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Member Spotlight

North Mississippi Primary Care Expands into Lafayette County / Oxford Miss.

North Mississippi Primary Health Care (NMPHC) is proud to announce the upcoming expansion of services to the Oxford, Miss. community. Home of the flagship university in the state and of several literary giants, NMPHC will bring its brand of quality, affordable healthcare to all in and around the greater Oxford area.

"We are excited for this expansion of primary care services with a focus on children's dentistry needs," said James Nunnally, CEO of NMPHC. The site opened August 5, 2019.

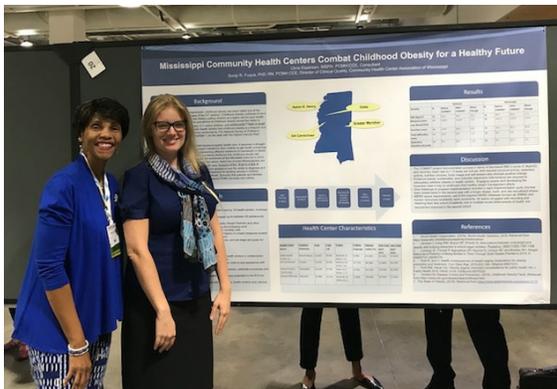


Oxford, Mississippi

Quality Leaders Meet to Refine PCMH Approaches to Care

"Improve Care Quality and the Patient Experience" Theme for PCMH 2019 Congress

Quality Improvement leaders from across the country recently convened to share best practices for patient-centered care. The National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) 5th annual Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Congress, held September 5-8, 2019 in Boston, afforded an opportunity for providers and administrators to implement, refine, evaluate, and measure the medical home approach to patient-centered care. Research shows that PCMHs improve quality, improve the patient experience, and increase staff satisfaction—while reducing healthcare costs. The 3-day meeting focused on practical education and insight around one of the most important delivery system innovations of the past 25 years.



Dr. Sonja Fuqua (left), Director of Clinical Quality, and Chris Espersen, NACHC Consultant with the MEND project, participated in the Congress' Poster Session by

Policy Intern Joins CHCAMS Team

Christina M. Nunez has joined CHCAMS as a policy intern, working on research and issue briefs around 340B, among other topics. She is a 3L at Mississippi College School of Law, where she is the managing editor of the Mississippi College Law Review. She works as a research assistant for Contracts, Civil Procedure, Bankruptcy, Banking, and Health Law at the law school and is an extern for Judge McCarty on the Mississippi Court of Appeals. She is a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association, Health Law Society, Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association (MC Law Chapter), and Women’s Student Bar Association. Christina was a summer associate at Balch & Bingham, FormanWatkinsKrutz, and Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in the firms’ Jackson offices. We welcome her!



Senator Says Mississippi Views Important as Feds Look to Improve Care in Rural Areas

U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) urges Mississippians to participate in a nationwide U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative to find ways to improve health care in rural America. The federal Rural Health Task Force, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has issued a request for information from the public on how to make rural health care more accessible, affordable, and sustainable. Submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. EST, October 9, 2019.



CHCAMS is requesting feedback into the Task Force Report for Parity in Telehealth Reimbursement at the national level with states following.



It's Time to Beat the Clock! Health Center Funding Cliff September 30th!

Take Action! Please ask members of the Mississippi Delegation to support Community Health Center funding by the September 30th funding deadline.

[Click Here to Take Action!](#)

Visit the [HCAAdvocacy blog](#) for a deeper dive into the September Congressional calendar and a wrap up of the latest policy news from Washington and around the nation.

Training Opportunities

September 24 | Webinar

Getting Started with PRAPARE Implementation: Tips and Tricks for Beginning and Sustaining Social Determinants of Health Data Collection

Are you interested in collecting standardized PRAPARE data on the social determinants of health but not sure how to get started? This webinar will walk through key steps in creating strategies for successful implementation models, tips for getting started in manageable ways, and strategies to predict and overcome common implementation challenges.

[Click here](#) to pre-register.

September 27, 2019 | Jackson [CME/CEs available](#)

Mississippi Clinical Symposium: STIs and HIV

Topics include STI Epi, PrEP, MSM Sexual Health, among others.

Hilton Jackson | 1001 E. County Line Rd. | Jackson

This one-day update will cover current issues in the clinical management of STIs and HIV.

Topics: Current trends in Mississippi, Optimal Care for MSM, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia, HIV Prevention, Treatment, and Services.

Click [here](#) for more information.

October 1, 2019 | Ridgeland

Beyond the Basics: ACA Market Place Application Process

This training will provide a step-by-step overview of completing the Market Place application with a focus on specific topics such as countable income for the self-employed, building community collaborative partnerships, and establishing a better working relationship with Medicaid, MCOs, and agents.

Holmes Community College | 412 W. Ridgeland Ave | Ridgeland, MS

Register [Here](#)



October 1, 2019 | Webinar

Industry Thought Leader Panel Discussion on Telemedicine

As telemedicine evolves and demand increases, ongoing legislation to improve virtual care technology adoption and improve reimbursement are rapidly unfolding. Topics: evolution of virtual healthcare, legislation, and reimbursement policies, Medicare telehealth policies, 21st Century Cures Act and others; FCC efforts to increase connected care technologies in rural communities; state laws and licensure as it relates to progress for expanding telemedicine and remote patient monitoring; and a telemedicine forecast for the next 1-2 years.

Register [here](#).

