



## July 2016 Newsletter

### HEALTH CENTER NEWS



#### National Health Center Week Events

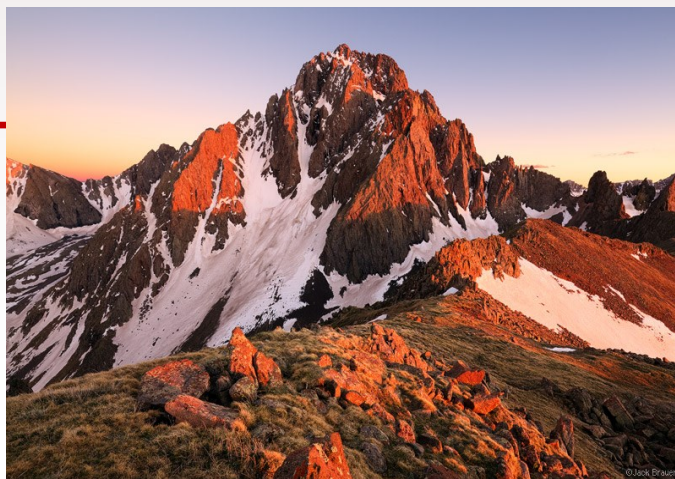
Aug. 7-13, 2016, is National Health Center Week (NHCW), dedicated to recognizing the service and contributions of community, migrant, homeless, and school-based Community Health Centers (CHCs). This year's theme is "Celebrating America's Health Centers: Innovators in Community Health." CHCs serve over 23 million Americans through more than 9,200 delivery sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. territories. In addition to their long history as health care homes to millions, CHCs are proud to celebrate more than 50 years of service and continue to be ranked among the highest quality and most cost-effective care providers in the nation. Listed here are NHCW events happening in Colorado.

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**Sunday, Aug. 7**

***Cinica Tepeyac Adelante 5K Walk and Run***

*Stapleton Recreation Center, 5090 Broadway, Denver*

Annual event featuring 5k run/walk, community expo with health-related booths, and kids' 1/2 mile fun run. For more information, click [here](#) or email [Denise Santana](#)

**Monday, Aug. 8**

***Marillac Proclamation and Press Release***

*Marillac Clinic, 2333 N. 6th St., Grand Junction*

National Health Center Week Proclamation from the Mesa County Commissioners.

For more information, contact [Kristy Schmidt](#).

**Monday, Aug. 8**

***High Plains Patient Appreciation Day***

*Adult Health Center, 2221 Wellness Way, Lamar*

*Wiley Clinic, 302 Main Street, Wiley*

High Plains Community Health Center (High Plains) will host well-child checks and sports physicals at the Adult Health Center and Wiley Clinics.



**Monday, Aug. 8, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

***Peak Vista Ice Cream Social***

*Health Center at Strasburg, 55901 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg*

Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) hosts a ice cream social to celebrate National Health Center Week.

**Monday, Aug. 8, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

***MCPN Community Fair***

*North Aurora Family Health Services, 3292 Peoria St., Aurora*

For more information, contact [Laura Larson](#) of Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN).

**Tuesday, Aug. 9**

***High Plains Employee Appreciation Day***

*Sand and Sage Fair 2401 S Main St., Lamar*

Farmer's Market at the Sand and Sage Fair in appreciation of High Plains employees. For more information, contact [Laurie Larrick](#).



**Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Eat for Change**

Chipotle at 2500 East Colfax Ave., Denver

Chipotle fundraiser for Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (The Coalition). Bring [flyer](#) or show flyer on mobile phone to cashier and 50% of your proceeds will be donated to The Coalition.



**Wednesday, Aug. 10**

**High Plains Movie in the Park**

Sand and Sage Fair, 2401 S. Main St., Lamar

Cool treats provided by High Plains. For more information, contact [Laurie Larrick](#).

**Wednesday, Aug. 10, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

**Sunrise Carnival**

Monfort Children's Clinic, 100 N. 11th Ave, Greeley

Carnival featuring balloon animals, games, educational booths, speaker from Head Start, fire truck tours, helmet and car seat installation demos, clinic tours, and the Mobile Unit for on-site screenings. For more information, contact [Fatima Groom](#).

**Wednesday, Aug. 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Salud Fort Collin's Farmer's Market**

Salud Family Health Centers (Salud) will be partnering with multiple Fort Collins agencies to provide free produce to its patients and community. The Salud farmers market is sponsored by the local organization, Sproutin' Up. Sproutin' Up's mission is to support community building through gardening and free farmers markets. The produce donated on August 10 will come from donations that Sproutin' Up receives from local farms, the food bank, and their personal gardens that are cared for by underserved youth. In addition to Sproutin' Up, Noosa Yogurt and Whole Foods will be donating products. For more information, contact [Karsyn Sprague](#).

