ALIVIO MEDICAL CENTER RAISES DONATIONS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & TRAINING TO MIDWIVES IN MEXICO

By Rachael Pearce, Manager of Communications & Administrative Services, IPHCA
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Sebastiana came to Chicago two years ago as a guest of the MacArthur Foundation where she was recognized for her work in Chiapas, Mexico. Sebastiana is a parteras tradicional, or traditional midwife, in the state of Chiapas – the southernmost state in Mexico. During her visit to Chicago, Sebastiana visited Alivio Medical Center to shadow at their midwifery clinic and observe their practices. Here she met Dr. Ann Garcelon, a physician and colleague of Alivio’s founder and former Executive Director, Carmen Velasquez. While touring the facility, Sebastiana expressed how amazed she was by all the resources available to midwives in the United States in terms of equipment and technology. One item that particularly drew her interest was the fetal Doppler monitor, a portable machine used to detect the fetal heartbeat in expectant mothers. Sebastiana inquired about the cost for a fetal Doppler, which comes to around $500. Due to very limited resources, midwives in her area do not have access to this kind of equipment. Unfortunately, she could not afford to purchase one.

After Sebastiana’s visit, Dr. Garcelon decided to purchase two Doppler monitors to donate to the midwives of Chiapas. When Alivio staff learned of Dr. Garcelon’s generous donation, they decided to host a Paddle Raise at their Annual Fundraiser to go towards the purchase of additional fetal Doppler monitors for the midwives. Alivio was able to raise enough in donations to purchase 18 more fetal Doppler monitors. From there, Alivio recruited staff members from their midwifery clinic to travel down to Chiapas to deliver the monitors and educate midwives on their proper use.

Once they arrived in Chiapas, the team fully realized how limited resources were to midwives in the area. Not only did they need the Doppler monitors, they did not have access to very basic medical instruments such as surgical scissors, tape measures and infant scales. Many of the midwives would use tapestry thread to cut the umbilical cord in place of scissors. Tapestry and embroidery work are native trades in this area of Mexico, making thread easy to acquire. For those midwives who do have scissors, it is not uncommon for one pair to be shared between 10 midwives or more.

Among those who visited Chiapas were Esther Corpuz, Chief Executive Officer, and Alison Peaper, a Certified Nurse Midwife with years of experience in international work and a strong background in public health. Through
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The Illinois Primary Health Care Association strives to position its Members to be the providers of choice within the communities they serve through advocacy, education and technical assistance emphasizing the high quality, accessible and integrated health center model of care. Ultimately, IPHCA works to increase access to high-quality, cost-effective primary health care services in urban and rural populations throughout the state, regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

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Many of you know Jordan from the five years he has spent serving as our Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs. In that key role, Jordan has worked closely with many of you as we serve more than 50 Federally Qualified Health Centers that ensure 1.4 million people receive the access to quality health care that they deserve.

Jordan’s mission-driven approach to his work made him an obvious choice for this position. He grew up as a low-income child in Springfield where his single mother has battled Multiple Sclerosis and cancer. She has overcome those illnesses thanks in large part to the quality health care she received.

“I often see myself in those we serve,” he said. “I’ve been in their shoes. This is my opportunity to give back and defend the vulnerable. My mom is alive today because she had access to quality health care and it is my job to ensure that our members have the necessary resources to provide that same access to everyone we serve.”

Jordan has been named to the Springfield Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” list and serves as Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee of the National Association of Community Health Centers. He previously served as Deputy Director of Government Relations at the Illinois Press Association and worked as a Legislative Liaison for the State of Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science while he was also a member of the Fighting Irish track team. He is currently pursuing his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis.

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IPHCA NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On Friday, August 3, 2018, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association’s Assembly of Delegates elected five members to the Executive Committee.

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Pictured from left to right: Veronica Clarke, Chair LPP; Larry McCulley, Board Chair-Elect; Dr. Muhammad Paracha, Board Treasurer; Verneda Bachus, Board Secretary; Dr. Lee Francis, Board Chair; Jordan Powell, IPHCA Acting President & CEO
LETTER FROM IPHCA BOARD CHAIR DR. LEE FRANCIS TO MEMBERS

National Community Health Center Week provided countless reminders of the amazing work happening at hundreds of health center sites across Illinois. From the grand opening of the new Lake County Health Department’s Zion Health Center to health fairs, well-earned recognition for health center heroes to free Naloxone training at Shawnee Health Service in Carterville, there was no shortage of events demonstrating the vital role that our facilities play in the lives of 1 out of every 10 Illinois families.

That reminder is important amid all that has transpired with IPHCA since our last newsletter. While much change has occurred, we know that there is likely more change ahead, as we take a fresh look at what we do, how we do it and identify the very best ways to serve our members.

Our mission is as simple as it is challenging: “IPHCA positions its members to be the providers of choice within the communities they serve through advocacy, education and technical assistance emphasizing the high quality, accessible and integrated health center model of care.”

Since assuming the role of Acting CEO in July, Jordan Powell has been a steadying force in ensuring we not lose sight of that mission. He has admirably served as our Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs for the last five years and we are a better organization because of the mission-driven approach that he brings.

We are proud of the actions he has already taken, and we will soon conduct an open search for a permanent CEO to lead our organization. And, we are thankful for the volunteer service of board members -- past, present and future. IPHCA’s members recently elected a new board executive committee. Together with our dedicated members, we look forward to turning a page in IPHCA’s history and to gaining a fresh new start.

