

## August 2024

### Need to Know

Please save the date on your calendar for the **Fall In-person Operation Directors Peer Group Meeting** on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Community Health Centers of Benton & Linn County. A full agenda and registration information is coming soon. Have subject ideas for this full day with your peers? Please send me an [email](#).

### HRSA Tidbits

**NAP NOFO Changes & Deadline Extension** New Access Points (NAP) funding supports new health center service delivery sites. HRSA plans to make NAP awards in fiscal year (FY) 2025, if funding is available.

- *Modified* the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to respond to applicant feedback by reducing the number of attachments included in the 90-count page limit.
- *Extended* the Phase 1 Grants.gov submission deadline to **August 30, at 11:59 p.m. ET**.
- *Submission* deadline for HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) is *unchanged*; applications in EHBs are still due by **5:00 p.m. ET, September 30**. Start your application in EHBs as soon as you submit it to Grants.gov.
- Visit the [NAP TA webpage](#) to access the NOFO (HRSA-25-085) and find resources to help develop your application, including many in Spanish.
- Information about the previous [NOFO modification to clarify information for look-alikes \(LALs\)](#).

**ASPR Releases Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Strategy** The Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is announcing the [Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Strategy](#). The four objective strategy outlines BARDA's objectives for enabling a successful HHS response to H5N1. Learn more on [aspr.hhs.gov](#).

**Compliance Tip: Budget** Be sure to provide appropriate documentation to meet the Service Area Competition/Renewal of Designation (SAC/RD) review criteria for Element (a) of Annual Budgeting for Scope of Project. You must demonstrate that Budget reflects revenue and expenses for all sites, services, and activities within the scope of project.

- Budget documentation includes the Budget Narrative, Form 3, and Form SF424-A/Form 3A.
- The Budget narrative includes the projected budget for Years 1, 2, 3 and the Federal Personnel Justification Table.
- Award funds are NOT allotted to pay salaries at a rate above Executive Level II

Resources: [Apply for SAC](#) & [LAL Renewal of Designation](#)

More HRSA Tips on the sliding fee discount program ([May 28 Digest](#)) and board composition ([June 25 Digest](#))

## Training & Learning Opportunities

OHA's Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Program sent a reminder about requirements related to **House Bill 2574 and HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)**. See answers to [frequently asked questions](#) online. Also see "Resources for Patients" in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

**Access to Healthcare for Youth with Intellectual or Developmental Disability to Mental Health Assessment, Treatment, Services** SB 1557 requires practitioners not discriminate against youth under age of 21 if the individual has an intellectual or developmental disability. Review [this memo](#) developed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OHA listening session to hear from community on support needed to implement August 9 12:30pm PT. Join Zoom Gov Meeting by clicking [here](#). Questions to [marisa.hall@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:marisa.hall@oha.oregon.gov).

**NACHC Free Webinar Continuation Conversation about 340B ACCESS Act.** Diving deeper into the key feedback points raised during previous discussions and share NACHC's strategy on next steps for the 340B ACCESS Act August 5, 12:00 pm PT [Register](#)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems: Evidence to Impact Center** webinar to discover how to engage families in early childhood developmental monitoring with help and free resources from CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program. [August 8, 1:00 pm PT](#)

**NACHC Call: Ensuring Health Center Vaccine Access in Your State:** The unexpected end of the Bridge Access Program in August underscores the critical need for state-level action to ensure continued vaccine access at health centers. [Mark your calendars for the call](#) August 12 12:00 pm PT.

**UDS Office Hours: Using Data/Reports for Quality Improvement** Learn how to use the latest Uniform Data System (UDS) data reports for program management and quality improvement August 14 11:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

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**Incorporating Workforce Well-being into Your Strategic Plan** Three-video series overviewing actionable strategies for leadership, board members, and employees to commit to and incorporate workforce well-being initiatives into their health center's strategic plan. August 15 11:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

**Webinars from ACU & BPHC: Workforce Well-being Initiative Explore Diverse Workforce Topics** Join [BPHC Workforce Well-being Technical Assistance initiative](#) for webinars exploring topics of interest to health center workforce. Register for sessions on [Incorporating Workforce Well-being into Your Strategic Plan](#) August 20: 11:00 am PT; And, [Adopting Robust Compensation & Benefits for Workforce Well-being](#) August 15:11:00 am PT

**2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment** August 20-23, both virtually and in person at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. Visit the [conference website](#) to see details, including the agenda, or to register by Friday, August 16

**Multnomah County's Public Health Community Partnerships & Capacity Building** team announces the 2024-2025 Popular Education Cohort! Designed for community members to further develop their popular education facilitation & agenda/curriculum design skills. Sessions offered in person (Sept-Nov, Mar-June) & virtually (Dec-Feb). [Please submit this application form by August 16th, 2024](#) For more information in Spanish, please contact [Teresa Campos-Dominguez](#) or 503-709-6567.