**Wednesday, Aug. 10**

**Valley-Wide 40th Anniversary and National Health Center Week BBQ**

Zapata Park, 9th Street, Alamosa

Free community BBQ celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Valley-Wide Health Systems Inc. (Valley-Wide) and National Health Center Week. For more information, contact [Suzanne DeVore](#).

**Wednesday, Aug. 10, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Uncompahgre Community BBQ**

1350 Aspen Street, Norwood

Uncompahgre Medical Center (UMC) BBQ celebrating National Health Center Week, with fire truck rides, food, drinks, care flight tours, and opportunities to meet the staff. For more information, contact [Amanda Pierce](#).

**Thursday, Aug. 11**

**High Plains National Health Center Week Scavenger Hunt and Trivia**

Main Clinic, 201 Kendall Drive Lamar

National Health Center Week Scavenger Hunt and trivia game. Well-child and sports physicals at the Main Clinic all day.



**Thursday, Aug. 11, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Sunrise Paint with Armando**

*Monfort Children's Clinic, 100 N 11th Ave., Greeley*

Artist Armando Silva will spend the whole afternoon at the Monfort Children's Clinic giving Basics of Painting classes to patients.



**Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Northwest National Health Center Week Mixer**

*745 Russell Street, Craig*

Northwest Colorado Health (Northwest) and the Craig Chamber of Commerce host a mixer for National Health Center Week. Food, drinks, and door prizes. RSVP required; contact [Tamera Manzanares](#) for more information.

**Friday, Aug. 12**

**Sunrise Garage Sale**

*Monfort's Family Clinic, 2930 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Evans*

Donations will be collected throughout National Health Center Week and given away to patients in the form of a garage sale.

**Friday, Aug. 12**

**High Plains Celebrating 21 Years**

*Main Clinic, 201 Kendall Drive Lamar*

High Plains celebrates 21 years of service with well child checks and sports physicals all day at the Main Clinic. For more information, contact [Laurie Larrick](#).

**Saturday, Aug. 13, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Sunrise Kickoff Back-to-School Event**

*Island Grove Regional Park, 501 N 14th Ave., Greeley*

Sunrise and School District 6 host a family event at Island Grove Park. For more information, contact [Fatima Groom](#).

**Saturday, Aug. 13, 10:00 a.m.**

**High Plains Country Nights and Carnival Lights Parade**

*Sand and Sage Fair, 2401 S. Main St., Lamar*

For more information, contact [Laurie Larrick](#).

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

**Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Stout Street Health Center Back-to-School Healthy Kids Fair**

The Coalition's annual fair to help children living in motels, shelters, or transitional housing access basic health and immunization screenings. To find out what school supplies you can donate, please visit <http://www.coloradocoalition.org/events/healthykidsfair.aspx>. Items may be dropped off by Aug. 12 – see link for details.

**Monday, Aug. 7– Saturday, Aug. 12**

**Axis Announcing New Oral Health Clinic**

*Cortez Integrated Healthcare, 691 East Empire St., Cortez*

*La Plata Integrated Healthcare, 1970 E. 3rd Ave., Unit 1, Durango*

Axis Health System's Integrated Healthcare Clinics (Axis) will go publicizing their services and announcing their new oral health clinic by handing out travel toothbrushes and brochures.

**Monday, Aug. 7 - Friday, Aug. 12**

**High Plains School Supplies and Backpack Giveaway**

*High Plains Clinics*

School supplies will be given away at each site along with a daily drawing held to win a backpack containing school supplies.



**Monday, Aug. 7 -Friday, Aug. 12**

**Sunrise Theme Days**

*Sunrise Clinics*

Every day employees will celebrate CHCs with a theme. Each employee will receive a shirt and a group picture will be taken during the staff meeting.

**Monday, Aug. 7 -Friday, Aug. 12**

**Sunrise Donation Collection**

*All Sunrise Clinics*

Donations will be collected throughout National Health Center Week and distributed to patients and families in need.

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**MCPN Kicks Off Opening of New Aurora Health and Wellness Plaza**

MCPN opened its new Aurora Health and Wellness Plaza with an oral health screening event on July 6, 2016. Fifty individuals and families attended the event and took part in a variety of services offered by MCPN. This event had some wonderful outcomes:

- 8 medical screenings were completed, which resulted in 7 new patient medical appointments;
- 20 dental screenings were completed and 7 individuals were scheduled for future dental appointments;
- 9 financial screening appointments were made;
- 5 individuals expressed interest in registering for the Patient Portal;
- 15 individuals visited the Health Education table;
- 9 tobacco tax petition signatures were collected; and
- City Council Member Sally Mounier and former Council Member Molly Markert took a tour of the new location.

