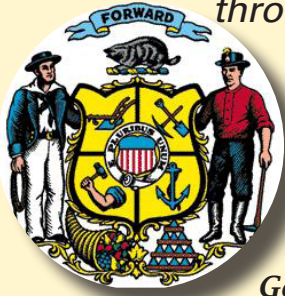


Expanding Health Care Access for Underserved Populations:

Leveraging Opportunities to Expand Community Health Centers through the Affordable Care Act



“The major expansion of the federal Community Health Center program through national health care reform provides unique opportunities for Wisconsin to compete for federal dollars to build on our successes and strengthen our system of high-quality health care for all residents.”

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Workshop Goals:

- Learn about the Community Health Center program benefits and requirements, and how to strategically leverage resources to increase primary health care access for underserved residents.
- Explore collaboration in your region to develop new or expand existing Community Health Centers.
- Understand the requirements for competitive federal grant applications, learn about upcoming opportunities and get grant writing guidance for new Community Health Centers and sites.

National Presenters

Tonya Bowers, MHS

Director, Office of Policy and Program Development, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA

Ms. Bowers' office teaches organizations about the Community Health Center program to develop and run health centers and apply for federal funding.

Pamela Byrnes, PhD

Director, Health Center Growth and Development National Association of Community Health Centers

Dr. Byrnes leads this program that provides hands-on technical assistance, training and support to communities developing new Health Centers.

Agenda

Overview of Community Health Center Program (Tonya Bowers, HRSA BPHC)

- What is a Community Health Center, outline the different types and benefits
- Health Center Program expectations (PIN 98-23) and Resources: PINS, PALS, guidance
- What does the Affordable Care Act mean for Health Centers in the next 5 years?

Strategic Thinking to Assess and Close Access Gaps (Pamela Byrnes, NACHC)

- Where does your community want to be in 5 years?
- What are your current community assets?
- Explore models to close the gaps
- Governance requirements

Wisconsin's Health Care Landscape: (Stephanie Harrison, WPHCA Executive Director)

- Health care delivery gaps/needs
- Background and data
- Examples of successful collaborations

Getting Ready for Grant Application (Pamela Byrnes, NACHC)

- Getting the organization ready
- Planning the major grant sections

Next Steps (DHS and WPHCA)

- Resources and training
- Focus and key collaborators in each region

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