Our board of directors – together with Jordan – share in a commitment to confronting our recent challenges head-on. That process should be transparent, with lines of communication open for all members. But we can’t do that without you.

An organization is only as strong as its members, partners and supporters. Each of our community health center member-leaders was hired by their diverse boards, strongly rooted in the communities they serve. You represent those communities. This is a strong foundation for diversity within our organization. My hope is that as we begin this new chapter, your dedication to - and involvement in - your community is just as strong as your dedication to - and involvement in - IPHCA.

I look forward to working with each of you in the days ahead and to seeing you at our annual meeting in October.

SEE WHAT’S HAPPENING ON OUR SOCIAL SITES!
AMANDA BROOKS RECEIVES CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CLINICIANS FOR THE UNDERSERVED

By Ashley Colwell, Associate Director of Clinical Services & Workforce Development, IPHCA

In July, Amanda Brooks, AM, LCSW, CADC was awarded the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) Clinician of the Year Award. Each year, ACU selects a clinician hero who has dedicated their career to providing care to underserved populations across the United States.

Amanda serves as the Chief Population Health Officer at PCC Community Wellness Center providing care to West Chicago at eleven sites. After completing her internship at PCC she officially joined their staff in 2011 providing behavioral health services. Before becoming Chief Population Health Officer Amanda also served as the Director of Behavioral Health.

Ms. Brooks was instrumental in the implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and telehealth services at PCC. Amanda played a major role in the development of PCC’s first direct access chemical dependency clinic providing medication-assisted treatment and has secured over $1 million dollars in grant funding for PCC’s behavioral health programs.

IPHCA would like to congratulate Amanda on her hard work and success at PCC that lead to her being named ACU’s Clinician of the Year.

Alivio Medical Center raises donations to provide medical equipment & training to midwives in Mexico, continued from page 1.

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To learn more about the MacArthur Foundation, visit www.macfound.org.

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Alison’s training, 14 midwives from various surrounding regions learned how to properly use a fetal Doppler monitor and record fundal measurements. Day one consisted of discussions on normal and abnormal fetal heartbeats, signs of stress and what these readings can indicate. Day two provided hands-on training where midwives practiced taking measurements and readings on two expectant mothers who agreed to be models for the training. Alison hopes to continue this work into the future and develop a sustainable midwifery program in the Chiapas region.

Chiapas has the country’s highest mortality rates among women in childbirth due to several contributing factors including limited resources, limited access to health centers, remote geographic location, political and religious factors and lack of available emergency services. Chiapas does have casas maternas, or maternity homes, buildings built by the government where women can go to deliver. However, these buildings are not stocked with equipment or supplies of any kind and simply provide a space.

Midwives in the region typically work for little to no money and are paid by the families they help. These families will sometimes pay with food if they have no other resources available; and the midwives will often work for free if the family is unable to pay. Most midwives have been trained by their mothers who were practicing midwives or by other midwives; there is no formal training or education available to them. It is estimated that there are between 800 and 1,000 midwives in the state of Chiapas alone.

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THE HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION COMMITS $30 MILLION TO BUILD NEW DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CROSSING HEALTHCARE

By Rachael Pearce, Manager of Communications & Administrative Services, IPHCA

On August 8, 2018, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation announced a $30 million commitment to construct a new 17-acre healthcare and social services “Community Care Campus” in downtown Decatur to address public health needs and treat the growing drug addiction epidemic in Macon County. The campus will be home to four new facilities that will be owned by IPHCA Member Crossing Healthcare.

The campus will house state-of-the-art facilities including detox and residential rehabilitation, outpatient treatment, transitional housing and early childhood development. The Community Care Campus will bring together a multidisciplinary, multi-agency approach to addiction treatment, and will be among the first of its kind in the United States.

Unlike many other rehab facilities, the campus will go beyond offering detox support and will provide quality of life benefits and additional services to assist clients in regaining their independence while living in a sober environment. The campus will feature a dental clinic, cafeteria, classrooms, a computer training lab, an industrial kitchen, a three-quarter mile walking path, a garden and orchard, a park and outdoor pavilion, an indoor exercise facility and a movie theater.

Howard G. Buffett, Chairman and CEO of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, explained his commitment to addressing the growing drug addiction epidemic stems from his involvement with the Macon County Sheriff’s Department where he serves as Macon County Sheriff.

“In the six years I have been involved with the Macon County Sheriff’s Office, I have seen firsthand the enormous human toll caused by drug addiction,” said Howard G. Buffett. “Drug addiction is devastating our communities and affecting people at every age and income level. Drugs are killing more of our neighbors than firearms and auto accidents combined. It is clear to me that it will take a significant investment of public and private resources to stop the trajectory of addiction rates and it will take a comprehensive approach to reverse current trends and heal communities. I hope the Community Care Campus can serve as a model for how we do that.”

The Illinois Department of Public Health notes that Illinois saw an increase of 48.8% in all drug overdose deaths and a 76.2% increase in opioid deaths between 2013 and 2016. The Community Care Campus will significantly increase treatment options for Macon County residents suffering from all types of drug addictions, including opioids, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Currently, there is a statewide shortage of both detox and residential rehabilitation beds for those suffering from the effects of opioid and other drug addictions. Medicaid recipients seeking treatment can face a waiting list of several weeks.

“Making the decision to seek treatment for a substance use disorder is very difficult,” said Tanya Andricks, CEO of Crossing Healthcare. “When access to treatment is not available to someone seeking treatment, the opportunity is often lost. We want to be sure that when people in our community are ready and willing to seek treatment for their addiction problem that we can give them the help they need.”

