

MPCA WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

AUGUST 23, 2022

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MPCA Annual
Conference

October 5-6, 2022
Samoset Resort | Rockport, ME



NEXT MONTH IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

As we look to Suicide Prevention Month and Suicide Prevention Week (9/4-9/10) in September, the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention ([Action Alliance](#))—the nation’s public-private partnership working to advance the [National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#)—hopes to once again unite the field to amplify messages about the important role we all play in being there for others. Resource: [Framework for Successful Messaging](#)

INTERESTING READS

[Weekly News from Immunize.org](#) – *Immunize.org (8/18)*

IZ Express keeps you informed about new and updated vaccine recommendations from the CDC.

[HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Response Programs](#)

COVID-19 Pediatric Q&A with Dr. Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP

[Dr. Anthony Fauci to step down from NIAID](#) – *NIH (8/22)*

Dr. Fauci released a statement that he is stepping down from the positions of Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, as well as the position of Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden in December.

[Marijuana and hallucinogen use among young adults reached all-time high in 2021](#) - *NIH (8/22)*

“Young adults are in a critical life stage and honing their ability to make informed choices. Understanding how substance use can impact the formative choices in young adulthood is critical to help position the new generations for success.”

[Public Health Training Centers' Support for Community Health Workers: Case Studies of Needs Assessment, Training, and Student Field Placement Initiatives](#) – *Public Health Management & Practice*

[Evidence-Based Strategies for Strengthening Primary Care in the U.S.](#) – *The Commonwealth Fund (8/5)*

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has requested feedback on how it can strengthen the country’s primary care system.

CDC UPDATES

[What to Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19](#) (8/11)

[Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19](#) (8/11)

Is Your Health Center Hiring? Click [here](#) to utilize the MPCA Job Board and list your openings on our website!

POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration Expected to Remain in Effect: The Biden administration is expected to extend the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration. The Administration has said that it will provide 60 days of notice before ending the order. Last week, HHS did not announce that it would end the COVID Public Health Emergency (PHE) in mid-October when the current PHE expires.

Congress Passes the Inflation Reduction Act, President Signs into Law: President Biden signed the act into law last week and will be hosting a celebration on September 6th. NACHC is looking into the possibility that CHCs could qualify for environmental justice, climate and sustainability grants included in the law

CMS Resources in Preparation for PHE Unwinding: Last week, CMS released additional resources for health care providers and states in preparation for the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The following resources provide updated information on waivers and flexibilities and guidance for providers:

- **UPDATED** – [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers](#) (see page 12-13 for FQHC-relevant items)
- [A Health Care System Resiliency fact sheet](#)
- [COVID-19 waivers and flexibilities](#)
- [Creating a Roadmap for the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency blog](#)

VACCINE INFORMATION

[CDC Fall Vaccination Operational Planning Guide – Information for the Fall Vaccine Campaign, Including Upcoming Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses](#)

Pre-Ordering Opened 8/17 for COVID-19 Bivalent Boosters

[August 16 Program Update: Health Center COVID-19 Response Programs](#)

Program updates and ordering deadlines

ORAL HEALTH UPDATES

[Get ready for CDT codes to change again](#) – Dr. Bicuspid (8/15)

[Perceived discrimination impacts oral health of older adults](#) – Dr. Bicuspid (8/15)

[U.S. study links extractions, surgeries to endocarditis](#) - Dr. Bicuspid (8/19)

[Researchers recommend intraoral scanner to detect tooth wear](#)- Dr. Bicuspid (8/19)

AIDPH presents Rural Oral Health ECHO: Mental Health and Oral Health Integration

Thursday, August 25 | 12:00 pm | [Registration](#)

Join us on August 25th at 12 pm CT for our monthly session that will focus on *Mental Health and Oral Health Integration* presented by Shauna Reitmeier, CEO of [Alluma](#), a certified behavioral health clinic in rural Minnesota.

For resources and information, please visit the [Oral Health Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

Upcoming NACHC Reproductive Health Webinars

NACHC is partnering with FTFL to host a two-part webinar series to educate health centers on compliance related to reproductive health services considering the recent Supreme Court decision. The first one, titled "[Understanding the Fundamentals: Health Center Compliance and Reproductive Health Services](#)" will occur **September 6 at 2:30 PM ET**; you can [register here](#). The second one, titled "[Understanding the Nuances: The Health Center Program and Reproductive Health Services](#)" will be held **September 23 at 1:00 PM ET**. Please [register here](#).

HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

MPCA and The Fenway Institute Present

Foundational Concepts: Achieving Health Equity for LGBTQIA+ People

This workshop provides an overview of LGBTQIA+ health disparities, demographics, and terminology, as well as key strategies for bringing high quality care to LGBTQIA+ people at health centers and other health care organizations. Participants will also learn about creating LGBTQIA+-inclusive environments of care and about the intersections of LGBTQIA+ health, population health, and team-based care.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1: Describe concepts and terminology related to sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Objective 2: Explain how stigma and discrimination lead to health disparities for LGBTQIA+ people.
- Objective 3: Apply best practices for building an inclusive and affirming environment for LGBTQIA people.

August 31 | 7:15-8:15 a.m. - [Foundational LGBTQIA+/Advancing Health Equity training](#)

OR

September 6 | 12-1 p.m. - [Foundational LGBTQIA+/Advancing Health Equity training](#)

[Multilingual Videos](#): Dr. Shah Why to Vaccinate Your 6+ Month Old Child Against COVID 19 & COVID-19 Vaccines for Everyone 6 Months and Older

For resources and information, please visit the [Health Equity/Social Determinants Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

New Monkeypox Testing and Vaccine Codes: July Update

In response to the emergent nature of the public health concern surrounding monkeypox, the [Current Procedural Terminology \(CPT®\) Editorial Panel \(the Panel\)](#) has approved [three new codes specific](#) to monkeypox.

[Seven Topics Related to COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccine Counseling](#)

The linked message contains information on 7 topics related to COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine counseling. They have been combined into one message to limit the number of messages arriving in provider inboxes. For resources and information, please visit the [Telehealth Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#)

HRSA Telehealth Learning Series: Telehealth and Broadband Funding/Resources

Tuesday, August 30 | 2:00 – 3:15 pm | [Registration](#)

This webinar is part of HRSA's Telehealth Learning Webinar Series. The series' goal is to highlight successful projects/best practices as well as resources to promote and further the use of telehealth technologies for health care delivery, education, and health information services.

For resources and information, please visit the [Telehealth Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#)

WORKFORCE UPDATE

MPCA hosts: Comprehensive Workforce Plans: Getting Started and Meaningful Implementation

When: Thursday, September 29th @1-2:30pm (in lieu of MPCA Workforce Peer Group that day)

Presenters: Sarah Macrander (she/her), Senior Health Operations Manager at Colorado Community Health Network, Ashley Gibson (she/her), Workforce Development Director, Kentucky Primary Care Association

Target Audience: CHC “Workforce Champions,” organization leaders and those who take part in workforce efforts

[Click here to register](#)

Session Description:

In the wake of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, healthcare workforce is a high need for Community Health Centers (CHCs) across the nation. Taking a full spectrum approach to the workforce needs of your organization is a valuable tool to ensuring that you have the staff necessary to provide high quality care to your patients. This session will provide participants with the building blocks to adopt a comprehensive workforce plan (CWP) and take meaningful steps to implement these strategies within their organizations.

Learning Objectives:

For CHC staff to leave the session with the knowledge and confidence to complete a workplan. Specific learning objectives include:

- Understand why a comprehensive approach to workforce is valuable for ensuring high quality patient care.
- Understand the various components of a comprehensive workforce plan (CWP) and the value of investing in its development.
- Explore which components are of highest need for an organization.
- Participants will have a clear understanding of what is needed to make progress on at least one component of a CWP.

Please reach out to Emily Ferry, eferry@mepca.org, with questions, or if there is a staff member at your organization she can connect with about this opportunity.

For resources and information, please visit the [Workforce](#) section on the [MPCA](#) website.

OPPORTUNITIES

NACHC presents Million Hearts SMBP Forum Quarterly Meetings

Sept 8 & Dec 8 | 1:00 PM | [Registration](#)

Self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) monitoring has been proven to have a positive effect on improving blood pressure control. CDC’s Million Hearts® and NACHC have partnered to provide a quarterly forum, highlighting SMBP practices.

HITEQ presents Health Center Remote Patient Monitoring and Digital Health Learning Collaborative

Health centers are interested in implementing remote patient monitoring (RPM), but are struggling to do so efficiently and completely because of policy, social, and technology barriers combined with staffing and time pressure. To support health centers in the strategic implementation of RPM, the HITEQ Center is launching a free learning collaborative -- [Health Center Remote Patient Monitoring and Digital Health](#).

[Apply now](#), starts **September 13!**

PSO CORNER

For resources and information, please visit the [MePCA PSO](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

CHCNET NEWS

For the latest information concerning the MPCA's HCCN, **Community Health Center Network of Maine (CHCNet)** please visit the [CHCNet Member Portal](#).

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