Lawndale Christian Health Center Expands - Opens New Clinic in Garfield Park

By Amanda Bratschie, Marketing & Communications Manager, Lawndale Christian Health Center

In January, Lawndale Christian Health Center (LCHC) celebrated the grand opening of their Breakthrough Clinic in East Garfield Park. In partnership with Breakthrough Urban Ministries, LCHC hosted a formal event in the new building, located at 3219 W. Carroll Ave., in Chicago, Illinois.

Breakthrough Urban Ministries cast a vision for their new FamilyPlex building years ago and invited Lawndale Christian Health Center to provide medical care as part of a bigger vision of holistic care for the community.

The new, state-of-the-art, Breakthrough Clinic is a 4,669 square foot clinic space that houses 10 exam rooms, an on site lab and counseling rooms offering behavioral health services. Similar to LCHC’s other satellite locations, the Clinic provides Family Medicine, Women’s Health, Prenatal Health, Pediatrics and Adult Health services for new and existing patients.

More than 500 community members crowded into the facility for the organization’s ribbon-cutting, including newly elected Governor Bruce Rauner, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, and U.S. Senator Richard Durbin.

Lawndale’s Breakthrough Clinic is their fourth satellite clinic, expanding access to quality health care in a community that is medically underserved. The new site will allow an additional 6,000 patients each year. As Jonathan Wildt, Chief Operating Officer of Lawndale recently stated, “We believe that physical wellness goes beyond the exam room. That’s why we’re excited to partner with Breakthrough by providing this resource of medical care in a building where so many other needs are being met.”

Lawndale Christian Health Center is a community-based nonprofit organization, founded in 1984 and dedicated to improving the health of Lawndale and the neighboring communities on Chicago’s West Side. LCHC provides quality primary care services without regard for a patient’s ability to pay and serves as a community resource for eliminating health disparities. For more information about LCHC, visit www.lawndale.org.
Established in 1982, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association is a nonprofit trade association of community health centers (CHCs) that proudly serves as Illinois’ sole primary care association. IPHCA is governed by an Assembly of Delegates composed of one director from each Organizational member of the Association.

The Illinois Primary Health Care Association strives to “improve the health status of medically underserved populations by fostering the provision of high-quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, coordinated, community-directed, culturally-sensitive, and linguistically-competent.” Ultimately, IPHCA works to increase access to high-quality, cost-effective primary health care services in urban and rural populations throughout the state, regardless of an individual’s ability to pay.

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The 2015 National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Policy & Issues (P&I) Forum is the best opportunity to hear the inside track about the impact of the November elections on community health centers. Learn what is at stake in the immediate future as health centers confront changes in Congress, a difficult budget environment, and an uncertain fiscal future. Health centers also face significant challenges operationally in the health care marketplace, where the way health care is financed, organized and delivered is quickly changing all over America.

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Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2015
IPHCA Reception
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Lillies Restaurant
2915 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Thursday, March 19, 2015
Advocating on Capitol Hill

Friday, March 20, 2015
Advocating on Capitol Hill

Visit www.nachc.com for more information and registration.
TCA Health, Inc. (TCA) is raising awareness through a new community-driven initiative that is seeking to eradicate a number of health disparities in the area. In 2012, TCA launched the Health and Wellness Collaborative, with grant funding from the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust, to develop and implement effective ways of addressing the far South Side’s health disparities. The goal of the Health and Wellness Collaborative, comprised of several local community organizations, social service agencies, concerned residents, schools, churches and other stakeholders, is to improve health outcomes for residents in their part of the city.

The Far South Side is a notorious food desert and many residents experience crippling food insecurity on a daily basis. Many residents, who unfortunately do not have access to a vehicle, have to trek several miles to reach the closest affordable grocery store that sells fresh fruits, vegetables and other healthy staples. Residents who live in Altgeld Gardens and Riverdale are stuck with patronizing establishments that sell processed junk food – known commodities that lead to various health ailments such as diabetes, obesity, heart disease and cancer.

