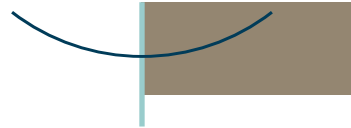

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CHC Digest



Greetings!

Our initial launch of the new “CHC Digest” was a huge success! The CHC Services team received fantastic feedback, and as promised, we took all of your suggestions and comments and applied them to this second issue, as applicable. We look forward to receiving more of these comments and improving our digest on a regular basis. Please also remember to email or call in with any questions you might have for the CHC Services staff, to possibly be included in future issues of the digest.

The IPHCA CHC Services team would like to thank you all for your support of our new digest!

Sincerely,
The IPHCA CHC Services Team

News & Notices

NHSC: Expanded Availability of Loan Repayment Awards

Up to \$145,000 is available in loan repayment for qualifying clinicians choosing a five year commitment to the NHSC. Shorter two year service awards for \$50,000 are also available. More than 80% of NHSC clinicians continue to work in underserved communities beyond their initial commitment, and 70% are still on the job five years later. Encourage your clinicians to apply today using the simplified online application at www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment. **Applications are being accepted NOW through July 29, 2010.**

IMHC, Inc: 9th Annual Indiana Conference on Cultural Competency for Behavioral Healthcare

Under the theme "*Beyond Cultural Competence; What's Next?*", the conference will seek to identify challenges in implementing strategies toward cultural competency, create awareness of benefits that accrue from being culturally competent, improve the quality of service and health outcomes through cultural competence, and enhance leadership involvement in cultural competence through leadership commitment.

To brace the conference our keynote speaker will be none-other- than the 16th Surgeon General of the United States, **David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D, FAAFP, FACPM, FACP**. The conference is to be held on **Thursday, April 29, 2010** in Indianapolis. Click here for the Save the Date: [CC Save The Date 2010.pdf](#)

InSOPHE and Ball State University Department of Psychology and Health Science are partnering to present *Health Literacy and Clear Communication*.

This workshop will address the link between health literacy and clear health communication; the design of low literacy community-based interventions; and community-based participatory research. Dr. Lorraine Wallace, the featured speaker, is an expert in the fields of health literacy and patient-physician communication. She is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine Knoxville.

This program will be held on **March 30, 2010** from 10 am to 4 pm at the Ball State University Alumni Center in Muncie. For the full brochure, click here: [2010 spring workshop1.25.2010.pdf](#)

Household Cleaners Effective Against H1N1

A *PLoS One* study, posted on the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy site on February 1, 2010 showed that common household cleaners like 1% bleach, 10% malt vinegar, and an all-purpose cleaner rapidly and completely inactivated a strain of seasonal H1N1 influenza. Also, antiviral and antibacterial wipes reduced virus infectivity. The authors conclude that, for pandemic H1N1, "The public does not need to source specialized cleaning products, but can rapidly disinfect potentially contaminated surfaces with agents readily available in most homes." Read more on the [CIDRAP website](#).

Especially for FQHC's

HRSA Announcement: Accreditation Initiative Technical Assistance Conference Call

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for grantee accreditation surveys under the Accreditation Initiative. Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2009-12, "Accreditation Initiative Update," provides guidance on the application process and requirements. Please visit the HRSA/BPHC web site at: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/policy/pal0912/> to access PAL 2009-12.

For more information about the Accreditation Initiative, please contact the Office of Quality and Data at 301-594-0818.

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2010 Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program

The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP) assists in the recruitment and retention of professional Registered Nurses (RNs) in facilities with a critical nursing shortage. NELRP encourages practice in these facilities by decreasing economic barriers associated with the rising cost of obtaining a nursing degree. The program offers RNs economic assistance through educational loan repayment in exchange for full-time service at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses. **Applications accepted until 5:30pm ET on March 4, 2010.**

- Click [this link](#) for the eligibility requirements.
- Applicants should visit www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing to find the **newly redesigned and easier to use Application and Program Guidance**.
- To find information on sites that qualify as Critical Shortage Facilities refer to the Application and Program Guidance (pages 6 and 7).
- For questions about the application call the HRSA Call Center at 1-800-221-9393.

CHC Program Updates

Emergency Preparedness

(Updates courtesy of Jenifer Nelson)

HSEEP Conference Call

In case you missed the February 10 Conference Call on HSEEP, you can find the presentation here:

http://www.indianapca.org/programs/emerg_news_events.html.

Upcoming IPHCA Emergency Management Events

March 10, 2010	Table Top Exercise (TTX): Earth-quake with Pipeline ruptures	1:00—3:30 EST Webinar
April 1, 2010	Red Cross Online Continuity of Operations Tool	12:30—1:00 EST Webinar
May 2010	Alternate Care Sites	Conference Call
June 2010	Redundant Communications Equipment and Tools	Webinar
July 2010	Community and Partnerships	Conference Call

*Contact Jenifer Nelson
for more information on
any of these upcoming
Emergency Preparedness
Trainings!*

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J-1 Waiver Update

(Updates courtesy of Natalie Brown)

As of February 9, 2010 there are only six (6) slots remaining for 2010 J-1 Waivers. **The application cycle will close August 1, 2010 or when all 30 slots are filled.** If you have a candidate you would like to be considered, please submit your J-1 application ASAP. For more information, contact Natalie Brown, Shortage Designations and National Health Service Corps Program Director, at (317) 630-0845 or nbrown@indianapca.org.

For questions regarding
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Upcoming IPHCA Events

For updated information please view IPHCA's Event Calendar at:

<http://www.indianapca.org/eventscalendar/index.html>

February

- * February 11, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing II"
- * February 25, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing III"

March

- * March 4, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing IV"
- * March 9, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Understanding Modifiers I (E/M)"
- * March 10, 2010: Table Top Exercise (TTX): Earthquake with Pipeline ruptures Webinar, 1:00—3:30 EST
 - * March 18, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing V"
- * March 23, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Understanding Modifiers II (Surgery)"
 - * March 25, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "E/M and Surgery Coding"
 - * March 30, 2010: Online Coding Seminar: "99211—The 'Do's' and 'Don'ts'"

April

- * April 1, 2010: Red Cross Continuation of Operations Plan Webinar, 12:30—1:00 EST