



**Community Health Center**  
Association of Mississippi  
*Together We Care*

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS**  
*Providing Quality Care at Lower Costs*



## Member Spotlight

### **HRSA Awards Mississippi Community Health Centers \$950,000 in September Funding Round**

*MississippiCare and Coastal Family Health Center  
to open new primary care site in Oxford  
and expand oral health services in Biloxi with new funding*



With expansion plans underway, residents of Lafayette Co. and the Gulf Coast will have more options for primary health care.

“Mississippi has such a state of need in health care, and I’m proud that MississippiCare can be a part of the solution,” said Dr. Steven Collier, CEO of MississippiCare. The physician hired for MississippiCare’s new clinic in Oxford is a graduate of the University of Miss. “It is always a good for the community when you can

recruit and hire your medical providers that live in the town you serve and are committed to the community,” said Dr. Collier.

“Coastal is ecstatic to be recognized by HRSA for having the capability to positively impact the oral health needs along the Mississippi Gulf Coast,” said Dental Director Dr. Lindberg Clark of Coastal Family Health Services. “As a safety net provider, this funding is crucial for improving access to oral health care for the region. The funds will be used to increase our capacity to offer high quality, income-based dental care in Jackson County. This growth will result in better overall community oral health as more patients will be able to have their unmet dental needs addressed.”



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### **Emergency Preparedness: CHCAMS Connects High-Level Expert of Disease Outbreak Surveillance to Members**

Prior to the September 2019 board meeting, State Epidemiologist Paul Byers, MD (photo on right) of the Mississippi State Department of Health, presented information to the CHC leaders about the Hepatitis A outbreak in Mississippi. He provided detailed information on the populations at-risk of contracting the disease and how CHCs could access support from the health department.

“CHCAMS provides response to disease outbreaks in the state, especially those that could have great impact on the populations our members serve,” said Janice Sherman, CEO of CHCAMS. “This is just one form of emergency preparedness support we offer to the health centers.”



**Paul Byers, MD**

For educational resources on Hepatitis A, click [here](#).

## C-Suite Training Provides Practical Tips to CHC Leaders

The recent C-Suite training provided practical tips, training, and insights from a veteran health care provider who helped launch the community health center movement in the U.S. More than half of Mississippi's CHCs were represented for the full-day workshop on September 19, 2019.



*Jackie Gaines (left) and Marcie Rohleder (right) of Studer Group join CHCAMS CEO Janice Sherman during the C-Suite training for a photo op. Sessions included Creating a Culture of High Accountability, The Employee Investment, and Maximizing Your Leadership Minutes. Ms. Gaines is an author, community health center movement veteran, and former hospital systems CEO.*

### Funding Cliff Is Today, September 30th!

Take Action! Please ask members of the Mississippi Delegation to support Community Health Center funding **as much as possible for as long as possible** while Congress works to prevent a government shutdown and to extend CHC funding.



### Update

Last week, the House passed a continuing resolution to keep the federal government open through November 21. The short-term spending bill passed by the House of Representatives also extends funding for the Community Health Center Fund, National Health Service Corps, and Teaching Health Center program through November 21. At press time, the extension awaits a Senate vote before heading to the President's desk to be signed into law. **This is a short term fix to funding.** Congress needs to hear from you.

[Click here to read more](#) about Congress' effort to extend key mandatory and discretionary funding for health centers through November 21. **And please continue to advocate for health center funding as much as possible for as long as**

[Click Here to Take Action!](#)

**Advocacy Center of Excellence (ACE) Applications Due December 16**

In the spirit of advocacy and achieving our shared goals, NACHC is extending the renewal deadline for ACEs to December 16, 2019. Please submit your health center's application by December 16, 2019. The ACE Program goals include increasing the number of advocates on the ground, building the health center movement, and passing long-term stable funding by the September 30th deadline. Find more information on the ACE program [here](#).



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**New Access Point TA Webinar**  
Access pre-recorded webinar [here](#).  
Presentation slides available [here](#).



October 1, 2019 | Webinar  
**BPHC All-Programs Webcast**  
Click [here](#) for time and to join

October 3, 2019 | Webinar  
Oral Health Infrastructure External Briefing for grant award recipients  
2 p.m. -3 p.m.  
Join the webcast the day of the session  
Call-in: 888-810-6757  
Passcode: 7955618

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## Training Opportunities

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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

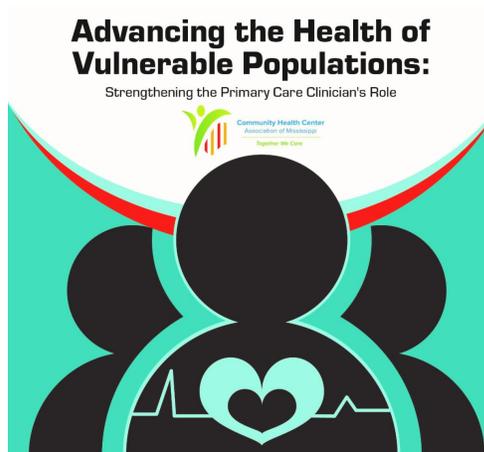
Register [Here](#)



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**

### Identifying Clusters of PRAPARE Social Determinants of Health Risk Factors on Control of Diabetes and Hypertension in Community Health Centers

This webinar will present data findings from a recent study conducted in partnership with the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), Siouxland Community Health Center, and the University of Chicago Center for Diabetes Translation Research. Presenters will describe the development of clusters of PRAPARE social determinants of health risk factors that can help with interpretability, analytical methods, and patient risk stratification. They will also present how the risk clusters differed between controlled vs. uncontrolled diabetic and hypertensive patients and the relationship between the risk clusters and hemoglobin A1c and blood pressure values.

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



**December 3, 2019 | Jackson**

### Annual UDS Training

Details Coming Soon!

**Thursday, December 12 | 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.

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## News To Use

Patient matching—the missing puzzle piece to value-based care?

Walmart seeks home healthcare business nationwide

WalmartHealth makes debut in Georgia and is planning for expansion – is Mississippi prepared?

First vaping-related death in Mississippi is 'one too many,' state health official says

# Funding Opportunities

**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](#).

**Ending  
the  
HIV  
Epidemic**  
A PLAN FOR AMERICA



**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

### **DentaQuest Community Response Fund**

The Community Response Fund supports organizations, activities, and events that address access to needed oral healthcare and community resources that improve oral health. Priority is given to projects that: Address an immediate response to an urgent issue that impacts access to clinical care; Provide short term access to needed care for the underserved; Sustain oral health organizations experiencing short term challenges. For more info, click [here](#).

### **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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