Advancing the Health of Vulnerable Populations:

Strengthening the Primary Care Clinician's Role



October 4, 2019 | Pearl [Check back for CME/CEs](#)

Advancing the Health of Vulnerable Populations: Strengthening the Primary Care Clinician's Role

The CHCAMS will host the one-day fall Clinical Conference for the community health centers' multi-disciplinary care teams. As we continue the theme of community health centers leading the charge in advancing the health of all populations, this conference will consider the at-risk or vulnerable populations. There will be a focus on integrating culturally competent care into the clinical practice and treatment modalities for at risk conditions is the focus.

Holiday Inn Trustmark Park | 110 Bass Pro Dr. | Pearl, MS

Register [here](#)

October 15-16, 2019 | Webinar

Workshop: Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

The [Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#) workshop will provide an overview of 5 key policy challenges to improve care for people with mental health and substance use disorders.

Topics include:

- Promoting person-centered care, patient and family member engagement, and shared decision making
- Defining what constitutes minimally adequate care for mental health and substance use disorders for different types of providers and in different care settings
- Identifying promising strategies to translate knowledge to practice and to monitor implementation
- Highlighting innovative practices to facilitate and optimize data collection, integration, and use
- Improving care spanning the medical, mental health, and substance use disorder workforce and care delivery systems

Register [here](#)

October 28, 2019 | Webinar

Findings and Lessons Learned on Incorporating PRAPARE Social Risk Data into Risk Stratification Models

The national PRAPARE team launched a PRAPARE Risk Stratification Learning Collaborative this summer to better understand how organizations are incorporating PRAPARE social determinants of health data into risk stratification models and how they are using these models to inform care planning and population health. We also explored the interest and feasibility of developing a national standardized risk stratification model that incorporates PRAPARE social determinants data to better identify and manage high risk patients. This webinar will highlight findings and lessons learned and present a draft of the national standardized PRAPARE risk stratification model for feedback.

[Click here](#) to pre-register.

December 3, 2019 | Jackson

Annual UDS Training

Details Coming Soon!



Kinship Navigator Survey

[Families as Allies](#), a family-run statewide organization for parents and caregivers of children with mental health challenges in Mississippi, and the [Human Services Research Institute](#) are exploring the possibility of implementing a **Kinship Navigator program** on behalf of the state of Mississippi. Kinship Navigator programs support families in which relatives are raising children of other family

members. This proposed program will be designed for Mississippi families across the state and led by communities. Families as Allies Mississippi is asking **kinship family caregivers** to take a short survey bit.ly/MSKinshipSurvey (feedback code is 1198). Call 601-355-0915, or email Dominic DeLeo at ddeleo@faams.org for more information.



The State Chapter of the Federation of Families

News To Use

Uninsured rate rises for the first time since the Affordable Care Act

McConnell backs short-term spending bill to avert government shutdown

Americans 'fed up' with high healthcare costs, surprise billing, Verma says

Fewer Children Had Health Insurance In 2018 Than Year Before, Census Data Shows

Funding Opportunities

Deadline: September 23, 2019

COMPASS Initiative Transformative Grants

Grants to organizations across the southern United States to support the development and implementation of programs and activities that address the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including organizational capacity building; wellbeing, mental health, trauma-informed care, substance use, and telehealth; and HIV-related stigma reduction.

Geographic coverage: Mississippi

Sponsor: Gilead COMPASS (COMmitment to Partnership in Addressing HIV/AIDS in Southern States) Initiative. Click [here](#) for more info.

Deadline: October 7, 2019

Community Voices for Health

These grants are to lead organizations to support ongoing ways for people to engage; to help their voices be a part of decisions around healthcare, social service, and public health systems; to support their efforts to solve problems; and to strengthen their community networks. Reaching rural and other health disparity populations is a priority. For more info, click [here](#).

Deadline: October 15, 2019

HRSA Releases Notices of Funding Opportunity for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program's Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

As part of this funding opportunity, HRSA plans to fund up to 47 awards to ultimately reduce new HIV infections in the United States to less than 3,000 per year by 2030.

Read more [here](#).

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Deadline: November 25, 2019

HRSA Rural Health Network Development Program

HRSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy grants for healthcare networks in rural areas to assist with increasing access to and improve the quality of healthcare services. The purpose of this program is to support rural integrated healthcare networks that have combined the functions of the entities participating in the network in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. Details can be found [here](#).

Deadline: November 29, 2019

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

RSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy grants to promote the planning and development of rural healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: December 6, 2019

Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program

Grants for the development of integrated healthcare networks that work to address health problems that could not be solved by single entities working alone. Networks will achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system. For more info, click [here](#).

Grants with Ongoing Deadlines

COMPASS Initiative Core

Grants to community-based organizations that prioritize HIV/AIDS prevention and/or care services across the southern United States. Funding may be used for a variety of organizational and staff resources, including technology and software, meeting space costs, conference attendance fees, professional development, and continuing education. For more info, click [here](#).

COMPASS Initiative SPARK!

Grants for community-led campaigns and education initiatives across the deep south that work to reduce stigma and change knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors around HIV and AIDS. For more info, click [here](#).

Entergy Micro Grants

Grants for projects that effectively impact arts and culture, community improvement/enrichment, education and literacy, the environment, and healthy families. For more info, click [here](#).

Foundation For the Mid South

Grants for organizations in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi working in the areas of health disparities, physical health, mental health, education, financial security, and the growth and prosperity of communities. For more info, click [here](#).

Mississippi Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Program (CAP)

Loans for municipalities and counties in Mississippi for the improvement of public facilities and infrastructure, including hospitals, sewer systems, and water supply systems. For more info, click [here](#).

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