In addition to supplementing vital social services, this project will also have a major economic impact on the local community. It is estimated that approximately 400 jobs will be created.

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During National Health Center Week, IPHCA celebrated the outstanding contributions of several legislators to Illinois’ more than 50 community health centers by awarding each with a 2018 IPHCA Health Center Champion Award. These individuals worked tirelessly this past spring session to expand affordable health care services across the state and increase continuity of care to health center patients. Their efforts are deeply appreciated not only by IPHCA and Illinois health centers but also by the 1.4 million patients served by Illinois health centers each year.

We are proud to announce the following legislators as 2018 IPHCA Health Center Champions: Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-12); Representative Natalie Manley (D-98); Representative Rita Mayfield (D-60); Senator Julie Morrison (D-29); Senator Heather Steans (D-7); Senator Dave Syverson (R-35)
Governor Bruce Rauner signed into law three legislative initiatives of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) that expand reimbursable services for certain FQHC providers and ensure continuity of care for Medicaid managed care patients. All three pieces of legislation are effective immediately, however, IPHCA will be working with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services on implementing the new laws in an expeditious manner. Below is a summary of each bill signed by the Governor:

**House Bill 4383 (Public Act 100-0950)**, sponsored by Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) and Senator Heather Steans (D-Chicago), gives Medicaid managed care patients the option to remain with their primary care provider (PCP) if their care is disrupted due to a contract termination between their PCP and a health plan. Currently, when a contract is terminated between a health plan and PCP, the patient has to choose a new PCP, oftentimes severing a longstanding patient-provider relationship.

“A good relationship between a patient and their doctor can lead to better medical outcomes and patient compliance,” said Senator Steans. “Medicaid patients who are happy with their primary care provider should be able to change health insurance plans to stay with their doctor rather than being uprooted and forced to find a new physician.”

The legislation was supported by several leading health care groups, including the Illinois State Medical Society, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, Legal Council for Health Justice and numerous others.

“While this is a little bit of a departure away from what sometimes people think is the strict structure of managed care, this wed[s] us to the policy we’ve always been for, which is [the] patient home and allowing someone to keep their primary care physician,” said Senator Dale Righter (R-Mattoon) in support of the bill.

With health centers now serving approximately 1 out of every 9 Illinois residents and 27 percent of the state’s Medicaid population, this legislation ensures their ability to better care for their patients.

**Senate Bill 2446 (Public Act 100-0790)** increases access to mental health services at community health centers sites throughout the state of Illinois. It allows advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing to be reimbursed for tele-psychiatry visits at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Mental health and substance use disorders are prevalent now more than ever in the United States as nearly 43.8 million adults experience mental illness in a given year – that’s 1 in every 5 Americans.

In response, health centers are increasingly using telehealth to better meet their patients’ needs and overcome persistent clinical workforce shortages. Additionally, telehealth services help address geographic, economic, and transportation barriers to health care access. Senate Bill 2446 was sponsored by Senator Julie Morrison (D – Deerfield) and Representative Natalie Manley (D – Joliet).

**Senate Bill 2491 (Public Act 100-0974)**, sponsored by Senator Dave Syverson (R-Rockford) and Representative Rita Mayfield (D-Waukegan), expands access to dental services to Illinois residents by allowing FQHCs to be reimbursed for services provided by dental hygienists working under the general supervision of a dentist. The Illinois State Dental Society also provided assistance and support for this initiative.
The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) will be hosting its 2018 Annual Leadership Conference at Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, October 10 - 12, 2018. Wednesday through Friday, attendees of the Annual Conference can participate in sessions on a variety of topics.

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CUT-OFF DATE
The "cut-off date" is Monday, September 10, 2018. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be based on availability at the Hotel's prevailing rates.
SENATOR DUCKWORTH VISITS THE FARM ON OGDEN
A COMMUNITY FARM PROJECT BETWEEN LAWNDALE CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER & THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
By Rachael Pearce, Manager of Communications & Administrative Services, IPHCA

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) toured the Farm on Ogden, a community farm project sponsored by the Chicago Botanic Garden and IPHCA Member Lawndale Christian Health Center. Senator Duckworth discussed the Farm's work to provide job training, fresh produce, nutrition education and more to residents of the Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago.

"Community gardens like the one I visited today in Lawndale allow underserved communities the opportunity to work side by side with their neighbors to cultivate their own fresh, healthy produce," said Senator Duckworth. "I'll continue to support investments in community gardens because they are essential in promoting sustainability, conserving limited resources, combating hunger and encouraging community development."

The Farm on Ogden works to support and sustain a healthy urban community. Lawndale Christian Health Center uses produce supplied by the Farm in their Veggie Rx Program, a plan developed for patients with diet-related illnesses such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes to receive subsidized boxes of healthy food prescribed by their doctor.

The Farm is managed by Windy City Harvest, the Chicago Botanic Garden’s urban agriculture program, and Lawndale Christian Health Center.

Information above provided by the Office of U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth and the Chicago Botanic Garden. To learn more about the Farm on Ogden, visit https://www.chicagobotanic.org/urbanagriculture/farm_on_ogden.

The Howard G. Buffett Foundation Commits $30 Million to Build New Drug Rehabilitation Facility in Partnership with Crossing Healthcare, continued from page 8.

along with an annual economic impact of $13.7 million. This project will be developed through a collaborative effort involving several individuals and support from local law enforcement, the City of Decatur, and many area agencies. Construction is projected to take 18-24 months.

