skill-Building Session. [Building Resiliency: Mini Skill-Building Drop in Session](#) At each drop-in session, an empirically-supported mindfulness and resilience-building strategy will be introduced by an expert in the field Thursday, March 10 at 10:00 am PT [Click here to register](#)

Oral Health and Primary Care Integration: Optimizing Care Coordination to Improve Oral Health Access National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) and National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) invite you to learn promising practices for oral health integration to support health education and treatment. Wednesday, March 16, 11:00 am PST [Register here](#)

NACHC National Webinar: [Leading with Optimism in Challenging Times](#) This 90-minute webinar will feature Shawn Achor, a leading expert on the connection between happiness and success, and Joey Marie Horton, CEO of [North Country Family Health Center](#), Watertown, NY [Learn more](#).

The National Academies [Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#) is hosting a virtual workshop series will focus on strength and protective factors found in Indigenous populations to combat suicide. Webinar 1 of 3 is from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM PT, April 22 [Register here](#)

The Health Center Board's Role in Evaluating and Implementing Corporate Consolidation Strategies -a [resource](#) from NACHC outlines the role of a health center board in evaluating and implementing corporate consolidation strategies.

NWRPCA Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health has been reschedule the Forum to meet in-person April 11-13, in Portland, Oregon. [Learn more and register](#).

2022 NWRPCA Spring Summit will be held May 15–17 in Seattle, Washington. [Learn more and register](#).

Emergency Preparedness Resources

Does your FQHC need a 2022 Emergency Plan or Succession Plan Update? OPCA has reserved a bank of hours with [Edward Colson](#) of [Ready Northwest](#) for member FQHCs to utilize for emergency preparedness review. Contact [Sonya Howk](#) for more information.

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@orpc.org.

