Teaching Health Center

Is it the right fit for your organization?

October 8 & 9, 2021
High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff
And Virtually

Agenda & Presenters

The learning objectives for the conference are:

1. Gain better understanding of Teaching Health Centers (THC) and the process of becoming a THC Program
2. Learn different teaching health center models that may be considered to expand teaching sites
3. Understand state and federal policies related to THC

The Conference is being presented online with the assistance of the Arizona Telemedicine Program.
Welcome to the Teaching Health Center Conference at the NAU High Country Conference Center!

We are super excited to convene this group of passionately engaged clinicians, educators, administrators and advocates involved in transforming primary care and health professions education in the THC and related community-based training models!

Our speakers and our attendees will share their innovative approaches to advance the health and well-being of our rural and urban underserved populations.

Over the course of Friday evening and Saturday, we hope to come up with ideas, approaches, resources and recommendations that we can all use to inform and transform health policies back at our own clinics, hospitals, institutions and also at the state and federal levels.

Whether you are joining us in person or virtually, we hope that you will help us shape the vision and action plans for health professions training, draw inspiration from the outstanding leaders and from programs that they will discuss, and find kindred spirits to advance this important work!

Anne Newland
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Rebecca Ruiz
Dan Derksen
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

3:15 pm  Welcoming Remarks and Introductions
   Anne Newland, MD, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, North Country HealthCare

3:25  Legislative Update on Teaching Health Centers GME
   Tara Plese, Chief External Affairs Officer, Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers

3:45  Attendee Introductions

4:15  Keynote Address: Health Policy Innovation and Implications for Teaching Health Center Transformation in Arizona and the Southwest
   Heather Carter, EdD, Executive Vice President, Greater Phoenix Leadership

5:00  Networking Reception

6:00  Adjourn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 am  Continental Breakfast and Networking

8:15  Teaching Health Center Models for Community Health Centers
   Anne Newland, MD, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, North Country HealthCare
   Mariça Martinic, MPH, Education Director, NAHEC Regional Center
   Ed Paul, MD, Director, North Country HealthCare Family Medicine Residency

9:15  Enhancing Arizona’s Direct Care Workforce for Home and Community Based Services for ALTCS Enrollees: Integrating AHCCCS Behavioral Health & Primary Care
   Shelli Silver, Deputy Director for Health Plan Operations, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

9:45  Break and Networking

10:15  Community Based Models of Integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health Service
   Clinton Kuntz, DBH, Chief Executive Officer, Marana Health Center

10:45  Academic Health Center Collaborations Across Psychiatry and Psychology, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, and Community-Based Service-Learning Models
   Jordan F. Karp, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry, University of Arizona

11:15  Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) & State Loan Program Updates from the ADHS Primary Care Office | Using Health Workforce Data – Resource Overview
   Edith di Santo MPH, Chief, Primary Care Office Bureau of Women’s & Children’s Health
   Bryna Koch MPH, Arizona Center for Rural Health

11:45  Lunch & Networking Opportunity

1:00 pm  Addressing New Mexico’s Rural Health Needs: Innovative Academic, IHS and Community Based Health Professions Training Models
   Charlie Alfero, Executive Advisor, Center for Health Innovation
   Val Wangler, MD, FAAFP, Program Director, Family Medicine Residency, Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services (RMCHCS)
   Molly McClain MD, MPH, Residency Program Director, Dept. of Fam. & Community Medicine, Univ. of New Mexico

2:00  El Rio’s Integration of Oral Health into a Teaching Health Center Consortium
   James Duncan, DMD, MSD, El Rio Health
   Amanda Pinder, DDS, MHA, Senior Dental Director, El Rio Health Center

2:50  Closing Remarks

3:00  Adjourn
Charles Alfero, MA, is the Executive Advisor to both the NM Primary Care Training Consortium and the Center for Health Innovation (CHI). Both are 501 c-3 nonprofit organizations. CHI is also the New Mexico’s Public Health Institute. Mr. Alfero founded CHI and served as Executive Director for five years. Prior to his time at CHI, he helped develop Hidalgo Medical Services, a Community Health Center providing primary medical, dental, mental health, family support, community development and health policy services in southwestern New Mexico. Mr. Alfero served as the Chief Executive Officer of HMS for 17 years. Mr. Alfero has 43 years of experience in rural health policy, systems and program development. He has been Director of Rural Outreach for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and Director of the Community Health Services Division in the New Mexico Department of Health among other health-related leadership positions.

