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HEALTH CENTER NEWS

National Health Center Week Events

Aug. 8-14, 2010, is National Health Center Week (NHCW), dedicated to recognizing the service and contributions of community, migrant, homeless, and school-based health centers. This year's week is celebrating the forty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Health Centers Program, highlighting the work of Community Health Centers (CHCs) in turning the vision into reality. Listed below are NHCW events happening in Colorado.

Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, 9:00 a.m. registration Healthcare the Fairway: 6th Annual FSN Golf Classic

Metro Community Provider Network, Lakewood Country Club, 6800 W. 10th Ave., Lakewood

Fox Sports News-Rocky Mountain is hosting its sixth annual Golf Classic, benefiting the Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN), at the Lakewood Country Club. Click here or contact John Reid at (303) 761-1977, ext. 1124, (720) 338-1148, or jreid@mcpn.org for more information.



Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Tenth Anniversary Celebration*

Denver Health's Community Health Services, La Casa-Quigg Newton Family Health Center, 45th and Navajo St., Denver

Denver Health's Community Health Services (Denver Health) will celebrate La Casa-Quigg Newton Family Health Center's tenth anniversary in the Sunny Side neighborhood. The celebration is a part of the annual Community Resource Fair supported by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), Denver Health, The Denver Foundation, Xcel Energy, and the Denver Housing Authority. Cuernavaca Curanderos will work with local healers in educating the local population in ancient healing traditions such as "Curanderismo." Curanderos are part of a program/research project through local universities which focus on combining ancient traditions of the Southwest with modern sciences of integrative healing modalities. The resource fair is open to the neighborhood and will include a BBQ, live DJ, cooking demonstrations, activities for kids, and raffles.



Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, 4:30 p.m. Walk for Wellness

Northwest Colorado Community Health Center, Loudy Simpson Park, Craig

Northwest Colorado Community Health Center (NCCHC) is hosting a Walk for Wellness. This one-mile family-friendly employee walk will

take place at Loudy Simpson Park in Craig at 4:30 p.m., with a BBQ to follow at 5:30 p.m. All staff and immediate families are invited and encouraged to join in the fun.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, 12:00 p.m.

National Farmworker Health Day Potluck BBQ and Celebration

Valley-Wide Family Health Services, Inc., 128 Market St., Alamosa

Valley-Wide Family Health Services, Inc. (Valley-Wide) is hosting a potluck in the parking lot and cafeteria of the CHC.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Block Party at the Park

High Plains Community Health Center, Willow Creek Park, Lamar

The High Plains Community Health Center (High Plains) Block Party is open to all ages. Booths will be set up at the park near the gazebo. There will be booths for cholesterol and blood pressure screening, dental

information, healthy snacks will be available, "give-aways" and registration for free drawings, health coaching, activities, and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) fun for kids.

Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Potomac Street Health Center Open House focusing on the Medical Home Model

MCPN Potomac Street Health Center, 700 Potomac St., Suite A, Aurora

MCPN will host an open house celebrating the completion of a medical home expansion construction project, funded by a Recovery Act (ARRA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and The Colorado Health Foundation (TCHF) grant. Providers and staff will be available for questions and interviews. Free food and beverages will be provided.

Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Block Party

Salud Family Health Centers, 1635 Blue Spruce Dr., Fort Collins

Salud Family Health Center (Salud) of Fort Collins will celebrate NHCW with its fourth Annual Block Party. In keeping with Salud's mission of reducing barriers to health care, this annual event works to make Salud's services more widely known while also highlighting the community partners with whom Salud staff work on a daily basis. Over the past three years, this family-centered event has attracted hundreds of Fort Collins residents to Salud's backyard. Salud will offer low-cost immunizations, free health screenings, information on bike and seatbelt safety, and free food and entertainment at the block party.



Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Back to School Health Fair

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Stout Street Clinic, 2100 Broadway, Denver

Each year, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) helps children living in shelters or transitional housing get the right start at school. The day includes immunizations; dental, hearing and eye exams; health education; and free school supplies for each child. Contact Renee Shykind at (303) 285-5272 for more information.

Monday, Aug. 9 – Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010

High Plains Community Health Center, Lamar

High Plains schedules a series of health care services and events during NHCW. Below is the schedule:

Monday, Aug. 9 – Retinal camera and pap clinic with Mary Shy

Tuesday, Aug. 10 – Retinal camera and pneumovax clinic

Wednesday, Aug. 11 – Retinal camera, Lunch and Learn Luncheon for staff, and the outreach department will be at the Sand & Sage Fair for "Kid's Day"

Thursday, Aug. 12 – Retinal camera and Block Party at the Park (see above for more information)

Friday, Aug. 13 - Retinal camera, pap clinic with Dr. Taylor (9:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m.), and sports physicals (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Saturday, Aug. 14 – High Plains will attend the Sand & Sage Fair Parade For more imformation, please visit http://www.highplainschc.net/.