In 2014, the Health and Wellness Collaborative conducted a walk ability study to assess the severity of food insecurity in the Altgeld-Riverdale area. With the assistance of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago’s Children, members of the Health and Wellness Collaborative and community residents discovered that the area was in need of a new food pantry to help distribute fresh sources of produce and other goods to residents.

In January, TCA’s Health & Wellness Collaborative, Peter Rock Church, and the Greater Chicago Food Depository celebrated the grand opening of a food pantry at Peter Rock Church. The Pantry is open to residents in Altgeld Gardens, Riverdale, Golden Gates, Pangea Apartments, Riverside Village Apartments and Concordia Apartments (zip codes 60628 and 60827).

To celebrate, more than 100 community residents, collaborators, church parishioners and community volunteers gathered from across the city of Chicago. During the ribbon cutting, the crowd erupted in cheers of excitement about the new food access point. Alderman Anthony Beale, representing the 9th ward, attended to offer congratulations to the collaborative members and community for a job well done.

The Food Pantry support team consists of three TCA outreach staff conducting intake, and 10 community volunteers assisting shoppers, distributing food, bagging groceries and assisting people with their shopping carts. A team from the Greater Chicago Food Depository provides technical and moral support.

The pantry, which aims to serve 100 families a month, will stock produce, meat, canned goods, and dairy, but the individual items will vary from month-to-month. All food will be free of cost to those who qualify to use the pantry. A critical component of this new food pantry is the provision of comprehensive nutrition and cooking workshops that will teach residents how to prepare healthy, satisfying dishes with food received from the pantry.

In addition, the Health & Wellness Collaborative will provide information on other food access points within the community, nutrition counseling and on-site health care coverage and enrollment. Those wishing to use the food pantry, should bring proof of residency that includes zip code, an Illinois ID, driver’s license, utility bill or other piece of mail will suffice.

Established in 1970 as a privately owned clinic, TCA became a federally qualified health center in 1991. Today, the health center provides continuous, comprehensive, high quality primary health care services and serves as a medical home for over 6,000 patients annually. TCA also operates two freestanding Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) sites and is the founder and lead agency of the Health and Wellness Collaborative of Chicago’s far south communities and suburbs. For more information about TCA, visit www.tcahealth.org.
Heartland Health Centers to Open Two Niles Township School Based Health Clinics

By Molly Bougearel, Vice President of Strategy & Development, Heartland Health Centers

Heartland Health Centers (HHC) is proud to announce that it will open two school-based health clinics in partnership with Niles Township High School District 219 at both Niles North and Niles West High Schools, thanks to a $1.3 million grant from the North Suburban Healthcare Foundation. HHC will begin to operate the clinics starting July 2015. Studies show that school health clinics improve student health, decrease absenteeism and lead to higher academic achievement.

“We are so grateful to the North Suburban Healthcare Foundation. Their grant allows us to make the necessary upgrades to establish two quality health clinics,” said Gwenn Rausch, Chief Executive Officer of Heartland Health Centers. “Through this grant, the foundation is making an investment that will bring critical health benefits to adolescents in Niles Township for years to come.”

HHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that currently serves 12 locations on Chicago’s north side. Last year, HHC provided more than 17,000 patients with a medical home where they could receive comprehensive primary care and mental health care services. The clinics at Niles Township Schools will mark HHC’s first suburban presence.

HHC will provide primary care to D219 students, including physical exams, school and sports physicals, immunizations, evaluation and treatment of injuries and illness, reproductive health care, chronic disease management, and weight management. It will also offer behavioral health services, including individual therapy, crisis evaluation and management, and family counseling. “This grant provides a huge benefit for our students,” said Jeff Greenspan, who serves on the D219 Board of Education and chairs its Facilities Committee. Greenspan is also a Board Member of the North Suburban Healthcare Foundation. “The clinics will provide quality primary care to our students where they are and when they need it. Children cannot learn effectively if they need basic medical care. Having clinics based right in our schools will ensure this need is being met.”