Topic: Addressing New Mexico’s Rural Health Needs: Innovative Academic, IHS and Community Based Health Professions Training Models

Heather Carter, EdD, is the Executive Vice President, for Greater Phoenix Leadership. Prior to that she was a faculty member in the Zuckerman College of Public Health where she served as Co-Director of the Center for Rural Health. She served for ten years in the Arizona Legislature, eight in the House of Representatives, where she chaired the House Health Committee for six years, and two as State Senator from LD 15 (North Phoenix, Scottsdale and Cave Creek) where she was the chair of Higher Education and Workforce Development committee, vice-chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and sat on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Topic: Keynote Address Friday October 8: Recent Health Policy Innovation and Implications for Teaching Health Center Transformation in Arizona and the Southwest.

Daniel Derksen, MD, is the University of Arizona Health Sciences Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities. He is a tenured Professor of Public Health in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health with joint appointments in the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing. He serves as Principal Investigator (PI) on several state and federally funded and designated initiatives including the State Office of Rural Health, the Arizona Area Health Education Center Program, and the ADHS-CDC COVID Disparities initiative. His current service, education and research activities include informing legislative, regulatory and program policy to improve access to health care and health insurance coverage; narrowing health disparities; developing, implementing and evaluating interprofessional service-learning sites; and working to assure a well-trained and distributed health workforce to meet the health needs of all Arizonans.

Topic: Dr. Derksen will facilitate the conference and introduce the speakers on Saturday

Edith Di Santo is the Chief for the Office of Primary Care, in the Bureau of Women’s & Children’s Health. Edith has a Master’s Degree in Public Health focused in health policy from George Washington University. Edith completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Edith has over 13 years of public health experience, working at the federal, state, local and non-profit sectors. In her previous roles, she managed large federal grants for Arizona to include the WIC and SNAP-Ed grants and contracts. She has worked in the hospital and primary care settings working with physicians to improve access and care for diverse populations. Edith is passionate about public health, reducing health disparities, and improving access to care.

Topic: Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) & State Loan Program Updates from the ADHS Primary Care Office

James Duncan, DMD, MSD, grew up in Kingman, Arizona and works at El Rio Community Health Center in Tucson. He completed a dental hygiene program at Northern Arizona University with an externship at Winslow Indian Health Care Center and was hired there after he graduated. Dr. Duncan completed dental school at the ATSU Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health through its Hometown Scholars Program (HSP) that helps meet the needs of community health centers by attracting and training dedicated, motivated, and qualified community-minded healers.

Topic: El Rio’s integration of oral health into a Teaching Health Center consortium.

Jordan Karp, MD, is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona. He is an expert in the fields of geriatric psychiatry, depression treatment, and suicide prevention. Dr. Karp’s Department priorities include providing the best care possible to our patients and their families today; preparing the next generation of psychiatrists to provide better care in the future; advancing knowledge to improve our ability to diagnose, treat, and ultimately prevent mental illness; and engaging with diverse stakeholders to assure our workforce represents and meets community needs and promotes social justice. Prior to joining UArizona, Dr. Karp served as a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he directed the Late-Life Depression Prevention and Treatment Research Program, served as Director of Medical Student Mental Health Services, and was program director for the geriatric psychiatry fellowship. Dr. Karp has authored more than 130 peer reviewed publications and has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), and the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation (BBRF) since 2006.

Topic: Academic health center collaborations with psychiatry, nurse practitioner and community-based service-learning models.
Bryna Koch, MPH has worked at the Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) since 2016. At the Center Ms. Koch supports the programs and projects by providing data collection, management, analysis, and reporting expertise. Currently Bryna focuses on health workforce data collection, synthesis, and reporting. Ms. Koch is also a doctoral candidate in the Public Health Policy and Management program at the University of Arizona, College of Public Health. Her research interests are the impacts of major policies like the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on health insurance coverage, utilization, and outcomes for underserved and vulnerable populations. **Topic: Using Health Workforce Data – Resource Overview**

Clinton Kuntz, DBH, has been CEO of Marana Health Center since 2013. Before coming to MHC, Dr. Kuntz served as CEO and COO in community health centers in Ohio. As CEO, Dr. Kuntz led Fairfield Community Health Center, in Lancaster Ohio, from a new single site Community Health Center to five sites serving all of Fairfield County, Ohio. Before going to Fairfield Community Health Center, Dr. Kuntz served as Chief Operating Officer and Director of Information Technology for Muskingum Valley Health Centers. Dr. Kuntz has experience in all areas of Community Health Center and Healthcare management including finance, information technology, building construction, and staffing. Clinton has a Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Health from Arizona State University, a Master’s Degree from Boston University and an undergraduate degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. **Topic: Community based models of integrated primary care and behavioral health services**