Crossing Healthcare, beneficiary of the Howard G. Buffet Foundation Community Care Campus commitment, is a federally qualified health center located in Decatur, Illinois. They provide primary outpatient healthcare services and have been operating as a non-profit organization serving Decatur and Macon County since 1972. Crossing Healthcare provides medical care to men, women and children of all ages, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

For more information, contact Tanya Andricks, CEO at Crossing Healthcare, at 217-877-9117 or visit their website at www.crossinghealthcare.org.
This August, the Department of Health and Human Services announced recipients of the Quality Improvement Awards (QIAs) totaling $125 million to 1,352 community health centers (CHCs) across the nation’s states, territories, and the District of Columbia. These QIAs recognize high performing health centers across the U.S. and those that have made significant increases in quality improvement measures since 2017. These funds will continue to support health center efforts in improving quality, efficiency, and the effectiveness of health care delivery.

“Community health centers provide coordinated, comprehensive, and patient-centered care to millions of Americans,” said HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan in a press release from the HHS Office.1 “They have a track record of delivering quality care at significantly lower cost, and are vital partners in our movement toward a health system that delivers quality, affordable, value-based health care for all Americans.”

Illinois health centers received 44 awards with funding totaling over $5.2 million. In the previous year, Illinois health center funding for QIAs totaled $4.1 million. Awards included Improving Quality of Care, Enhancing Access to Care, Delivering High Value Care, Addressing Health Disparities, Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality, and Achieving Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition. The Improving Quality of Care Awards are divided into four subcategories: National Quality Leaders, Health Center Quality Leaders, Clinical Quality Improvers, and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Reporters.

For more information on Quality Improvement Awards and Illinois awardees, visit the Health Center Quality Improvement FY 2018 Grant Awards website at https://bphc.hrsa.gov/programopportunities/fundingopportunities/quality/index.html or contact IPHCA’s Program Manager, Naila Quraishi, at nquraishi@iphca.org.

Reference
Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined local officials on August 24 at a topping out ceremony for Esperanza Health Centers’ new medical clinic in Brighton Park. The $17.2 million state-of-the-art facility will provide primary healthcare to area residents when it opens early next year.

“The new Esperanza Health Center will be a place for healing and hope for Brighton Park and the surrounding communities,” said Mayor Emanuel. “This investment marks the latest step in our effort to increase access to quality health care to our residents and strengthen the lives of every family across our city.”

Under construction at 4700 S. California Ave., the two-story, 26,100-square-foot complex will provide high-quality healthcare for low-income residents regardless of economic circumstances, with an emphasis on maternal and child health services.

City support includes $10 million in New Markets Tax Credits from the Chicago Development Fund to support construction costs.

The center will have 30 exam rooms, a pharmacy, laboratory services, and specialty care resources, as well as a community room, teaching kitchen, garden and playground.

In addition to providing access to health care for a medically underserved population, the center will partner with local schools to become a wellness resource for students and families. Mujeres Latinas en Acción, a bilingual organization that empowers Latina women and their families, will provide wellness, social services, and recreational opportunities on site.

Designed by Juan Gabriel Moreno of JGMA Architects, Esperanza Health Center is expected to serve more than 20,000 patents annually and employ 84 people full-time. Currently, Esperanza operates three Southwest Side family health centers that serve more than 20,000 individuals a year. The organization was founded in 2004 by St. Anthony Hospital administrators to improve healthcare delivery on the Southwest Side.

For more information about Esperanza Health Centers, visit http://www.esperanzachicago.org.

Reference
National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) increases awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and encourages individuals in need of treatment and recovery services to seek help. Recovery Month celebrates individuals living their lives in recovery and recognizes the dedicated workers who provide the prevention, treatment, and recovery support services that make it possible.

This year’s Recovery Month theme focuses on urban communities, health care providers, members of the media, and policymakers, highlighting the various entities that support recovery within our society. The theme, “Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community,” explores how integrated care, a strong community, sense of purpose, and leadership contributes to effective treatments that sustain the recovery of persons with mental and substance use disorders. The 2018 observance also aims to increase awareness and encourages audiences to take advantage of the increased dialogue around the nation’s behavioral health needs and the increased emphasis on tackling our nation’s opioid crisis.

Resources and activities for this year’s Recovery Month observance include:

- A toolkit for Recovery Month event organizers and attendees, with media templates, current data on behavioral health conditions, resources for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, and tips for event planning and community outreach
- SAMHSA-produced television and radio public service announcements in English and Spanish
- Road to Recovery Television and Radio Series
- A national Recovery Month kickoff in September 2018 in Washington, D.C.

The Recovery Month website (https://recoverymonth.gov/) provides printable materials, web, television, audio, and social media resources to help communities plan events, educate individuals about mental and substance use disorders and to encourage individuals to seek treatment and recovery services for mental and substance use disorders.

- Read and share recovery stories: https://recoverymonth.gov/personal-stories
- Find and post recovery events in the community: https://recoverymonth.gov/events
- Watch the Road to Recovery Television Series: https://recoverymonth.gov/road-to-recovery
- Download web banners and logos to promote Recovery Month: https://recoverymonth.gov/promote/banners-logos-flyers

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Please contact the Recovery Month team at RecoveryMonth@samhsa.hhs.gov for more information.
Four IPHCA Members were recognized at the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) 2018 Community Health Institute and Expo in Orlando at the end of August. Each of these individuals received an award for their distinguished service and outstanding contributions to community health care. The Illinois Primary Health Care Association would like to sincerely thank each of these members for their tireless efforts and continued dedication to Illinois’ community health centers.

