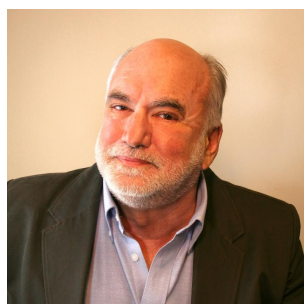




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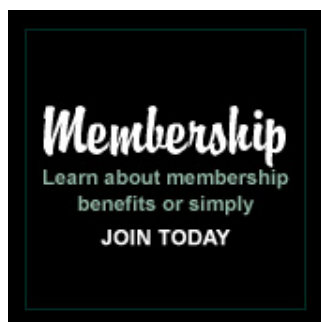
John Lozier, MSSW

Will Campbell was a renegade white Baptist preacher from South Mississippi who, in the 1950s and '60s, spread a gospel of unconditional love for everyone. In his brave, quirky, and memorable ways, Will moved freely among Klansmen and civil rights activists, academics and church folk, preaching a bluntly stated gospel of unconditional love that recognized our profound commonalities.

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## UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

### WEST COAST HEALTH & HOUSING TRAINING

Get ready for three days of professional development and networking opportunities as the National Health Care for the Homeless Council presents the 2013 West Coast Health & Housing Training, Wednesday - Friday, September 18 - 20, at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine, California.



The event will feature three half-day intensive sessions on HCH101, the Affordable Care Act, and medical respite care as well as two days full of workshops covering a variety of topics.

[REGISTER NOW](#) and [FIND OUT MORE.](#)

This event is jointly sponsored by the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

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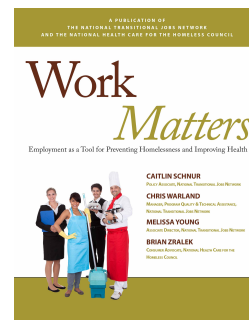
**SUBMIT A PROPOSAL**

The [Call for Proposals](#) for the [2014 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference](#), May 28 - 30, 2014, in New Orleans, is now open.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS**

**WORK MATTERS WITH NEW EMPLOYMENT GUIDE**

In collaboration with the National Transitional Jobs Network, the National Health Care for the Homeless Council has released [Work Matters](#), a new paper outlining the importance of employment as a tool in preventing and ending homelessness and improving health. The publication offers recommendations on how health care organizations can promote employment and discusses effective employment models for people experiencing homelessness and how those models can be integrated with asset-building strategies.



**SURVIVING SEVERE WEATHER: TOOLS TO PROMOTE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

This series of informational flyers offers tips for staying safe in severe weather and natural disasters for people who live outdoors. Information about how the National Health Care for the Homeless Council can help set up a severe weather dialogue or learning session in your community is also available. Visit our [Emergency Preparedness page](#) to learn more.

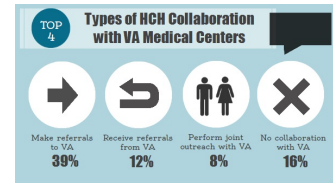


**RESEARCH UPDATE**

**NEW QUICK GUIDE ON VETERANS**

["HCH-VA Collaboration Quick Guide: Joining Forces to Coordinate Care for Unstably Housed Veterans"](#) seeks to assist HCH grantees with their efforts to establish and strengthen collaborations with local Veterans Affairs Medical Centers

(VAMCs). Many HCH grantees are already collaborating with VAMCs to coordinate care for veterans and utilize the wealth of services, benefits, and expertise available from VAMCs, but there is room for improvement in these partnerships.



### NEW DIABETES TREATMENT GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

The HCH Clinicians' Network recently published the 2013 edition of [Adapting Your Practice: Treatment and Recommendations for Patients Who Are Homeless with Diabetes Mellitus](#). Special thanks to Clinicians' Network members Aaron Kalinowski, MD, MPH; Tracy Tinker, RN, MSN, CDE; and Barbara Wismer, MD, MPH; for revising and updating the previous guidelines to create this new edition. The guidelines will be submitted to the National Guidelines Clearinghouse for inclusion on its website as well.

### ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Santa Clara Valley Health-Valley Homeless Clinic is one of the sites participating in the National Health Care for the Homeless Council's Health Care Innovation project titled Community Health Workers and HCH: A Partnership to Promote Primary Care. Since Kristine Quibilan joined the clinic as the community health worker, she has worked tirelessly to engage and connect clients with much needed services.



[READ MORE.](#)

### POLICY & ADVOCACY

#### NEW ENROLLMENT TOOLKIT AVAILABLE NOW

Check out the Council's new [Enrollment Toolkit](#)! Here you will find fact sheets, policy briefs, and other materials to help answer questions and provide guidance to those working in Medicaid expansion states and non-expansion states. The Council maintains a wide range of documents designed to help you understand and implement the coming changes as a result of the ACA, including a page dedicated to [government publications](#), a [library of materials](#) from other respected partners, and a section with [resources for non-Medicaid](#)

## expansion states.

### **CONGRESS LEAVES TOWN WITH NUMEROUS ISSUES UNRESOLVED**

Congress is currently on its five-week August recess with senators and representatives attending events and meetings in their home districts and will return to DC on September 9. Numerous unresolved issues will be waiting for them, including reauthorizing the SNAP program (food stamps), addressing immigration reform, funding the government, and tackling the budget cuts known as the sequester. Sign up for the [Mobilizer](#) and stay tuned for more information on these pressing issues.



### **HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS DAY?**

HCH Day was on August 14, providing HCH projects an opportunity to highlight their accomplishments and describe to the public the need for HCH services. Now that HCH Day has passed, we want to hear from you! How many people attended your event? What did you do differently this year? Did any elected officials attend your event? What did you do to inform people about Medicaid enrollment or to advocate for Medicaid expansion in your state? Please send a brief description of your HCH Day festivities, any promotional materials you used, links to media coverage, and any photographs to [Brian Zralek](#), Consumer Advocate at the National HCH Council. These materials will help us continue to promote the vital role of the HCH model of care in ending homelessness and improving health throughout the country.

### **NEW FROM HHS**

HHS has released new materials related to consumer assistance in applying for health insurance. The [final regulations](#) for navigators and other assistance personnel were published on July 17 along with [further guidance](#) and a [fact sheet](#) that describes the different roles available to assist consumers.

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