

Weekly Medical Directors Briefing

January 13 - 17, 2020

ACEs Aware, Request for Proposal Issued

A [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) was issued on December 20, 2019, for the [ACEs Aware Initiative](#), California's effort to screen, treat, and health the harmful effects of childhood trauma. The RFP supports the work of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) of the California Surgeon General to implement ACEs Aware.

Please visit the [ACEs Aware Learning & Engagement Opportunities](#) page for further updates. RFP applications are due on Monday, February 10, 2020, and should be sent in Microsoft Word format to info@acesaware.org. Please submit questions regarding the RFP to [this survey](#).

The ACEs Aware initiative is a first-in-the-nation statewide effort to screen children and adults for Adverse childhood Experiences (ACEs) in primary care, and to treat the impacts of toxic stress with trauma-informed care. ACEs Aware is built on the consensus of scientific evidence demonstrating that early detection and evidence-based intervention improves outcomes. The bold goal of this initiative is to reduce ACEs and toxic stress by half in one generation, and to launch a national movement to ensure everyone is ACEs Aware.

For more information, visit ACEsAware.org. Questions about the initiative may be sent to info@acesaware.org.

Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Grants Announced

The 2019 California Budget Act authorized \$140 million over three years to implement the Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program. Funded projects should aim to improve physical and behavioral health outcomes.

Primary Care and Prenatal Care Providers are encouraged to apply. ***FQHCs, RHCs, and IHS Providers are eligible to apply.***

DHCS recently announced some details about the types of projects that would be eligible, as well as an application and timelines. Proposals are due to Partnership Health of California by **January 21, 2020, at 5 p.m. PST**. This deadline is set by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Please submit applications to BHIgrants@PartnershipHP.org.

We want to assist you in making this deadline and ensuring a complete, deliberate application. If you would like us to review your application and/or provide you with assistance, please submit to us by Monday, January 13, 2020.

This is a one-time opportunity! Don't miss your chance to advance BHI in your setting!

Partnership HealthPlan of California's BHI Grant Resources:

- [Behavioral Health Integration Grants Information & Resources](#)
- [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) (Due 12/20/2019)
- [Proposition 56 Valued-Based](#)

- [BHI FAQ's](#)
- [Behavioral Health Integration Grants Webinar](#) (December 13, 2019)

California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Website Related Material:

- [DHCS – Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program](#)
- [BHI Incentive Program Overview Presentation Slides](#) (November 22, 2019)
- [Application](#) | [Accessible Alternative](#)
- [Project Selection Criteria](#)
- [Process Guide](#)

Have questions or concerns? Feel free to contact us by emailing BHIgrants@PartnershipHP.org.

BHI Project Grants Timeline		
Deliverable	Date	Completed
DHCS Releases the RFA	11/12/2019	✓
DHCS Provides Webinar	11/22/2019	✓
PHC Webinar with Interested Applicants	12/13/2019	✓
Notice of Intent to Apply due to PHC	12/20/2019 (preferred, not required)	✓
PHC Review Application or Assist with Application	01/13/2020	
BHI Applications due to PHC	01/21/2020 by 5 p.m. (required)	
PHC reviews applications and submits proposals to DHCS	02/18/2020	
DHCS reviews submission by PHC and announces results	03/18/2020	
BHI Projects Begin	04/01/2020	

Project ECHO™ Type 1 Diabetes

Access to endocrinologists for people with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is challenging for many people across the United States. Stanford University is looking for **primary care providers who give care to those with T1D to complete a survey and adult participants (age 18 and over) who have been diagnosed with T1D who only see an endocrinologist once a year or a primary care provider for T1D** needs to participate in a focus group. Adult participants may be asked to come to a one to two hour long focus group with about 5-9 other adults with T1D to discuss experiences in their diabetes care.

Inclusion Criteria:

- PCPs: Licensed Provider in the State of California
- Adults (18+) with T1D: T1D Diagnosis and not routinely seeing a specialist for their diabetes care

Exclusion Criteria:

- PCPs: N/A
- Adults (18+) with T1D: Not interest in participating

More Information: If you're interested in learning more about this study, please reach out to the project staff listed on the right. You may also visit Project ECHO's [website](#) for additional information.

PHC Educational Opportunities and Events

Provider Loan Repayment Program Webinar

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) and Physicians for a Healthy California, held a webinar covering the CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Program, on December 18, 2019.

Topics included:

- General Program Overview
- Year 2 funding cycle details
- Application submission and on-line portal guidance
- Review sample Personal Statement
- Question and Answer opportunity

Who Should Watch? All Physician Specialties (including Primary Care), Dentist, and staff responsible for recruitment and retention of providers (that want to learn more about the CalHealthCares loan repayment program).

Note: This Webinar is On Demand, meaning that it is open to watch at your availability.

[Watch the Webinar on YouTube](#)

[PHC's Provider Recruitment Program \(PRP\)](#)

Apply for CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Program, Starting January 13, 2020!

To answer questions about the application process, Physicians for a Healthy California is hosting several webinars so applicants may receive detailed information and get answers to their individual questions on the spot.

