

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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Need to Know

HRSA Announces Applications to Establish New Access Points (NAPs) Are Now Open. Applications due in [Grants.gov](#) August 15, 2024, & in [HRSA's Electronic Handbooks](#) September 30, 2024. Visit the [New Access Points webpage](#) for resources.

Colleague recommendation: Andrea Zamora, CFO, Waterfall Community Health Center: State of Oregon has low-cost funding for non-profits such as health centers to expand integration of critical services. Learn more at [Oregon Facilities Authority Home Page](#), or contact [Gwen Giffith](#).

HRSA Tidbits

CMS Announces Availability of \$500 Million in Grants Over the next five years to increase the number of organizations to help people enroll in health coverage through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace on HealthCare.gov. More information in [Grants.gov](#); apply by July 8.

SAMHSA Announced Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Aimed at improving behavioral health for racial & ethnic minorities, and other underserved populations, providing training/TA, and integrating primary and behavioral health care. [Press release](#) links to NOFOs.

Compliance Tip: [Board Composition](#) Provide appropriate documentation to meet the Service Area Competition/Renewal of Designation review criteria for *Element c* of Board Composition, you must demonstrate that:

- Form 6A reflects the current board composition, and the patient members section only includes patient member characteristics.
- Patients representing patient demographics consistent with UDS data fill at least 51% of board positions.
- The board includes adequate representation of any special population for which you receive special population funding (section 330(g), (h), and/or (i)).
- No more than half of non-patient board members receive over 10% of their annual income from the health care industry.

HRSA Site Visits - Procurement. HRSA offers procurement guidelines on [their website](#). Under Contracts & Subawards on page 14. Page 19: Financial Management and Accounting Systems. Page 20: Billing and Collections. For a brief overview, review these FAQs on Procurement of Goods and Services with Federal Grants [faqprocurement.pdf \(hrsa.gov\)](#)

Training & Learning Opportunities

Supply Chain Dive eBook Managing equipment leases effectively requires a full lifecycle perspective starting with competitive sourcing. In this eBook, Supply Chain Dive covers case studies and best practices to help organizations optimize the equipment lease spend category. [How to Manage Lease Spending eBook](#)

Health Center Financial Management: Best Practices and Risk Mitigation HRSA & NACHC webinar on the health center revenue cycle and ways to strengthen payment oversight. Content is geared toward CEOs, CFOs, billing cycle managers, risk managers, board members, and anyone involved in payment oversight. July 9 12:00-1:30 pm PT [Registration page](#)

Loan Repayment Available for Pediatric Specialty, Child, & Adolescent Mental Health Providers HRSA's 2024 Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program for eligible pediatric specialty care or mental health treatment to children and adolescents. 3 year commitment in a HPSA, MUA, or medically underserved population, up to \$100,000 in loan repayment. [HRSA's Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program webpage](#). Apply by 7:30 p.m. ET July 9.

Fostering Organization-wide Camaraderie and Teamwork A case study presentation to uncover potential obstacles to creating an organizational culture where teamwork & camaraderie thrive. Explore strategies to develop supportive programs to improve employee connections and reduce burnout. 11:00 am PT July 9 [Registration page](#)

Free Mental Health Webinars through McLean Hospital. Webinar: [Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Latinx Teens](#) In this previously recorded session discusses unique factors why Latinx teens may not seek mental health help, ways to help combat the stigma in the Latinx community, and answer audience questions. July 10 9:00 am PT [Register](#)

Weitzman & The France Foundation [ECHO Weight Management in Community Health](#) A no-cost, 10-session CE series for clinicians, learning series connects primary care teams to a community of peers and subject-matter experts to improve providers' weight management with patients. Begins July 11, every second Thursday, 11 am PT [Register](#)

Making the Connection: Overcoming Recruitment Challenges to Strengthen the CHC Workforce & Improve Care [ACU](#) & [The Inline Group webinar](#) highlighting practical approaches for strengthening the health center workforce through innovative recruitment strategies. July 11, 11:00 am PT [Save your spot](#).

Coordinating Oral Health Care for Dually Eligible Patients The CMS Coordination Office hosts a 90-minute webinar, "[Articulate the dental care needs of individuals enrolled in both Medicare & Medicaid](#)". Speakers share strategies on dental service coordination and underlying dental health equity challenges facing the dually eligible population. July 15 at 11:30 am PT

Managed Care Contracting Strategies in an Era of Value-Based Payment [Feldesman Training Solutions](#) three-day intensive training on managed care contracting offers health center leadership opportunity to gain insights, develop strategies for negotiating favorable managed care contracts. July 15 – 17, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm PT each day [Register](#)

Health Resources & Services Administration National Telehealth Conference Virtual National Telehealth Conference brings public and private sector leaders together to discuss telehealth best practices. July 16 6:30 am – 2:00 pm PT [Click here to register](#)

Salary and Satisfaction Trends in Health Center Dental Workforce Webinar will describe findings, including salaries for dental professionals and facilitators for satisfaction. [NNOHA](#) recommendations to improve recruitment and retention of dental professionals. July 18 11:00 am PT [Register](#)

NACHC Free Webinar: CHCs Share Lessons Learned on Their UDS+ Journey One-hour webinar, with Sacopee Valley Health Center, OSIS, & Kinston Community Health Center sharing experiences, lessons learned about UDS+ journey. July 25 10:30 am PT [Register](#)

Medication Without Harm - How Digital Healthcare Tools Can Support Providers & Improve Patient Safety AHRQ's expert panel on QI approaches and digital healthcare interventions to reduce medication errors, improve provider effectiveness, & enhance patient safety. July 24 11:30 am -1:00 pm PT [Click here to register](#)

Shortage Designation Area: Key Concepts & Strategies for Addressing Health Professional Shortage Webinar by State Primary Care Offices in Region 10, to enhance knowledge of HPSAs. Participants will be guided through criteria for HPSA designation. July 25 12:00 pm PT [Register](#)

What do families need to thrive? [Oregon Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Needs' Title V Needs Survey](#) will identify health needs of women, children, youth, & families, including special health needs, and priorities for Oregon's MCAH programs. [Use this link](#) to the survey, 30 minutes long. Skip sections that don't apply; answers are anonymous. Closes July 31st.

Emergency Preparedness Resources

OHA Continues to Distribute the Remaining COVID-Related PPE Stockpile Minimum order is a pallet; items & delivery are free of charge; 2 – 4 weeks for delivery; to be used to protect health & safety. For requests & availability, please contact [Jill Snyder](#), Policy & Finance Manager, Public Health Division.

Healthcare Ready White Paper: Landscape Review State-Managed Medication Stockpiles impacts from recent drug shortages have led to attention on impacts of supply chain disruptions on patient care. Based on available information, states are categorized into one of five (5) levels describing stockpiling practices. [Read more](#)

Reporting Emergency Operational Status Remember if there is a *declared emergency*, report your clinic status as soon as you are available. You can do so here: forms.office.com/r/1VNmN2eKCT, or use the QR code below. **Questions?** Contact showk@orpca.org.



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