“We are proud to award this grant to a project that will be a lasting legacy of our foundation,” said Beverley Kroll, North Suburban Healthcare Foundation Board Chair. “One of our primary priorities is to support programs that promote improved access to quality healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured in our service area. These school-based health clinics will do exactly that, and they will be providing healthcare to young adults, the most underserved segment of the population.”

HHC will provide healthcare regardless of students’ families’ ability to pay. As an FQHC, HHC will provide service to any student as long as the parent has signed the required consent forms. The clinics are scheduled to open in July. This will allow HHC to provide physical exams and immunizations to students who need those services before they are allowed to enroll in school.

HHC is open to the entire community – the uninsured as well as those who have Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance. They offer free interpretation services in over 35 languages and ensure that care is provided in a culturally competent way.

For more information about Heartland Health Centers, visit www.heartlandhealthcenters.org.
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced recently that HHS is collaborating with a wide range of non-profit organizations and some of the nation’s largest tax preparers to ensure that the public understands how health care and their taxes intersect. These groups provide resources, advice, and assistance to tax filers across the country. Some are offering on-the-ground, in person support, while others are providing online tools and software to help guide people through the tax filing process.

Last year, 91% of taxpayers relied on software to do their taxes. This year many tax preparers and organizations updated their online tools to reflect the new Affordable Care Act requirements with the goal of helping consumers easily complete a timely and accurate tax return. Consumers can learn more about free tax assistance and filing options – including assistance in their community - by visiting www.IRS.gov/freefile.

“Every year, nonprofit organizations and tax preparers provide millions of Americans the assistance they need to file their returns and we are pleased to collaborate with them,” said Secretary Burwell. “When it comes to health care and taxes, the only change the vast majority of people will notice is the requirement to check a box to indicate that they had health insurance for all of 2014. The remaining taxpayers - about one-quarter – will take different steps. It is expected that 3 to 5% of taxpayers benefited from advance payments of tax credits to help lower the cost of their Marketplace premiums in 2014. Now that tax season is here, these individuals will need to reconcile those credits in order to ensure that they received the correct amount. It is expected that 10 to 20% of taxpayers were uninsured for all or part of 2014 and will claim an

IPHCA Welcomes New Oral Health Consultant
By Kathryn Peterson, Graphic Designer, IPHCA

IPHCA is pleased to welcome our new oral health consultant, John O’Malley. John will be supporting Illinois’ community health center dental programs through a recently funded DentaQuest Foundation grant. The grant will allow IPHCA to build on lessons learned through several years of participation in the Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net Initiative and become a leader in a new national oral-health learning collaborative for primary care associations.

Prior to IPHCA, John graduated the school practicum on the Safety Net Solutions team at the DentaQuest Institute. He is currently working to earn a degree in Sustainable Development from SIT Graduate Institute in Vermont and expects to receive his degree next year upon completion of his research into strategies for reducing broken-appointment rates in community dental clinics.

John grew up on Chicago’s North Shore and attended college at Illinois Wesleyan University. After leaving Illinois for two Peace Corps tours and graduate studies in New England, he is excited to return home to help improve the oral health system in Illinois. To discuss oral health matters, contact John at (312) 692-3038 or jomalley@iphca.org.
The popularity of loan repayment programs continues to grow as new clinicians graduate with more debt than ever before. The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) program is widely known and recognized as a great source for loan repayment funds. To receive an NHSC loan repayment award, clinicians are selected through a competitive application process.

**Award Amount & Contract Options**

NHSC loan repayment participants have a choice of service options for completing their contract. The most common contract is two-year full-time clinical practice. This will pay a provider $50,000 for an initial two years of full time, 40 hour per week, clinical service at a site with a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score of 14 or higher. Applicants working at sites with HPSA scores of 13 or lower are eligible to receive $30,000 for their two year, full time service. If an applicant does not have this much in debt, NHSC will pay off the remaining balance.