Salud Celebrates Forty Years of Providing Quality Health Care

Salud is celebrating 40 years of providing quality health care services in north eastern and north central Colorado. Salud hosted an anniversary picnic on Friday, June 25, 2010. The picnic included special guests Marguerite Salazar, Regional Director, Region VIII, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Senator Michael Bennet; Dan Hawkins, Vice President of Federal Affairs, National Association of

Community Health Centers, (NACHC), Washington, DC; Anita Monoian, Chair, Board of Directors, NACHC, and Executive Director of Yakima Neighborhood Health Services in Yakima, Wash.



Salud held their annual clinic tug-of-war competition as part of the celebration on June 25, 2010. The Longmont clinic team, pictured above, brought home the trophy this year.

Salud first opened for business in the fall of 1970 with volunteer doctors in a small apartment in north Fort Lupton as a health center serving the migrant farm worker population along the Platte River valley. A former onion warehouse across the street was later purchased and converted into a small medical and dental facility, which was to be Salud's home for more than a decade. The apartment and the former onion warehouse and converted clinic still stand and provide a reminder of modest beginnings born out of the desire of a group of volunteers to provide quality medical care, regardless of patients' ability to pay.

Forty years later, Salud is a nationally

recognized system of care that operates nine community clinics and a mobile unit to support the service delivery of 288,000 patient visits to 74,000 patients each year.

Stimulus Funding Helps Coloradans Access Health Care

Grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the federal economic stimulus legislation, have helped Colorado Community Health Centers care for thousands of new patients. Many are newly uninsured or newly eligible for Medicaid and the Child Health Plan Plus as a result of job status changes during the economic downturn. Here's how some of those grants have helped.



John Reid, vice president of development for MCPN, stands on the roof of North Aurora Family Health Services with the newly installed solar panels.

"Look Ma: MCPN has Solar Panels"

MCPN installed solar panels on their North Aurora Family Health Services building. Energy cost savings are already resulting

ARRA Success Story

At the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Isaiah, a 40-year-old man is being treated through ARRA funds after ten years spent homeless on the street. In the past three months, Isaiah has transitioned from a shelter into his own apartment. It is the first time he has ever lived independently. Isaiah is stable, engaged in services and doing well.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, July 2010 ARRA Federal Report about Increased Demand for Service grant

from these panels, thereby freeing up additional resources to be used for patient care. According to MCPN's Standard Renewable Energy (SRE) Energy Monitoring System, the environmental impact of the solar panels for the first six months is equivalent to the planting 1,286 trees. A portion of

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MCPN's ARRA grant was for infrastructure improvements to increase efficiencies, including reducing energy costs.

In addition, the stimulus grant made it possible for MCPN to purchase medical equipment for use in its cardio clinic, where patients with heart conditions are cared for, and for its Arvada Dental Clinic, enabling dental care for more patients.

SRE Energy Monitoring System



MCPN Solar Panel Savings Year-to-Date June 30, 2010.

ARRA Success Story

Peak Vista Community Health Centers developed a new partnership with the Ellicott School District where Peak Vista's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile health care van (RMCM) was at full capacity for their scheduled medical day.

"Because this school district is in rural eastern El Paso County, outside of the city limits of Colorado Springs, families were very grateful that RMCM was able to bring care directly to their doorsteps. One mother of three boys explained to the staff how their family, much like many others, had lost their insurance. Without medical insurance they were unable to get the much-needed immunizations and required physicals for school. She was in shock that there was such a program as RMCM that not only offered uninsured children health care at a minimal charge, but also delivered the care to families. When our staff informed her that RMCM also provides dental exams she signed her children up right away. In addition to helping this mother with her children's medical and dental needs, our staff also educated her on the benefits of Medicaid and CHP+. She soon came back to us to complete the application where staff found that the whole family was eligible for Medicaid. On that day she hugged every staff member with tears in her eyes and thanked them 'from the bottom of her heart.'"

Peak Vista Community Health Centers, June 2010 ARRA Performance Progress Report on New Access Point grant for mobile health care services

Health Center News From Around Colorado News Briefs

Peak Vista Hosts Grand Opening of New Health Center

The new state-of-the-art Colorado Springs Senior Health Center opened its doors in April, but held its grand opening celebration on June 17, 2010. Hundreds of people attended, including top leadership from the El Pomar Foundation, Memorial Health System, and Penrose St. Francis Health Services.