**New CMS Learning Collaborative** focused on two Maternal and Infant Health Initiative priority areas: “*Improving Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Care and Outcomes*” & “*Improving Maternal Hypertension Control*”. Participants will hear from states agencies, federal partners, and subject matter experts about programs to improve maternal health outcomes. August 20 11:00 am PT [Click here to register](#)

**[School-Based Health Centers: Common Models and Legal Considerations](#)** This webinar will address common pitfalls, legal nuances, and other concerns health centers should be aware of whether considering establishing a school-based site or ensuring your current site is in compliance. Join attorney [Carrie Riley](#) on September 19 10:00 am PT [Register](#)

**What are you missing in your health center's contracts?** Three-day workshop designed specifically for health center staff, learn fundamentals of contract law and special legal requirements for health centers. September 16 – 18, 2024 [Register](#)

**NWRPCA Core Competencies for CHC Managers & Supervisors at All Levels** A virtual, interactive, immediately applicable 5-week management skills training for health center managers & supervisors to develop and strengthen critical skills. September 17 – October 15 9:00 am - 11:30 am PDT. [Learn more & register](#).

**The 2024 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall Primary Care Conference** will be held October 26 - 29, 2024, Denver, CO. [Register](#) by September 9 for Early Bird Rate [Schedule at a Glance](#).

## Emergency Preparedness Resources

**Updated Memo from OHP** Replacement of durable medical equipment (DME), supplies, prescription drugs and full or partial dentures in event of natural disasters. This is for Oregon Health Plan members. Link here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Announcements/wildfire-replacement0724.pdf>

## Wildfire & Climate Change Resources

- [Wildfire Smoke Forecast Outlooks](#) for when wildfire smoke might be better or worse.
- **Check current conditions** on the [Oregon Smoke Information Blog](#), DEQ's [Air Quality Index](#), or by downloading the free [OregonAIR app](#).
- **For staff & patients:** [Create your own air purifying filter by following these instructions](#).
- **Fire Assessment** To help communities become more wildfire resilient, the Oregon State Fire Marshal and local fire agencies are partnering to offer free defensible space assessments. Learn more at [OregonDefensibleSpace.org](#).
- **The Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics Toolkit** useful resources for community health centers to meet the challenges for health care from climate change. [www.americares.org/what-we-do/community-health/climate-resilient-health-clinics/](http://www.americares.org/what-we-do/community-health/climate-resilient-health-clinics/)

**Emergency Water Supply Guidance for Health Care Facilities:** During [water system interruptions](#), the operation of health care facilities is severely interrupted and capability can be almost completely degraded within two hours. To maintain daily patient care services, health care facilities need to develop [a water supply plan](#) in advance of an emergency.

**When an emergency or disaster impacts the health center's community** It's important to understand options for continuing operations and FTCA coverage. See the new guide on use of temporary sites, volunteer health professional (VHP) coverage, and temporary credentialing & privileging. [View the guide at the ECRI Clinical Risk Management Program website](#). Access free to HRSA-funded CHCs. Email questions [Clinical\\_RM\\_Program@ecri.org](mailto:Clinical_RM_Program@ecri.org).

**FREE PPE leftover from COVID-19** There are a few items left in the state cache. They need to be ordered in pallets by type only. There is no cost for the PPE and delivery is free. Order through Jill Snyder, [jill.f.snyder@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jill.f.snyder@oha.oregon.gov). If you don't need a full pallet, reach out to OPCA for help connecting to other clinics or organizations to share.

- 3M-9010 Respirators – 12 Pallets (500 per case and 12 cases per pallet)
- Large Gowns Jiangyin (Polyester) – 29 Pallets (60 per case and 34 cases per pallet)
- Lighthouse Respirators – 30 Pallets (7,200 per pallet)
- Child-size white cloth masks with elastic bands – non-N95 (4,000 total)

**Resources to Address the Heat:**

- CDC [CHILL'D out questionnaire](#)
- CDC [Heat and Medications](#)
- CDC [Action Plans and Tip Sheets](#) for Pregnant People, Children/Teens with Asthma, and People with Cardiovascular Diseases
- Americares and Harvard C-Change's [Climate Resilience Toolkits](#) for providers, patients, and administrators
- Watch recordings from NACHC and Migrant Clinicians Network on the 2024 Heat Webinar Series [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

**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](https://forms.office.com/r/1VNmN2eKCT), or use the QR code below. **Questions?** Contact [showk@orpca.org](mailto:showk@orpca.org).



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