NHSC now also offers a two-year, half-time contract option in which NHSC will pay up to $25,000 for two years of half-time, 20 hour per week, clinical service to clinicians serving at an NHSC approved service site with a HPSA score of 14 or higher. Applicants working at an approved site with HPSA score of 13 or lower are eligible to receive up to $15,000 for an initial two years of half-time service. If an applicant does not have this much in debt, NHSC will pay off the remaining balance. HPSA score data as of January 1, 2015, will be used for award determination. NHSC loan repayment participants will have the ability to extend their contracts past the initial two-year contract agreement, one year at a time.

**Eligible Clinicians**

Eligible providers include: Physicians (M.D. and D.O.) in the following specialties: family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry and geriatrics; Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in the following specialties: family medicine, women’s health, adult medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, mental health and psychiatry; Certified Nurse Midwives; Behavioral Health providers including: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Professional Counselors, Health Service Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists; Dentists (D.M.D. and D.D.S.) practicing family, pediatric or geriatric dentistry; and, Dental Hygienists.

To be eligible for the program applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or US National, eligible to participate as a provider in the Medicare, Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs and; have a full, unrestricted license in the state they intend to practice. When applying for the program, clinicians must be working at their site or have a signed employment contract from an eligible site to be considered. Clinicians must be working at their chosen site by July 20, 2015. For a clinician working at more than one health center location, the provider must include all sites on their application. To receive the maximum funding allowed all sites the provider works at must be in a HPSA of 14 or higher. Details on hours per week required by provider type are listed in the program guidance.

**Approved Loans**

Loan repayment funds will be applied to the principle, interest and related expenses of outstanding government (federal, state, local) or commercial loans for undergraduate or graduate education. Loans for tuition, educational expenses and reasonable living expenses are covered. The loans must have been acquired prior to the NHSC loan repayment application being submitted. Additional information on loan coverage can be found in the NHSC Loan Repayment Program Application Guidance which can be found on the NHSC website http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/lrpapplicationguidance.pdf.

**NHSC Scholar to Loan Repayor**

Providers currently participating in the NHSC Scholarship program who plan to stay at their current site may transfer to the loan repayment program if their scholarship contract is ending by September 29, 2015. Scholars who plan to transfer to a new site must complete their scholarship application and be working at their newly approved site by July 20, 2015, to be eligible.

**Funding Preference**

NHSC reviews and awards loan repayment applications by descending HPSA score and based on other funding preferences identified by NHSC. Awards are given to the extent that funding is available. The HPSA score is evaluated based on the score of the site where the applicant will serve. If an applicant will serve at multiple NHSC-approved practice sites with differing HPSA scores, the lowest score will be used to determine the order in which the application will be reviewed.

The following preferences will be applied to qualified applicants: NHSC will give priority to applicants who have characteristics indicating a likelihood of continuing to practice in a HPSA once the service commitment is completed and/or who come from a disadvantaged background. Applicants from a disadvantaged background must submit certification from a school that he/she was identified as having a “disadvantaged background” based on environmental and/or economic factors or received a federal Exceptional Need Scholarship. NHSC will also assess the applicant’s experience in working with underserved populations, which can be demonstrated through past work, volunteer experiences and the applicant’s background.
Ten Confirmed Cases of Measles in Illinois

By Mark Clough, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, IPHCA

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) confirmed ten cases of measles in Illinois. A suburban Cook County resident became ill in mid-January, as well as eight babies at an Illinois daycare center were diagnosed with measles, prompting national daycare center chain KinderCare to require all staff members working with newborns to be vaccinated. An additional adult related to the KinderCare outbreak, who was not vaccinated, tested positive but was not a staff member.

“This case in Illinois is a reminder of the importance of immunizations,” said IDPH Director Nirav Shah. “With only 10 cases reported in Illinois over the past five years, many parents may not have experienced the severe illness that can be caused by measles. Immunizations are vital to protect not only each child, but the community as a whole.” The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), with assistance from IDPH, is conducting contact tracing and informing all potential contacts of their possible exposure.