The Colorado Springs Senior Health Center will serve new Medicare patients as well as those over sixty. The facility is 14.000 square feet with 12 exam rooms. A large group room dedicated to patients needing disease management for osteoporosis, diabetes, and hypertension is also on site. The new center focuses on medical care as well as behavioral health care, through a partnership with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS). Immunizations, physicals,



Community leaders await the ribbon cutting of Peak Vista's new Colorado Springs Senior Health Center, June 18, 2010.

outpatient medical procedures and specialty referrals are also available. A multitude of ancillary services, including dental care, are accessible to patients at the new site.

The Colorado Springs Senior Health Center is one component of a major Community Benefit Initiative (CBI) launched by Peak Vista and its Foundation in 2009. The Community Benefit Initiative, Opening Doors to Healthcare Access, will, when complete, expand Peak Vista services by more than 13,000 patients.



Salud's bike team shows off their winners' smiles, June 18, 2010.

Salud Team Wins Cycling Event

Salud formed a cycling team to participate in the Centurion Cycling event held in Lyons, Colo. on June 18, 2010. Salud was registered as the largest non-profit team and swept the winnings with the best times for both a charity team and a corporate team.

BJ Scott Elected to NACHC BOD

BJ Scott, president and CEO of Peak Vista, was elected to the NACHC Board of Directors (BOD) in June 2010.



Denver Health Expands Montbello Family Health Center

On Aug. 24, 2010, Denver Health will celebrate the growth and expansion of its services with the groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies of the new Denver Health Montbello Family Health Center.

Denver Health received a \$2.2 million grant from The Colorado Health Foundation to expand the Health Center. The grant will aid in the construction of a new building and provide start-up funds needed to offer dental services in the new facility.

The Montbello Family Health Center has outgrown the current facility due to the increased demand for services. The Montbello Family Health Center serves more than 4,600 individual patients each year during more than 12,000 patient visits.

Construction on the clinic will begin in late June. When completed in late 2011, the size of the clinic will double the number of examination rooms to 16, and launch dental services with four dental rooms. These additions will allow Montbello to expand services to an additional 4,000 new patients.

"We are grateful to The Colorado Health Foundation for this very generous grant," said Paul Melinkovich, M.D., director of community health services. "It will allow us to provide much-needed care to a growing community and make dental services available where none previously existed. This is quite a boost to northeast Denver."

Denver Health Receives \$125,000 Grant from Avon Foundation

Denver Health recently received a \$125,000 grant from the Avon Foundation for Women to be used in its Women's Mobile Mammography Unit. The grant will ensure that Denver Health's mammography service is fully digitized, thereby increasing access by more than 1,800 additional appointments.

"The Department of Radiology and Denver Health's Community Health Services are honored to receive the Avon Foundation grant," said Susan Proudfoot, administrative director for radiology. "Denver's underserved population will have significantly improved access to state-of-the-art technology for breast cancer screening and early detection." For more information, visit www.denverhealth.org.



Denver Health's Women's Mobile Mammography Unit



The Salud-Fort Lupton Dragon Boat team races for the finish line. July 25, 2010.

Salud Participates in Dragon Boat Race

Salud's Fort Lupton clinic created a Dragon Boat racing team, The Saluddites, to participate in the 2010 Colorado Dragon Boat Festival at Sloan's Lake on July 24 and 25, 2010. The Salud team took third place in the Flag Catching (Taiwan-Style) Corporate Division.

Peak Vista Hosts Back-to-School Health Fairs

Peak Vista hosted three Back to School Health Fairs this summer. Every health fair provided free physicals, immunizations, and dental screenings for children ages three to eighteen. To learn more about Peak Vista, please visit http://www.peakvista.org/.

POLICY UPDATE

CKF Releases Interactive Update on Enrollment Maze to Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment



On July 20, 2010, Colorado Covering Kids and Families (CKF) released a new interactive update on the progress made over the past year to tear down the complex maze that uninsured children and families must navigate when trying to enroll in Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+). This tool is an update to the original *Maze* report that CKF released in April 2009, which described more than 40 barriers that contribute to Colorado's complicated eligibility and enrollment system and made twenty concrete administrative, regulatory, and legislative recommendations to simplify the system.

