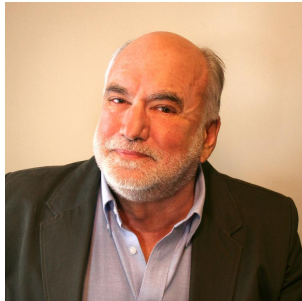




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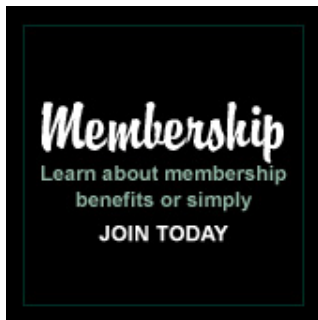
John Lozier, MSSW

Late in May, several National HCH Council staff members participated in Nashville's Registry Week for the 100,000 Homes Campaign. During the wee hours of several mornings, they interviewed people living on the streets, focusing on the health conditions that might make them particularly vulnerable. Members of our research staff helped to handle the data on some of the 469 people who were interviewed.

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UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

MIDWEST HEALTH & HOUSING TRAINING

Join us in the Windy City as the National Health Care for the Homeless Council presents its 2013 Midwest Health & Housing Training, Monday - Tuesday, July 15 & 16, at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.



Workshops include these highlights:

- The Nuts and Bolts of Health Reform: An Overview of the Key Components Important to the HCH Community
- Integrating Sexual Health as a Vital Sign for Improved Patient Health and Patient Engagement
- Housing and Health Care: Integrating and Capitalizing on Existing Resources and Partnerships

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RESEARCH UPDATE**CHRONIC PAIN RESEARCH GRANT SUBMITTED TO PCORI**

On April 15, the National HCH Council submitted a grant application to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to explore the pain and quality of life outcomes of group cognitive behavioral therapy with patients who are homeless and experiencing chronic pain. If funded, Molly Meinbresse (National HCH Council) and Joseph Schumacher (University of Alabama at Birmingham) will be co-principal investigators and two members of the HCH Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) - Health Care for the Homeless, Inc., in Baltimore and Central City Concern in Portland, Oregon - will be the intervention sites. The National HCH Council would like to thank everyone who helped develop the application. Awards will be announced in August or September 2013. For more information about the proposed study or the HCH PBRN, please contact [Molly Meinbresse](#).

**ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT**

Lincoln Community Health Center's Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic in Durham, North Carolina is one of the sites participating in the National Health Care for the Homeless Council's Health Care Innovation project, Community Health Workers and HCH: A Partnership to Promote Primary Care.

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**IN FOCUS ON RURAL HOMELESSNESS**

The June issue of *In Focus* provides a synthesis of recent literature on rural homelessness. Homelessness is often conceptualized as an urban issue, which is reflected by the dearth of research on homelessness in rural areas. In reality, homelessness is pervasive in rural communities



due to high rates of poverty, unemployment, or underemployment, lack of affordable housing, and geographic isolation.

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POLICY & ADVOCACY

ACA EDUCATION, OUTREACH & ENROLLMENT EFFORTS INTENSIFY AS SUMMER BEGINS

The federal government and community-based organizations like the National HCH Council and HCH projects nationwide are beginning to implement education and outreach programs to enroll eligible individuals into new health insurance options made available through the ACA. These programs include Navigator grants, other types of application assistance, and grants distributed through the Bureau of Primary Health Care. Please check out the Council's new



[Enrollment Policy Brief](#) and [contact the Council](#) for technical assistance or additional resources to make sure the HCH community is part of this effort!

AS MANY STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS END, OVER HALF OF THE STATES HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDICAID EXPANSION IN 2014

The Supreme Court decision *N.F.I.B. v. Sebelius* effective made Medicaid expansion under the ACA optional for states. More than half have failed to accept Medicaid expansion dollars for 2014, leaving millions of impoverished families and individuals without affordable health coverage options. HCH projects in non-expansion states should communicate with their patients about what health insurance options they are or are not eligible for to avoid confusion and disappointment as open enrollment starting October 1, 2013, approaches.



HCH CLINICIANS' NETWORK NEWS

ADDICTION MEDICINE WORKGROUP NEEDS YOUR QUESTIONS

The Clinicians' Network Steering Committee would like to hear from you. If you could ask a group of experts about using medication to treat heroin or pain medication addiction among individuals experiencing homelessness, what questions would you ask?



The addiction medicine workgroup is developing a product to respond to the needs of the field and would like to hear about your experiences and need for guidance. Send your questions to [Juli Hishida](#), and feel free to forward this request to your colleagues.

NATIONAL CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

VALARIE DOWELL TRANSITIONS FROM NCAB

The leaders of the National Consumer Advisory Board have counted Valarie Dowell, regional representative for HRSA Regions 5 and 7, among their ranks for the past year and a half. Now, Valarie is signing off so she can concentrate her passions more at home in Cincinnati. As a representative for NCAB, Valarie has assisted with trainings, webinars, and other activities, demonstrating her willingness and steady confidence grounded in her story and her belief in the dignity and worth off all people.



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