“Measles is highly contagious and a person with no immunity can become infected simply by being in the same room with someone who has the disease,” said CCDPH Senior Public Health Medical Officer Dr. Rachel Rubin. “To eliminate the potential spread of the disease, it is imperative that we notify the public of any possible exposures to residents.”

In the United States, said Anne Schuchat, Director for the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that 1 in 12 children are not receiving their measles vaccines on time, making them vulnerable to contracting the disease and spreading it to other unvaccinated people. For 95% of children 19 to 35 months old it is recommended to receive the vaccine, while remaining children may not be able to receive the series due to a pre-existing health condition.

Measle Symptoms include:
- Fever of 101°F or higher
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red eyes with or without rash

If a person is experiencing these symptoms, call your local health department and your health care provider. Individuals should not go to a doctor’s office or an emergency room as they could infect others around them.

Measles can cause severe health complications: including pneumonia, encephalitis and death. Measles is transmitted by contact with an infected person through coughing or sneezing and can remain in the air and on surfaces up to two hours. Infected people are contagious from four days before their rash starts through four days afterwards.

Vaccination is highly effective at preventing measles infection and is required for all Illinois school children. At this time, there is no identified link between this measles case and the multi-state outbreak of measles associated with Disneyland. For more information about measles, visit http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/measles.

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HHS to Work with Non-profit Organizations & Tax Preparers to Help Consumers Understand the Intersection of Taxes & Health Care, continued from page 6.

exemption from the requirement to have coverage. A much smaller fraction of taxpayers, an estimated 2 to 4%, will pay a fee because they made a choice to not obtain coverage they could have afforded and are not eligible for an exemption.

The administration is committed to providing the information and tools tax filers need to understand the new requirements. HHS is working to make sure people know exemptions are available and is committed to ensuring that if someone qualifies, the process of receiving an exemption is simple and easy. Part of this outreach effort involves coordinating efforts with nonprofit organizations and tax preparers.

Across the country, tax preparers and nonprofit organizations are sharing important tax information with consumers. The statement made by Secretary Lew and Secretary Burwell regarding preparing for the upcoming tax season is available at http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2015pres/01/20150108a.html.

HPV Vaccine: Same Way, Same Day
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Did you know that the female Hispanic patients in your practice have a greater chance of developing cervical cancer later in life than non-Hispanic patients? United States Cancer Statistics on cancer incidence show Hispanic women have the highest rates of cervical cancer in the United States. Help reduce this disparity and protect your patients’ future health with HPV vaccination.

You are the key to cancer prevention. Research shows that an effective recommendation from a health care professional is crucial to a parent’s decision to get the HPV vaccine for their child. One way to make an effective recommendation is to recommend all routine adolescent vaccines—Tdap, meningococcal, and HPV—at the same time without singling out the HPV vaccine or presenting the vaccine as optional. If parents ask why HPV vaccination is needed, remind them that the HPV vaccine is for cancer prevention.

Prevention is easier than treatment. More than 4,000 women die of cervical cancer every year, even with screening and treatment. Over 27,000 men and women in the U.S. are diagnosed with a cancer caused by HPV every year—that’s a new case every 20 minutes. The HPV vaccine could prevent the majority of these cancers from ever developing, but only 57% of adolescent girls and 35% of adolescent boys have received the first dose, according to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In comparison, 86% of teens have received Tdap and 78% have received meningococcal vaccines.

Recommend the HPV vaccine the same way and the same day you recommend the Tdap and meningococcal conjugate vaccines. For example, start your vaccine discussion with the parents of preteen patients by saying: “Your child needs three shots today—meningococcal, HPV, and Tdap vaccines.”