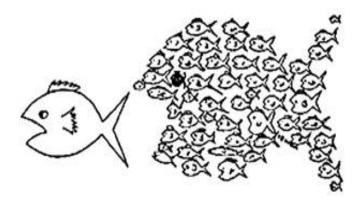
The update to *The Maze* provides a snapshot in time of the progress made to implement the specific recommendations from the original report. It also offers opportunities for concerned Coloradans to become part of the effort to eliminate the barriers that keep so many Colorado kids and families uninsured. The update is an interactive document that allows readers to hone in on areas of interest by clicking on specific recommendations or opportunities to get involved.

To explore the interactive update, please go to <u>The Maze One Year Later: An Update on the Progress to Create a Direct Path to Enrollment for Colorado's Eligible Children and Families in Medicaid and CHP+.</u>

CKF also created a new landing page on the CKF website to house the interactive update and all other materials related to the implementation of *Maze* recommendations, including fact sheets and news releases. Visit the new page at http://cchn.org/ckf/maze.php. CKF will continue to release annual updates to chronicle the progress made to implement recommendations from *The Maze* and to identify opportunities to further the progress toward making a seamless system of health care coverage for Colorado's eligible kids and families a reality.

Get Active! and Influence Policy

Interested in ensuring that health care bills benefit CHCs and their patients? Join CCHN's grassroots network and make your voice heard by your elected officials. Sign up for CCHN e-mails about legislation affecting health care and your CHC. You will receive action alerts that have specific, easy-to-understand ways to talk to your legislators. How do you get active? Go to www.cchn.org, click on Get Active!, respond to any action alerts and your information will be added to CCHN's grassroots network. For more information please contact Suzanne Smith, policy analyst, at suzanne@cchn.org or (303) 861-5165, ext. 234.



CHC RESOURCES

CCHN Receives Breast and Women's Health Grant

CCHN has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Cancer Coalition for the Breast and Women's Reproductive Cancers Fund (BWRC) on behalf of Dove Creek Community Health Clinic and Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. These two CHCs are in areas where Susan G. Komen for the Cure funds are not available to cover patients that do not qualify for Women's Wellness Connection (WWC), Medicaid, or Medicare. The purpose of this grant is to provide breast screening and diagnostic procedures to women and men not eligible for other breast screening programs. The grant period is from July 1 through Dec. 31, 2010, for a total amount of \$6,000. This grant was made possible by the voluntary check-off program on line 38 of the Colorado Income Tax Form.

For more information, please contact Paula Davis, clinical projects coordinator, at (303) 861-5165, ext. 286, or paula@cchn.org.

CHAMPS UPDATE

Immunization Update Teleconference: HPV, Pertussis, Influenza/H1N1 and More

CCHN, Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS), and the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition (CCIC) will be hosting an immunization update teleconference on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MDT. The teleconference will be presented by Dr. Robert Brayden, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Teleconference objectives include understanding the clinical features of HPV including the HPV4 vaccine, understanding pertussis and the concept of cocooning to protect infants, learning about 2010-2011 influenza and H1N1 vaccines, new candidate vaccines and vaccine shortages. The teleconference is being offered for free to all health professionals.

CME credit of 1.25 hours will be provided through the AAFP, pending approval. CCHN and CHAMPS members will receive CME credit free of charge. The CME credit fee to non-CCHN/CHAMPS members is \$15 per individual CME request.

All participants must register for the teleconference. Registration can be completed online at http://www.childrensimmunization.org/CHAMPS-CCHN-CCIC-IZTeleconference or by contacting Kara Harrington at <a href="https://www.childrensimmunization.org/champs-c



Register for the CHAMPS/NWRPCA 2010 Annual Primary Care Conference

CHAMPS and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA) are hosting the annual primary care conference Oct. 23-27, 2010, at the Westin Tabor Center in downtown Denver. The conference will focus on the effects of national health care reform on the health center movement, including increased access, sustainability, operations transformation, and health care quality. This multi-track event will offer outstanding experts presenting on a variety of track topics including the Education Health Center Initiative (EHCI), project management, medical

home, clinical, leadership, governance, fiscal, human resources/workforce, policy, clinical operations, and Information Technology (IT)/Telehealth.

Registration for the conference will open the first week of August, at which time the complete conference schedule and session descriptions will be available on the CHAMPS website at http://www.champsonline.org/Events/Conference.asp. Early bird registration discounts will be available until Oct. 9, 2010, and CHAMPS/NWRPCA members will receive a reduced registration fee.

The conference clinical track will be held the first three days of the conference (Oct. 23-25) and CHAMPS member clinicians can be eligible to receive up to \$700 in travel reimbursement for the conference.