Mercedes Collado, Program Manager, Special Populations at SIHF Healthcare, received the Louis S. Garcia Community/Migrant Health Service Award.

Dr. Muhammad Paracha, CEO at Asian Human Services Family Health Center, Inc., received the Innovative Research in Primary Care Award.

Henry Taylor, Executive Director at Mile Square Health Center, received the Aaron L. Brown Memorial Public Service Award.

Kim Mitroka, President & CEO at Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation, received the Wilford A. Payne Spirit of Unity Award.

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ILLINOIS HEALTH CENTERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK
CELEBRATING HEALTH CENTERS: HOME OF AMERICA’S HEALTH CARE HEROES

The Illinois Primary Health Care Association and its 48 Community Health Center members celebrated National Health Center Week 2018 with visits from Members of Congress, and state and local elected officials, as part of a week long celebration to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America’s Health Centers.
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) have been preparing for Open Enrollment 6 (OE6) since April when CMS first announced they were refreshing the Certified Application Counselor (CAC) Program by implementing an enhanced application and renewal process. This new application process will promote better engagement with CAC Designated Organizations (CDOs) and provide the assister community with an improved user experience. All existing CDOs must now reapply to continue participation in the CAC Program. This is a new requirement this year but is expected to have a positive outcome. The renewal process will now be expected every two years, and CACs who re-apply during this year’s process will need to re-confirm participation in 2020.

Once the organizations are able to complete their CDO agreements and receive their new organizational number, their staff are able to complete the 2019 CAC Training. This training was released on July 9, 2018. The training is hosted by the Marketplace Learning Management System; the online web-based training platform for assisters providing application and enrollment assistance to consumers in Federally-Facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs), including State Partnership Marketplaces (SPMs), and certain State-based Marketplaces using the federal platform (SBM-FPs). The training can be accessed through the CMS Enterprise Portal by logging in or registering as a new user at https://portal.cms.gov/wps/portal/unauthportal/registration. Existing users can login at: https://portal.cms.gov.

Once the organization and individual CACs complete their federal certification process, they must submit their certification to the Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI). IDOI has always maintained a yearly recertification for organizations and individual assisters. Questions about this process can be directed to Carol West, Regional Outreach Coordinator at Get Covered Illinois/Illinois Department of Insurance via email at Carol.West@illinois.gov.

In addition to the certification preparations, CMS announced the release for a funding opportunity for Navigator Programs in Federally-Facilitated Exchange States for the upcoming sixth open-enrollment period. Groups operating Navigator Programs will have to compete for awards from a funding pool that has been reduced from $36 million to $10 million following severe cuts made last year that reduced the funding pool from $62.5 million for Navigator Programs around the country. With drastic cuts in navigator funds, assister organizations like community health centers are preparing for an enrollment period with decreased assister help.

Outreach, education and enrollment efforts all contribute to successful enrollment and will be even more critical this year. We’ve learned from past open enrollment periods that consumers who receive in-person assistance are more than twice as likely to successfully enroll compared those who tried enrolling online on their own. With assister shortages, a shortened enrollment period (November 1, 2018 to December 15, 2018), and consumer confusion about on and off Marketplace Plans, extensive education and outreach will be needed. Advocates, grassroots organizers, assisters, and policymakers all have a role to play in sharing these key messages:

- Open enrollment begins November 1, 2018 with the deadline to enroll on December 15, 2018.
- Plans and financial assistance are available.
- Free, unbiased, local in-person help is available through assisters.

Getting these messages out can be done a number of ways, including taking part in partners’ outreach and education events, writing letters to the editor or op-eds about enrollment, educating policymakers so they can relay messages to their constituents, reaching out to local media outlets, and ramping up social media use during open enrollment.

Many community health centers are utilizing these best practices to ensure a successful open enrollment. For more information on how to best spread the message of open enrollment or questions about the re-certification process contact Paula Campbell, IPHCA Associate Director of Marketplace Activities, at pcampbell@iphca.org.
Childhood obesity is a serious health issue in the United States that puts children and adolescents at high risk for poor health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that 1 in 6 children and adolescents in the U.S. are affected by obesity. Between 2015 and 2016, approximately 28.5% of American children and adolescents (or 13.7 million) aged 2-19 years were obese. In 2015, 15.4% of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 in Illinois were overweight and 12.6% were obese, compared to 16.0% overweight and 13.9% obese at the national level. Although the rates of obesity among adolescents was lower in Illinois than national levels, there is still a cause for concern due to the adverse health impacts of obesity on this large population. A multifaceted approach must be taken to address this issue owing to the various factors that underlie the condition.

The CDC’s Healthy People 2020 recommends promoting healthful diets, good nutrition, and physical activity to combat the prevalence of obesity. Therefore, it is vital that weight screening is routinely conducted in healthcare settings and sufficient follow-up care is provided to increase the management of childhood obesity. Programs that increase regular physical activity in children, train providers documenting adolescent screening rates, and focus on healthy behaviors are also imperative. Furthermore, collaborations between public health organizations are crucial for creating sustainable programs that reduce childhood obesity in Illinois. For example, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) implemented the Coordinate Approach to Child Care (CATCH) Program to bring schools together with families and communities to teach children how to be healthy throughout their lifetimes and reduce childhood obesity. Since 2004, IDPH has provided funding to elementary schools for implementation of CATCH and reached more than 50,000 students and their families.

