Az CRH Highlights

THANK YOU for attending the 46th Arizona Annual Rural Health Conference!

Thanks to all for your attendance, active participation, and assistance in making the 46th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference a great success! This year, we had 218 attendees including 30 exhibitors. Thanks again to our sponsors, AzAHEC, Arizona Complete Health, AzCHOW, and the Arizona Rural Health Association.

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Prescription for Change Opioid Conference - August 24
The Practice Innovation Institute invites Arizona’s prescribers to attend this conference at no cost. In addition to a great agenda of speakers, the conference will have over 15 organizations present to provide information on resources available to assist with battling the opioid crisis.

Arizona Telemedicine Policy Symposium - September 23

The Arizona Telemedicine Policy Symposium offers a schedule packed with national and state telehealth and healthcare policy experts. This symposium is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the telehealth policy landscape in Arizona.

Save the Date! Way Out West EMS Conference, Oct. 24 & 25

Due to limited availability on rooms, reserve your room early to get Conference Rate of $119.00/night plus tax. Deadline for Conference Rate is Oct. 9, 2019.

Call (928) 856-7541 or (855) 946-8946 for reservations.

Please reference: Booking ID#: 6443 Way Out West EMS Conference.

Registration brochures will be available soon!.
Aug 09, 2019: Mobile Telehealth Units and Care Coordinators Improve Emergency Care Services for Rural Arizona Patients
Jul 30, 2019: Rural hospital masters what many large hospitals have not told
Jul 26, 2019: Lack of broadband puts tribal, rural areas ‘in jeopardy,’ lawmakers told
Jul 16, 2019: Arizona’s 54th State Legislative Session: Initiatives that impact clinicians and their patients
Jul 10, 2019: Extra costs, health risks for pregnant women in maternity deserts
Jul 10, 2019: New Navajo Nation cancer center cuts patients' travel time
Jul 10, 2019: With Rural Health Care Stretched Thin, More Patients Turn To Telehealth
Jul 01, 2019: Dan Derksen, MD named acting of Arizona Health Education Centers (AzAHEC)

Aug 15 2019: Webinar: Learn how you can build a campaign to advance behavior change for social good
Aug 24 2019: Prescription for Change Opioid Conference
Aug 29 2019: Entrenamiento Comunitario sobre la Prevención de Muertes por Sobredosis y el Uso de Naloxona.
Sep 18 2019: Greenlee County/Morenci Community Overdose Prevention Training
Sep 23 2019: 3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference
Sep 23 2019: Arizona Telemedicine Policy Symposium
Sep 25 2019: ACEs, Trauma and Substance Exposure: Standards of Care for Infants and Toddlers
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Connecting Kids to Coverage: Outreach to AI/AN Children – Letters of Intent
August 19. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will make 8-10 awards of up to $750,000 each to increase the enrollment and retention of eligible American Indian and Alaska Native children in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. Eligible entities include tribes and tribal organizations operating a health program under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Indian Health Service providers. To find full application instructions on the link above: 1) click on the package tab, 2) select preview the opportunity package, and 3) click on the button that says download instructions. A letter of intent, required for all applicants, is due on August 19. The deadline for applications is September 16.

Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts Request for Proposals – Letters of Intent August 25. The Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE), founded in 2018, is a non-profit organization solely focused on the opioid epidemic. FORE is interested in projects from underserved communities that address barriers to treatment for certain populations, including rural, and increase access to care. Proposals from state or local governments and 501(c)(3) charitable organizations must present the scope of specific projects that may include, for example, expanding the use of telehealth in rural settings or working with the criminal justice system for incarcerated or post-release individuals.

Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program – October 28. The Health Resources and Services Administration will invest approximately $1.8 million to support up to eight organizations located in the high-impact states cited in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). Eligible organizations within these states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming – include National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers, Department of Veterans’ Affairs hospitals or medical centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), community health centers, and agencies of any state or local government. Grantees for this program will screen individuals for cancer and other radiogenic diseases, provide referrals for medical treatment of individuals screened, and facilitate documentation of claims for the RECA program.

Rural Health Network Development Program
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 healthcare services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Nov 25, 2019
Sponsors: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Policies for Action: Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Policy and Law Research**
Grants to support researchers from multiple disciplines to better understand and find solutions that will promote health equity and foster action on policies and laws that ensure all people in America can attain and preserve good health and well-being.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Letter of Intent (Required): Oct 2, 2019
Application Deadline: Jan 2, 2020
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Strong Systems, Stronger Communities: Strengthening Tribal Public Health Systems**
Funding and technical assistance for projects designed to build the public health capacity of Tribes.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Sep 20, 2019
Sponsors: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Indian Health Board

**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard Updated.** Last year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) created a scorecard to improve public transparency and accountability of two state-based programs, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and recently added new data. The Scorecard reports measures on State Health System Performance (i.e. postpartum care and follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness), State Administrative Accountability (i.e., days to get information on State Plan Amendments), and Federal Administrative Accountability (i.e., time to approve waiver requests) with the intent of driving improvement in beneficiary outcomes and administration of the
programs. Medicaid is an important source of health coverage for rural populations covering about a quarter of nonelderly rural individuals.

**Local Health Department Approaches to Opioid Use Prevention and Response: An Environmental Scan**
Summarizes the results of an environmental scan of 198 local health departments (LHDs) regarding their local opioid overdose prevention and response activities. Reports and compares statistics by the size of the population the LHD serves and governance. Discusses efforts and activities related to workforce, clinical and programmatic services, policy, communication, partnership, and data collection. Includes LHD stories from the field.
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Date: 07/2019
Type: Document
Sponsoring organization: National Association of County and City Health Officials

**CHNA Report**
Interactive tool for creating a customized county report for use in a community health needs assessment. Data indicators available cover demographics, socioeconomic factors, social determinants of health, healthcare access, health behaviors, and health outcomes.
Type: Website
Sponsoring organization: CARES Engagement Network
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