For more information on having successful conversations with parents about HPV vaccination, and to learn how to answer common questions, download the CDC’s Tips and Timesavers fact sheet at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/YouAreTheKey. Patient education materials in Spanish are also available to download and print for the parents of your Hispanic patients.

If parents have concerns about paying for vaccines, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program may be able to assist. The VFC program provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, and/or American Indian or Alaska Native. Send parents to www.cdc.gov/Features/VFCprogram/ to learn more about the VFC program.

Receiving an Award
Awards are disbursed in the form of a lump sum payment and will be electronically issued to the participant approximately 90 days after the contract start date. Where the award amount is less than the maximum amount set forth in the program guidelines, the payment issued will be calculated to include interest accrued during the period between the contract start date and the disbursement of funds. All selected applicants will receive final notification of an award, including the obligation dates, no later than September 30, 2015. Applicants may receive notification of an award prior to this date via e-mail and must confirm through their NHSC electronic portal their acceptance of the award. From there, the contract will be processed. Applicants may choose to decline an award. NHSC shares examples of terminating a contract and default scenarios in the program guidance.

For additional questions on the NHSC loan repayment program please contact Ashley Colwell, acolwell@iphca.org or NHSC, gethelp@hrsa.gov or (800) 221-9393.

Reference
February is designated as American Heart Month to increase awareness and urge people to take care of their hearts. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women at the state and national levels. Community health centers (CHCs) can use this awareness month to reach out to more people and step-up efforts to reinforce heart health care messages (prevention, screening and management) among patients and their communities.

The following are some actions that CHCs can take in February:

- Host American Heart Month in your health center for patients and their family members to reemphasize the messages of the importance of adhering to medications, being physically active, healthy diet, limiting alcohol consumption and avoiding tobacco.
- Plan cooking demonstrations using heart healthy recipes. Families can be encouraged to make small changes, like using spices to season their food instead of salt.
- Partner with local fitness centers or community organizations in February and host a community event with screening for and education of cardiovascular risk factors.
- Host a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training event in your community. Urge local community members to learn CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED).

This month can also be used to create new strategies at the clinic setting to improve cardiovascular disease outcomes for your patients with a focus on health behaviors. Evidence-based approaches for the clinical setting to improve health behaviors (diet, physical activity, tobacco, body weight) and health factors (blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose) are highlighted in the American Heart Association 2014 document.

Some recommendations include:
- Setting specific, proximal goals with the patient, including a personalized plan (e.g., over the next three months, increase fish by one serving/week), and establishing self-monitoring of the goals for follow-up.
- Using motivational interviewing with patients resistant to or ambivalent to behavior change with a focus on setting goals to address one change at a time.
- Electronic medical records systems to help assess, track, and report on specific health behaviors and health factors, as well as to provide feedback and the latest guidelines to providers.
- Restructuring of practice goals and quality benchmarks to incorporate health behavior and health factor interventions and targets for both primary and secondary prevention.

In addition, some successful practices at the practice level were identified by National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) in support of Million Hearts® Campaign. Key findings are:
- Integration of non-physician staff to care teams to provide comprehensive cardiovascular care. Care team members can also identify gaps in present care by analyzing electronic health records (EHR) data or patient records and reach out to patients. Standing Orders can be created for some of the team members depending on the setting.
- An excellent example of patient-centered care has been cited where one setting assesses each patient for cardiovascular risk and gives them a heart attack projection, based on Framingham Risk Score and current behaviors, as a way to influence behavior change.
- Special efforts for high-risk patients by tracking through EHR and providing outreach.

The risk assessment tool mentioned above can be used to assess patients readiness of change and set specific goals.

Additional ideas on activities for the American Heart Month can be found in the toolkit for National Health Observances by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Having a multi-pronged approach to address cardiovascular health, extending from prevention to management, will help address and improve multiple uniform data system (UDS) clinical indicators in addition to working towards meeting the Million Hearts® goal of preventing 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. Health centers utilizing this opportunity of American Heart Month to further improve cardiovascular health can share the highlights of their events with us, which can be published and shared with member health centers.