The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) was one of only four state PCAs recently awarded the Childhood Obesity Management with Mind, Exercise, Nutrition….Do It! (MEND) Implementation Teams (COMMIT) Grant, funded by the CDC, from the National Association of Community Health Center (NACHC). MEND empowers children aged 7 to 13 to reach and maintain healthy a weight by helping families change their unhealthy attitudes about food and activity, staying physically active, learning how to choose nutritious foods, and maintain a healthy lifestyle. The COMMIT project will work to improve health outcomes and reduce risky behaviors of children who are overweight or obese at four Illinois health centers. In April and May 2018, participating health centers completed the operations and delivery trainings required for the MEND program. Participation involves virtual learning sessions that include expert faculty, peer learning, one-to-one coaching, and the sharing of data and lessons learned. The in-person training was hosted at IPHCA’s Springfield Learning Center with MEND trainers. IPHCA and AllianceChicago are currently assisting and preparing each health center for the implementation phase as well as the recruitment of 15 families. The partnership will also collect and synthesize project measures across the four health centers and continue monthly reporting and check-ins. IPHCA plans to share lessons that increase sustainable weight management program efforts in health centers.

Collaborative efforts and improving patient engagement using weight screening and follow-up care are only a few strategies to help manage childhood obesity, however these strategies are critical not to overlook. Integration of routine weight screening with adequate follow-up care will certainly increase both provider and patient awareness with regards to patient weight status and continued weight management needs. These strategies will continue to help children and adolescents reach their weight goals. As such, Illinois will see better health outcomes with respect to childhood obesity.

For more information, visit www.iphca.org.

References
Diabetes is a chronic disease that can lead to serious health problems such as kidney disease, heart disease, and vision loss. Risk factors for diabetes include being overweight, obesity, physical activity less than three times weekly, history of prediabetes, having a close relative with diabetes, and being 45 years or older. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that 30.3 million U.S. adults have diabetes, but 1 in 4 people do not know they have the disease. Furthermore, 84.1 million U.S. adults, or more than 1 in 3 people, have prediabetes, and of this population, 90% are unaware they have it.

Prediabetes occurs when blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be classified as diabetes. In the U.S., diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death and the number one cause of low-limb amputations, adult-onset blindness, and kidney failure. Over the last 20 years, the number of U.S. adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than tripled as the population has aged and become increasingly overweight or obese. As such, CDC’s Healthy People 2020 action plan recommends that providers work to influence behavioral risk factors (such as dietary decisions) and promote lifestyle changes that prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes in those who are high-risk. The CDC’s Community Guide recommends using diabetes self-management tools, such as mobile phone applications in healthcare systems, to improve communication between patients and providers, improve adherence to diabetes care plans, and reduce blood glucose levels among patients with type-2 diabetes.

In Illinois, an estimated 800,000 adults were diagnosed with diabetes, and another 500,000 people who were not aware that they have the disease. A key strategy in preventing and treating diabetes is self-management education through collaborative community-based interventions. One example of this strategy comes from Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), a Federally Qualified Health Center with locations across Connecticut. CHC started the “Advancing Diabetes Self-Management” Program, which focused on 1,200 adult patients diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes receiving primary care and diabetes care at three CHC sites. Almost half the patients were Hispanic and 17% were African American with a high prevalence of diabetes. Standard diabetes education and self-management programs often failed to account for the needs of patients from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Therefore, CHC created a culturally inclusive diabetes education program. Self-management goal setting was closely linked to comprehensive, flexible education interventions in individual and group settings. Certified Diabetes Educators (CDEs) enrolled patients into the self-management program and primary care providers as well as health center staff referred all interested diabetic patients to CDEs for intake evaluation. Subsequently, CDEs administered depression screening questionnaires and patients with concurrent depression were referred for a combined behavioral health intervention with a therapist. CHC’s systematic changes and redesigned diabetes interventions improved self-management and quality of life for patients with diabetes.

Another example of a community collaborative focused on self-management comes from the Improving Diabetes Care and Outcomes on the South Side of Chicago (IDCO) project. This initiative involved a project coach providing introductory quality improvement (QI) training to employees for mapping the process of diabetes care at each participating health center and implementing small scale projects with attainable outcomes. Initial projects were followed by patient-focused interventions. One example of an initial project involved developing wallet-size medication cards that listed the patient’s medications to improve patient knowledge about their prescription medications and to help decrease medication errors. Another project example was the ‘Diabetes All-Stars’ Program, which was a peer support group that encouraged patients to recognize and utilize community resources, including local walking programs.

The primary goal of this project was to achieve system-level quality improvement at six health centers including culturally-tailored patient education, provider communication training, and community partnerships that support self-care at home. The IDCO team used patient education and empowerment, conducted provider workshops, redesigned clinical systems, and used community collaborations. For example, IDCO partnered with local community-based organizations and businesses to support diabetes patients outside of the health care system. The outreach activities helped the team identify more than 4,000 people with diabetes who did not have a regular source of medical care. Team members then referred the affected individuals to medical homes.