Click on a date below to register:

- [January 9, 2020, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.](#)
- [January 15, 2020, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.](#)
- [January 21, 2020, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.](#)
- [January 27, 2020, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.](#)
- [February 4, 2020, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Visit CalHealthCare.org for more information](#)

2020 Primary Care Provider Quality Improvement Program (PCP QIP) Kick-off Webinar

This webinar will review the measurement set for 2020. The 2020 timeline, important due dates, and review of payment methodology will also be shared.

Date: January 22, 2020

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Registration: [click here](#)

ABCs of Quality Improvement

At this free, all-day training, participants will be introduced to the Model for Improvement, learn how to develop aim statements, measures and PDSA cycles, and will learn how to use data for quality improvement.

Who should attend? QI clinical champions (providers and nurses), clinic managers, QI staff or project leads, and front and back office staff are encouraged to attend.

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country - Santa Rosa, CA

Registration: [click here](#)

Recommended Educational Opportunities Outside of PHC

Health Network, a Care Coordination Program for Mobile Patients

Patients leaving a health center's service area in the midst of treatment are often lost to follow-up. Many are unable to keep up their medications, which threatens their health. That's why hundreds of clinicians in health centers around the country turn to Health Network, a free service that assists health centers by providing individual case management to individuals with any ongoing health concerns who need to leave the service area.

This webinar will provide you with the essential information you need to begin using Health Network for your mobile patients. You will learn how to enroll a patient in Health Network, strategies for incorporating Health Network into your existing clinic systems, and the steps Health Network associates take to ensure continuity of care for your patients while keeping your clinic informed of patient outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand which patients are eligible for continuity of care services provided by Health network
- Be able to describe the benefits to patients enrolled in Health Network for continuity of care services.
- Be able to describe the documents needed to enroll a patient in Health Network.
- Understand the challenges to sustaining a continuity of care program for mobile patients.

In preparation for the discussion, please think about:

- What is your current loss to follow up rate?
- What do you think is causing loss to follow up?
- What are you currently doing to respond to loss to follow up?

Date: January 14, 2020

Time: 10 a.m. (PST)

Registration: [click here](#)

Strengthening Vaccine Confidence in Pediatric Practice

Vaccine hesitancy has led to decreased vaccination rates and increased incidence of vaccine preventable diseases across the world. This increased threat to public health has led the World Health Organization to declare vaccine hesitancy as one of the top 10 threats to public health worldwide. Decreased MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccination rates in certain areas of New York State also led to the largest measles outbreak the state has seen since the 1990's. Research has shown that there is often a disconnect between the perception providers have about parent hesitancy and their actual level of concern. A strong provider recommendation and proper communication techniques can help close this gap. This webcast will review the safety and efficacy of vaccines and discuss common parent concerns regarding vaccines, as well as the importance of a strong provider recommendation and basic techniques to address parent concerns.

After viewing the webcast, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the key concepts of vaccine hesitancy and vaccine safety and efficacy;
- Identify ways that providers can address parental concerns and hesitancies; and
- Indicate the key components of a strong presumptive recommendation

Target Audience: Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, community health workers and certified public health workers.

Date: January 16, 2020

Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. (ET)

More Information: [click here](#)

Registration: [click here](#)

ECHO Diabetes and Hypertension Series

In 2020, Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN) will continue its efforts to examine two related conditions, diabetes and hypertension, by offering a unique Spanish language only learning opportunity for community health workers (promotoras de salud), outreach workers, and case managers who work with diabetic patients within the Hispanic/Latinx populations, including migrant and immigrant workers and/or their families.

MCN will be accepting 30 individuals to participate in this nine-part series. Accepted individuals will receive MCN's latest diabetes resource before it is made available to the public. Individuals who previously participated in the ECHO series are welcome to apply. The deadline to [apply](#) is January 1, 2020.

Dates: Begins January 16, 2020 – March 26, 2020, Thursdays

Number of Sessions: 9

Time of each session: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

More Information: [click here](#) (website is in Spanish)

[Apply](#) (application is in Spanish)

Eating Disorders 101 - Prevention and Screening Webinar

The majority of those who struggle with Eating Disorders (EDs) never receive treatment, even though effective treatments for a range of eating disorders are well established ([National Institute of Mental Health](#)). There is a need to train primary care and behavioral health providers on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of eating disorders in children, adolescents, and young adults; and to appropriately screen, intervene and treat or refer patients to specialized care in an integrated setting.

This training series will be in collaboration with the National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED), an organization founded in 2018 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The goal of this webinar series is to increase health center capacity to detect and treat eating disorders and to increase public knowledge and awareness of these illnesses. This webinar series will address both adolescent and adult populations and address co-occurring diagnoses with eating disorders, mental health and substance use disorder.

Event Information & Registration: [Click Here](#)

Webinar 1: Introduction to Eating Disorders

Dates: January 23, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Webinar 2: The Role of Primary Care in Treating Eating Disorders

Date: February 2, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Webinar 3: The Role of Behavioral Health in Treating Eating Disorders

Date: February 2, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Webinar 4: Addressing Systemic Care Coordination between Health Plans

Date: February 2, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.