Mariça Martinic, MPH, Education Director, Northern Arizona AHEC Regional Center - has worked since 2014 with the education department at North Country HealthCare embedded Northern Arizona AHEC (NAHEC) Regional Center. She oversees all NAHEC programming and the Flagstaff community campus for AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA). She has 15 years of experience in non-profit and community health administration. She assisted with the development and implementation of the Colorado Plateau Center for Health Professions with Drs. Paul and Newland, which began its second cohort of Family Medicine residents this summer. **Topic: Teaching Health Center Models for Community Health Centers**

Molly McClain MD MPH is on faculty with the Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) at the University of New Mexico. She recently became the residency Program Director and part of the residency is working with 1+2 programs both in Santa Fe and soon, also in Shiprock New Mexico. The DFCM and the residency have a mandate to train people to provide medical care in rural New Mexico, and to support rural training programs. Last year 87% of our graduating residents stayed in New Mexico, and 62% chose jobs in rural areas. Our program hopes to continue with this trend, and to continue to support our state’s medical health needs. **Topic – Addressing New Mexico’s Rural Health Needs: Innovative Academic, IHS and Community Based Health Professions Training Models.**

Anne Newland, MD, MPH, is the Chief Executive Officer for North Country HealthCare. Prior to joining North Country in 2013, Dr. Newland worked for the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation. She trained in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee-Memphis, served as Chief Resident for Internal Medicine at UT, and later completed her MPH at Harvard School of Public Health as a Commonwealth Fund Mongan Fellowship in Minority Health Policy. She works to improve the quality of care across the North Country system as well as to make it easier for people to see their primary care providers. **Topics: Welcoming Remarks and Introductions Friday, and Teaching Health Center Models for Community Health Centers**

Ed Paul, MD is the Director of North Country HealthCare’s family medicine residency program. He has enjoyed many years in a career in medical education teaching residents and medical students in rural and urban settings. He brings a wealth of clinical teaching and administrative experience as well as great enthusiasm to make our new residency program innovative and exceptional. Dr. Paul practices ambulatory family medicine and is especially interested in serving patients and families through multidisciplinary teams. He is passionate about training future family physicians to have the broad skills necessary to practice medicine effectively in our local region. Dr. Paul is married and has three daughters and three grandchildren. He enjoys the outdoors and listening to and playing stringed instruments. **Topic: Teaching Health Center Models for Community Health Centers**
Amanda Pinder, DDS, MHA is the Senior Dental Director at El Rio Health, Tucson, Arizona. She is a diplomate of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and was recognized as a Geiger Gibson Emerging Leader at the National Association of Community Health Centers forum in 2018. She also serves as the Associate Director for the NYU Langone Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry residency in Tucson.

**Topic:** El Rio’s integration of oral health into a Teaching Health Center consortium.

Tara Plese is the Chief External Affairs Officer with the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC). As an advocate for Community Health Centers in Arizona, she works closely with public policy makers and government agencies at the state and federal level to ensure access to quality, affordable primary health care. Her role includes directing government and media relations for the Primary Care Association and its members. Also collaborates with state and federal healthcare advocates on key healthcare and human services issues. In Arizona, there are 23 Federally Qualified Health Centers with 179 sites throughout the State. Collectively, they serve over 774,131 Arizonans. Community Health Centers serve over 30 million people nationwide. Tara serves on a variety of boards and committees for health care, including the AHCCCS Policy Committee, the Asian Pacific Community in Action (APCA) board of directors, and the National Association for Community Health Centers (NACHC) Rural Health Committee and Legislative Committee. She served on the Medicaid Advisory Committee for fourteen years and served two terms on the National Alliance for Community Health Centers (NACHC) Board of Directors. Award recognitions include the AZ Family Health Partnership advocacy award, The AZ Partnership for Immunizations (TAPI) advocate of the year award, the Senator Andy Nichols Award from AZPHA, the NACHC Betsey K. Cook Grassroots MVP award and the NACHC Henry Fiumelli Patient Advocate of the Year award. She graduated from ASU with a bachelors’ degree in Political Science and a Master’s degree in Public Administration.

**Topic:** Legislative Update on Teaching Health Centers GME

Val Wangler, MD, FAAFP, is a family physician and VP for Medical Education at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services (RMCHCS). Dr. Wangler is the founding Program Director for RMCHCS’s Family Medicine Residency Program which enrolled its first class of interns in July, 2021 with a goal of training physicians to care for the Four Corners’ rural and Native American communities. Dr. Wangler also serves as Regional Assistant Dean for Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine and was previously Chief Medical Officer at RMCHCS after working for the Indian Health Service’s comprehensive health facility in the Pueblo of Zuni.

**Topic – Innovative Indian Health Service and Community-based Teaching Health Centers in New Mexico – Gallup, Shiprock Models.**
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