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Another IDCO project implemented a monthly food pantry initiative. IDCO staff worked with a community center to conduct cardiovascular disease and diabetes screenings, demonstrated health cooking techniques, and referred patients to medical homes. IDCO’s ongoing efforts have reached over 600 community members across Chicago’s south side.5

Self-management, patient education, concurrent screening, and behavioral health interventions are key strategies that help to improve diabetes care. These strategies are critical to consider when working to improve diabetes prevention and treatment programs. Other promising practices include utilizing diabetes educators, practicing healthy coping strategies, and collaborative approaches that foster community partnerships and ensure patients are supported outside the health care system. These evidence-based strategies will continue to help affected individuals, and in turn, Illinois will see better health outcomes with respect to diabetes.

Along with Dr. Geiermann’s presentations, the Dental Directors were given time for peer-to-peer discussion. This provided the opportunity to ask specific questions among peers about policies, organizational structures, case scenarios, practices and much more. IPHCA plans to host this event again next year.

This event was made possible by grant funding from the DentaQuest Foundation.

References
Community Health Centers’ Career Fair
October 18, 2018
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

The Illinois Community Health Centers’ Career Fair, hosted by the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA), is an opportunity for you to explore primary care careers. This fair is a great way to meet and network with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) from across the state of Illinois.

Benefits of Working in a FQHC:
• Work-life Balance
• Loan Repayment Eligible Opportunities
• Competitive Compensation
• Excellent Benefits
• Malpractice Insurance
• Teaching Opportunities
• Serving Those Who Need You Most

About the Fair:
• All Clinicians & Students Welcome
• No Cost
• Meet 20+ employers
• Food & Refreshments
• Pre-Register to Win Prizes
• Meet Loan Repayment Experts from the National Health Service Corps.

For more information, contact Ashley Colwell, IPHCA’s Associate Director of Clinical Services & Workforce Development, at acolwell@iphca.org or (217) 541-7309.

Pre-Register to Win Prizes!
www.iphca.org/TrainingEvents/IllinoisCommunityHealthCentersCareerFair/CareerFairPre-Registration.aspx
In partnership with the American Cancer Society (ACS), the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) offered member health centers an opportunity to participate in the Colorectal Cancer Learning Network. The purpose of the Colorectal Cancer Learning Network was to utilize and expand on the tools and resources created through the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) to help increase colorectal cancer screening rates. The Network also gave participants the opportunity to learn and share knowledge of innovative methods around colorectal cancer screenings. The learning network consisted of a series of four webinars over the course of six weeks from May through June 2018. Each session was led by ACS staff and expert champions covering key principals of the NCCRT and addressed common issues facing FQHCs. A total of 11 health centers participated in this learning network series with an average of 15 participants per session.

The first webinar session of the learning network was led by Karriem Watson, DHSc, MPH, MS, Director of Community Engagement in Clinical and Translational Research at the University of Illinois Cancer Center, and focused on implementing FIT test screening programs within the clinic. Dr. Watson also discussed community engagement and navigation as well as opportunities for collaboration around colorectal cancer screenings. Dr. Watson’s presentation specifically detailed Mi-CARE (Mile Square Health Center Colorectal Cancer Access, Referral, and Education), a program initiated at Mile Square Health Center to increase colorectal cancer screening by incorporating community-based colorectal cancer education and a navigation program. Health center participants also shared their challenges and ideas for collaboration in their own clinics.

The second webinar of the series focused on patient education for colorectal cancer screenings and was led by colorectal cancer survivor Candace Henley, CPN, Chief Executive Officer of the Blue Hat Foundation. Participants learned about common challenges and barriers patients face when due for a screening and the hurdles patients face if they screen positive for colorectal cancer. Ms. Henley discussed new screening guidelines and different options available for patients as well as how to talk to patients about their diagnosis. Overall, Ms. Henley provided participants with a unique patient perspective to screening barriers in addition to that of a survivor.

The third webinar session focused on a strong provider recommendation and was led by Darrel Gray, II, M.D., MPH of the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Gray discussed the importance of a health care provider recommendation, which is a strong predictor of a patient’s decision to get screened. Dr. Gray reviewed evidence-based prevention recommendations with participants and provided examples of successful strategies such as forming meaningful partnerships and shared-decision making tools. Health center participants shared their current challenges and strategies on this topic.

The final webinar was conducted by American Cancer Society’s Tarneka Manning, Senior Manager of Primary Care Systems, and addressed using quality improvement coaching techniques to improve colorectal cancer screening. Ms. Manning discussed quality improvement processes, activities, and tools to improve colorectal cancer screenings at health centers. Ms. Manning also provided available resources from the American Cancer Society that health centers can utilize for quality improvement initiatives. Health center participants then shared current quality improvement activities and future initiatives.

For more information on American Cancer Society resources, please visit https://www.cancer.org/cancer/colon-rectal-cancer.html.

For NCCRT resources, please visit http://nccrt.org/resource-center/.
Moving Towards Health Equity. Strengthening Our Community of Care.

The 2018 Midwest LGBTQ Health Symposium (MLHS) will explore this year’s theme “Moving Towards Health Equity. Strengthening our Community of Care.” The two-day gathering of healthcare professionals, social service providers, advocates, and researchers will highlight innovative best practices in LGBTQ patient-centered clinical care as well as community-driven approaches to addressing health disparities. Join us as we explore these critical topics and others - HIV elimination, racial equity in LGBTQ care, addressing violence and reproductive justice, as providers and advocates striving for meaningful change.

About the Conference

MLHS examines factors that contribute to health inequities within LGBTQ communities and strategies for addressing health disparities. MLHS is designed to facilitate interdisciplinary discussions that advance patient-centered programs and policies that uplift LGBTQ people and address health equity.