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American Heart Month Time to Strengthen Cardiovascular Health of Patients & Community
By Manasi Jayaprakash, M.D., MPH, Public Health Intern, IPHCA
Through its Clinician Recruitment and Workforce Development Service, IPHCA provides complimentary recruitment and retention assistance to its member community health centers (CHCs) in Illinois and bordering states.

The IPHCA team is currently working to recruit for the following positions:

- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Dental Hygienists
- Dentists
- Family Practitioners
- Internists
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Medical Directors
- Medicine/Pediatric Physicians (Med/Peds)
- Nurse Practitioners
- OB/GYN
- Pediatricians
- Physician Assistants
- Psychiatrists/Child-Adolescent Psychiatry
- Psychologists

Clinicians interested in pursuing a career in a CHC should submit a CV to Ashley Colwell, recruitment specialist, at acolwell@iphca.org or fax to (217) 541-7310. IPHCA will send job descriptions and updates directly to you as new positions become available. For more information about IPHCA's Clinician Recruitment and Workforce Development, visit www.iphca.org or call (217) 541-7309.

Please note: These positions are in addition to those appearing below.

**Administrative Jobs**
- **Referral Coordinator**
  Chicago Family Health Center
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to cphillips@chicagofamilyhealth.org.

- **Patient Registration Clerk**
  Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to apply2work@sihf.org.

- **Enrollment Specialist**
  Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to info@chcsei.com.

**Executive Jobs**
- **Chief Operating Officer**
  Near North Health Service Corp.
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to ahall@nmh.org.

**Human Resources Jobs**
- **Human Resources Generalist**
  Community Nurse Health Center
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to careers@communitynurse.org.

**IT/EHR Jobs**
- **Director of Information Systems**
  Lawndale Christian Health Center
  Applicants must apply at https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=LCHC.

**Management Jobs**
- **Director of Quality Improvement**
  Community Health Partnership of Illinois
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to: bsacco@chpofil.org

- **Director of Planning**
  Lawndale Christian Health Center
  Applicants must apply at https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=LCHC.

- **Manager of Quality and Care Management**
  PrimeCare Community Health Inc.
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to renita.williams@primecarechi.org.

- **Grant Writer**
  Near North Health Service Corp.
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to ahall@nmh.org.

- **Development Specialist**
  TCA Health, Inc.
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to hr@tcahealth.org.

**Nursing Jobs**
- **Care Coordinator- RN**
  Chicago Family Health Center
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to cphillips@chicagofamilyhealth.org.

- **Staff Nurse**
  Community Nurse Health Center
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to careers@communitynurse.org.

**Patient Care Manager**
- **Community Care Manager**
  Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa, Inc.
  Please send resume and cover letter to info@chcsei.com.

**Other Clinical Jobs**
- **Behavioral Health Therapist**
  Chicago Family Health Center
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to cphillips@chicagofamilyhealth.org.

- **Healthy Start Case Manager, Bilingual**
  Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to apply2work@sihf.org.

- **Vision and Hearing Technician**
  VNA Health Care
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to hr@vnahealth.com or fax to 630-892-0262.

- **Dental Assistant**
  Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation
  All resumes and cover letters should be sent to apply2work@sihf.org.

- **Outreach and Enrollment Specialist**
  Lawndale Christian Health Center
  Applicants must apply at https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=LCHC.
Calendar

**February 25, 2015**
Employment Laws & Best Practices: Keeping your Organization in Compliance
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**April 8 & 10, 2015**
National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Summit
McLean, Virginia
For more information, visit www.medical-legalpartnership.org/join-movement/Summit.

**April 13 & 14, 2015**
Grants Management/Financial Training with BKD, LLP
IPHCA Institute for Learning
Springfield, Illinois
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**April 21, 2015**
Advocacy Training
IPHCA Institute for Learning
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**April 22, 2015**
Advocacy Day
Illinois State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois
For more information, visit www.iphca.org.