Registration Open: Webcast Series on Managing Change in CHCs

Registration is now open for all three events in the Managing Change in CHCs webcast series. The webcasts, sponsored by CHAMPS, CCHN, and the other state Primary Care Associations in Region VIII, will be presented by Patricia Moten Marshall of SynerChange Chicago, and are designed for CHC staff members of all levels.

Session 1: Change as a Process Aug. 25, 2010

Session 2: Roles within the Change Process Oct. 6, 2010

Session 3: Resistance to Change

Dec. 1, 2010

Registrants will be asked to identify a change project within their area on which to focus, and the series will assist participants in successfully achieving their change objectives. Participants may attend any combination of sessions. However, those interested in Sessions 2 and 3 are strongly encouraged to attend Session 1 on Aug. 25, 2010, as the next two staff sessions will build upon concepts and skills covered in the first one.

Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit http://CHAMPSonline.org/Events/Distance_Learning.asp#change.

CCMCN UPDATE

CCMCN Welcomes New Staff Member

Julia Schuster joined the Colorado Community Managed Care Network (CCMCN) staff in May 2010. She is the clinical and regional extension center (REC) program assistant. Julia earned a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from the University of Richmond in Virginia. Previously, she worked in Denver in a development role with an organization called <u>Go For It!</u>, a school-integration program that helps teachers and school administrators create a more positive and successful community through the "Seven Keys to Success." She also worked in resource development with the Boys & Girls Club of America in New York City.

CCHN STAFF UPDATE

CCHN Welcomes Two New Staff Members

Michael Boyson is CCHN's new director of the Health Center Operations (HCOPs) Division, joining CCHN in June 2010. His primary responsibilities are to help CHCs sustain and strengthen existing operations and to help expand the CHC model across Colorado. Michael earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Walla Walla University in Washington, and a master's degree in health administration from Loma Linda University in California. He spent six years working for the Colorado Health Institute as the director of health information and 19 years for the Colorado Hospital Association as director of data services.

Maribeth Neelis is the health center operations and workforce coordinator, joining CCHN in June 2010. Her primary responsibility is to support the management and implementation of programs that promote and sustain the operations and workforce of CHCs. Maribeth earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

Please visit http://www.cchn.org/about_us/jobs.asp for current job openings at CCHN.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 29, 2010, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

MCPN Casino Night

Mile High Station, 2027 Old West Colfax, Denver, Colo.

All proceeds from MCPN's night of casino gaming, silent auctions, and prizes will go toward MCPN's efforts in providing health care for the uninsured and underinsured. Contact Alyssa Kuenning at akuenning@mcpn.org or (303) 761-1977, ext. 1188, for more information.

Saturday, July 31, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Back to School Health Fair

Peak Vista Family Health Center at Fountain, 301 E. Iowa, Fountain, Colo.

Free physicals, immunizations, dental screenings, and backpacks for children ages three to eighteen will be provided. Parents must bring their children's shot records and be present for the children to receive services. Reservations are not required. Click here for more information.

Save the Date

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, 5:30 p.m. **Key To The Cure Kick-off Event**

Saks Fifth Avenue, 2900 E. 1st Ave., Denver, Colo.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, Saks Fifth Avenue Denver will host the Key To The Cure kick-off event. The funds raised from this year's kick-off event will benefit Denver Health's Mammovan. The Mammovan is a fully equipped bus that serves as a free-standing clinic as it travels among Denver Health's nine CHC sites, offering services for early detection of breast and cervical cancer.

The Key To The Cure weekend, Oct. 21-24, 2010, is an annual nationwide charitable initiative and each October, Saks Fifth Avenue Denver partners with the Denver Health Foundation to execute the initiative locally. During the kick-off event, celebrity mother-daughters will show fashions along with professional models. Food, cocktails, shopping, and the opportunity to buy a key to unlock fashion trunks full of unbelievable prizes are just a few of the other happenings during the evening.

To purchase tickets to the Key To The Cure kick-off event and benefit the Denver Health Foundation, go to www.denverhealthfoundation.org after Aug. 2, 2010. Individual tickets are \$100, and VIP tickets with runway-side seating are \$150 each.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 **Breakfast of Champions**

Broadmoor's International Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Peak Vista Community Health Centers will host its sixth annual Breakfast of Champions with keynote speaker Eric Heiden, five-time gold medal Olympic speed skater. The event serves to recognize volunteer physician and dentist champions, honor a Champion of Community Health, raise awareness of Peak Vista services and generate funds for Peak Vista's important work.

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