Attendees can expect to leave with the following competencies in LGBTQ healthcare:

- Best practices for working with LGBTQ patients in clinical settings
- Evidence-based strategies to reduce health disparities within communities, focusing on the intersections of LGBTQ identity and race, ethnicity, age, and socioeconomic factors
- Organizational policies and strategies that facilitate LGBTQ health equity
- Understanding of key LGBTQ health advocacy issues and how healthcare professionals can influence LGBTQ health policy

Fee Schedule

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Rush Inter Professional Continuing Education (IPCE) officedesignates this live activity for a maximum of 10 credits. Complete information at howardbrown.org/mlhs2018.

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September first marks the beginning of National Preparedness Month, an opportunity to encourage the nation to prepare for an emergency or disaster. National Preparedness Month stresses the importance of engaging communities in preparing for a disaster in their homes and businesses. Emergency preparation is not just a personal obligation but a professional one as well, especially in the health care industry. Health centers play a vital role in providing care to underserved populations and must be able to continue services long after a disaster disrupts the community.

Preparing for a disaster can be challenging due to several factors including time constraints, financial restrictions, or lack of interest. National Preparedness Month attempts to provide opportunities for preparation through designated themes. The title for this year’s National Preparedness Month is Disasters Happen; Prepare Now; Learn How. Each week has a designated theme to direct participant focus towards key areas of preparation. National Preparedness Month also has a National Day of Action on September 15 where participants are encouraged to host and share with others their emergency preparedness-related activities. The weekly themes are as follows:

- **Week 1:** Make and Practice Your Plan.
- **Week 2:** Learn Life Saving Skills. Work with Stakeholders.
- **Week 3:** Check Your Insurance Coverage.
- **Week 4:** Save for an Emergency.

It is important for individuals and organizations to educate themselves on the types of emergencies and natural disasters and how to address them should they occur. Learn about disasters typical for your geographic area so you are aware of potential risks. Do you live in an area prone to hurricanes, floods or wildfires? What about landslides, tornadoes or winter storms? What types of events are likely to occur if a natural disaster affects your area? Make sure you have the necessary plans in place in the event of an extended power outage, flood, fire, tornado damage, etc.

As an individual, you can apply these practices in your home or workplace to ensure that you are taking the necessary precautions in emergency preparation. Businesses should develop and implement plans around maintaining business continuity and planning for disruption in services, succession of staff, and emergency communications. Increase preparedness in others by encouraging staff and family members to participate in preparedness activities outside of work. Volunteer and encourage others to volunteer with your local Medical Reserve Corps or Community Emergency Response Team. Ensure that your insurance policies cover specific hazards, such as flood insurance, through programs like the National Flood Insurance Program. Familiarize staff with policies and procedures by coordinating and practicing exercises.

National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity for communities to educate themselves and prepare for disasters that may affect their areas. Individuals who are personally prepared will set a standard for others to follow. For more information on National Preparedness Month, please contact Mark Clough at mclough@iphca.org. You can also access tools and resources at the American Red Cross website, www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.

**Reference**

Through its Clinician Recruitment and Workforce Development Service, IPHCA provides complimentary recruitment & retention assistance to its Member community health centers (CHCs) in Illinois and bordering states.

The IPHCA team is currently working to recruit for the following positions:

- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Dental Hygienists
- Dentists
- Family Practitioners
- Internists
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Medical Directors
- Medicine/Pediatric Physicians (Med/Peds)
- Nurse Practitioners
- OB/GYN
- Pediatricians
- Physician Assistants
- Psychiatrists/Child-Adolescent Psychiatry
- Psychologists

Other job opportunities from our member community health centers:

- Administrative Opportunities
- Executive Opportunities
- Finance Opportunities
- Human Resource Opportunities
- IT & EHR Opportunities
- Management Opportunities
- Nursing Opportunities
- Other Clinical Opportunities
- Outreach & Enrollment Opportunities

Clinicians interested in pursuing a career in a CHC should submit a CV to Ashley Colwell, Associate Director of Clinical Services & Workforce Development, at acolwell@iphca.org or fax to (217) 541-7310. IPHCA will send job descriptions and updates directly to you as new positions become available.

OUR SUCCESS

IPHCA placed 40 clinicians in 2017, including 13 physicians, nine nurse practitioners, four physician assistants, 10 dentists, one dental hygienist and three licensed clinical social workers.

For more information about IPHCA’s Clinician Recruitment and Workforce Development, visit www.iphca.org or call (217) 541-7309.
IPHCA Organizational Members

- Access Community Health Network
- Alivio Medical Center
- American Indian Health Service of Chicago
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- Community Health Partnership of Illinois
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- Esperanza Health Centers
- Family Christian Health Center
- Friend Family Health Center, Inc.
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- Will County Community Health Center

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- Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)
- Thresholds
- WES Health System

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- Lab Corp (Laboratory Corporation Of America)
- LIBERTY Dental Plan
- Medical Advantage Group
- Midway Dental
- Mutual of America
- Nonstop Administration & Insurance Services, Inc.
- Praxis Specialty Pharmacy, LLC
- Quest Diagnostics
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- United Healthcare

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IPHCA is committed to fulfilling its mission of helping communities help themselves by advocating and expanding community primary care services across Illinois, and assisting member organizations in fulfilling their goal of community empowerment through health care choice. By advocating on behalf of members’ interests, IPHCA also advocates for underserved citizens and communities.

To learn more about IPHCA and the different membership options available, visit www.iphca.org.