The organization is especially grateful to the more than 30 wonderful employees and HealthCorps members who made the event a success!



A young girl receives a dental screening at the opening .



## Mountain Family Selected to Pilot Dental Delivery System

Mountain Family is pleased to announce that it has been selected to pilot an innovative new dental delivery system. Caring for Colorado selected six underserved areas in Colorado for planning and implementation of the new SMILES Dental Project. The new delivery model features on-site delivery of preventive and early restorative dental care (small fillings). The care is prescribed by the "hub" dentist at a remote location, after reviewing clinical findings including radiographs (X-rays) and intra-oral photographs to develop a treatment plan. More minor fillings are provided by the dental hygienist on site at schools, preschools, or nursing homes. These fillings can be provided without anesthetic or drilling. More complex treatment is managed by the "hub" dentist or referral to a specialist. Mountain Family's first delivery site will be Avon Elementary with future care provided at Coal Ridge High School, E. Dene Moore Senior Care Center, Bea Underwood Elementary, and Grand Valley Family Learning Center. To follow the project's progress, sign up for the [SMILES blog](#).



## Sheridan Health Services Hosts Governor Hickenlooper for Signing of Two State Bills

On June 1, 2016, Sheridan Health Services (Sheridan) hosted Governor John Hickenlooper for the signing of two important bills that passed during the 2016 legislative session. Governor Hickenlooper signed House Bill (HB) 16-1456: Sale of State Land for Fort Logan National Cemetery, and HB16-1277: Appeal Process for Changes to Medicaid Benefits.

HB16-1456 authorizes the Colorado Department of Human Services to sell up to 15 acres of vacant land around the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to expand the Fort Logan Cemetery. HB16-1277 requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to give a Medicaid recipient a 10-day advance notice if their medical assistance benefits are being suspended, terminated, or modified in anyway. In addition, the bill extends the time for which a recipient can file an appeal to the changes to their benefits from 30 days to 60 days. This bill is an important win for Medicaid clients.

Sheridan, which is located on the Fort Logan campus, is a federally qualified health center, offering



a variety of services to encompass all of a patients' needs with a focus on wellness and disease prevention. Sheridan serves 3,000 unduplicated users, 48 percent of whom are Medicaid recipients. Dr. Erica Scherer, CEO of Sheridan, was pleased to welcome Gov. Hickenlooper; Rep. Susan Lontine (House District 1); Sue Birch, executive director of HCPF; and several other stakeholders for the signing of these two bills.

Gov. Hickenlooper signs HB16-1277 with Rep. Lontine, Sue Birch and Zach Lynkiewicz, HCPF; and Sheridan staff.

## Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Valley-Wide) is celebrating 40 years of health care! Established in 1976, Valley-Wide has 12 primary health care sites, seven dental clinics, four physical therapy clinics, and numerous ancillary health services such as Women, Infants, and Children Nutritional Program (WIC); case management and care coordination; Nurse Family Partnership; pharmacy; and other services. Valley-Wide provides these services in multiple rural southern and eastern Colorado areas.



Valley-Wide was established in response to a fragmented primary health care system in the San Luis Valley, located in south-central Colorado. Spearheaded by a grassroots effort of local families who had no choice for health care other than the regional hospital emergency department, the group organized and became Valley-Wide's first Board of Directors (Board). The Board purposefully mobilized a quality health care system that would be close to home, comprehensive, and affordable for all citizens. At first, Valley-Wide operated two primary care sites in Conejos and Alamosa Counties. In April of 1997, Valley-Wide was asked by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to assume the management of three community clinics located in the lower Arkansas Valley: in La Junta, Rocky Ford, and Las Animas.

At that time La Junta Clinic was housed in the annex building of the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital. Fifteen years later, Valley-Wide acquired grant funding to build its own 15,000 square foot facility. Since the opening of the new building in December 2012, the clinic has expanded to be a major health resource for patients of all ages. Convenient-care and dental services have been incorporated into the clinic.

In 1997, the Rocky Ford Clinic was located on North 12th Street and shortly after the operational transition, Valley-Wide purchased the Gloria Watkins Building located at 903 South 12th Street. A few years later, Valley-Wide incorporated an oral health clinic in response to community identification of oral health shortages for low-income populations.

In 2008, Bent County officials partnered with Valley-Wide and pursued Community Development Block Grants funding through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to renovate and add space, which included the dental suite, to the existing facility in Las Animas. Bent County did not have any type of dental services for approximately 15 years prior to this. Currently, Valley-Wide provides family medicine and dental services five days a week. This integrated model of care also includes co-located behavioral health services and on-site ancillary services such as case management, care coordination, and patient navigation to assure patient-centered care is always the focus.

In May and June this year, Valley-Wide hosted community barbecues in each of these three Arkansas Valley communities as a show of appreciation for the support of these communities and with a special anniversary gift provided to each employee.

Celebrations continue in Cañon City and in the San Luis Valley, culminating in the August 10 National Health Center Week barbecue in Alamosa.

## Upcoming Events

*July –September, 2016*

### **CCHN and CHAMPS Lunchtime Learning Professional Development Webinar Series**

CCHN and CHAMPS, with support from Kaiser Permanente, are offering an array of leadership and skill development webinars in the coming months. Participants attending these one-hour webinars will learn from locally and nationally recognized experts who will provide training on a variety of topics. Topics and dates for the 2016 series are provided below. All sessions occur from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. MT. Click topics to register.

- **Aug. 17:** [Managing Difficult Patients](#), Dr. William Robiner. This presentation provides a framework for discussion and examples of practical approaches to dealing with “difficult” patients.
- **Sept. 21:** [Interpersonal Considerations](#) for Care of Elderly Persons, Leslie Hasche Ph.D.

*September 20, 2016, Denver, Colo.*

### **HEALTHtalks – CCMU’s Annual Fundraising Luncheon**

Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved (CCMU)’s annual fundraising luncheon features Dr. Zubin Damania, founder of Turntable Health and the director of health care development for Downtown Project Las Vegas. Dr. Damania will be bringing his expertise to speak broadly about delivery system and payment reform as it relates to vulnerable populations, health equity, and driving change in health care. For more information, please contact Katie Bayne at 516.582.5036 or [katie.bayne@ccmu.org](mailto:katie.bayne@ccmu.org).

**Nominations Requested:** Each year at this fundraiser, CCMU honors four community members who have made outstanding contributions to improve health care systems and provide care for the medically underserved. Please nominate deserving individuals by 5:00 p.m. MT, July 29, 2016. Awardees receive a \$250 donation to their organization and recognition at the September 20, 2016 luncheon.

*October 15, 2016 –October 18, 2016, Denver, Colo.*

### **NWRPCA/CHAMPS Annual Primary Care Conference**

Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA), in partnership with Western Clinicians Network (WCN), will hold their combined Regions VIII and X Annual Primary Care Conference on Saturday, Oct. 15-Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, in Denver, Colo. The conference will include clinical, operations, fiscal, workforce, dental health integration, behavioral health, outreach and enrollment, community health improvement, quality transformation/ patient centered medical home, policy, and governance tracks in addition to numerous networking opportunities. For additional conference information, please visit <http://champsonline.org/events-trainings/annual-primary-care-conference>

*October 20- 21, 2016, Colorado Springs, Colo.*

### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Rural Health Conference**

This conference provides a wide range of educational topics, resources, networking and more. Topics include the latest changes in rural health policy, health care workforce issues, and addressing the challenges rural health care providers are facing. For additional information and to register, please visit <https://coruralhealth.org/product/annualregisternow>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*November 4, 2016, Golden, Colo.*

### **Corps Community Day**

Save the date for a day of training and celebration. More details about the event will be provided in the CCHN member email update. The Colo. Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) would like to host FREE, no cost trainings as part of this year's Corps Community Day. Please take this brief survey regarding clinical training to be offered. The training and event will take place at the Marriott Denver West in Golden, Colo. Please click [HERE](#) to complete the survey by August 9, 2016.

*December 14-15, 2016, Colorado Springs, Colo.*

### **Colorado Health Institutes 2016 Hot Issues in Health Care Conference**

Connect with current legislators, executive branch leaders, and members of the broader policy community to discuss Colorado's most critical health and health care policy issues. For more information and to register, please visit [www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/hotissues](http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/hotissues)

### **CCMU Hosting Discussions about Immigrant Coverage and Care**

The Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved (CCMU) is hosting a series of meetings regarding health coverage and care for immigrants in Colorado. The first meetings will be to learn about the current landscape of policies and projects in the state, related policies other states have implemented, and potential areas for Colorado to explore in leading change for this population. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you wish to join the email list and receive information about meetings, please email Aubrey Hill at [aubrey.hill@ccmu.org](mailto:aubrey.hill@ccmu.org).



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*The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the unified voice for Colorado's 20 Community Health Centers (CHCs) and their patients. CHCs provide a health care home to more than 700,000 of their community members - more than one in eight people in Colorado - from 61 of the state's 64 counties. Without CHCs, hundreds of thousands of Colorado's low-income families and individuals would have no regular source of health care. CCHN's mission is to increase access to high quality health care for people in need in Colorado. For more information about CCHN, please visit [www.cchn.org](http://www.cchn.org).*

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