

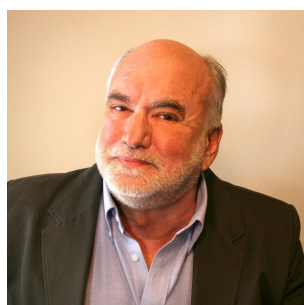
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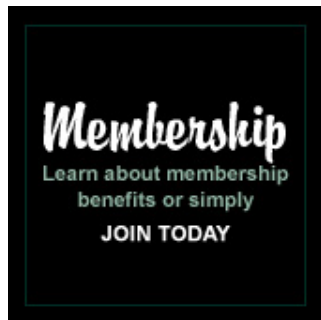
John Lozier, MSSW

This edition of *Council News* comes to you shortly after the federal government shutdown. Fortunately, HRSA-funded Health Center services were not interrupted for those sixteen days, due to the timing of grants and advance appropriations of Affordable Care Act funds. However, the event made it clear that millions of poor and vulnerable people rely for their survival on programs that were shut down, and that could be shut down again in January due to partisan wrangling.

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UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HOUSING TRAINING

Two days of professional development and networking opportunities are underway as the National Health Care for the Homeless Council presents the 2013 Southwest Health & Housing Training, October 28-29, at the Hyatt Regency in Houston.



The event features sessions on special population health, the Affordable Care Act, and trauma-informed care, and presentation materials will be posted to the Council's website after the training.

[FIND OUT MORE.](#)

This event is jointly sponsored by the Vanderbilt University

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School of Medicine and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

NCAB UPDATE**DECEMBER 21: HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY**

December 21st is the shortest day of the year and a time when communities across the country remember the passing of individuals who have experienced homelessness. Now is the time to plan for Homeless Persons Memorial Day. Find out how your organization can plan and host an event in your community by viewing this [webinar](#), produced in partnership with NCAB and the National Coalition for the Homeless.

**RESEARCH UPDATE****IN FOCUS: "AGING AND HOUSING INSTABILITY" - A QUARTERLY RESEARCH REVIEW**

The September issue of *In Focus* provides a synthesis of recent literature on homelessness among older (age 50-64) and elderly (age 65 and older) adults in the United States. Much of the recent literature and policy focus has been placed on the plight of unstably housed youth and families. However, strong demographic trends, economic insecurity, and lack of affordable senior living have contributed to increased housing instability among those over age 50. Differences in pathways into homelessness, health care utilization, and age-specific clinical issues necessitate further consideration of the graying homeless population and will be discussed in this publication.



[READ THE LATEST ISSUE.](#)

NEW RESOURCE GUIDE ON TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS**[Teaching Health Centers: A Resource Guide-- Academic & HCH Collaborations](#)**

The purpose of this resource guide is to assist Health Care for the Homeless grantees with their efforts to establish and strengthen collaborations with academic institutions, which include medical and allied health professional training schools. A large number of HCH grantees already collaborate with academic entities in providing education to students and residents; however, many are not accredited and/or do not receive additional funding for providing these educational

opportunities. This guide will provide the resources needed to assist in developing meaningful relationships with academic partners and information on how to seek accreditation as a Teaching Health Center (THC) to provide Graduate Medical Education (GME).



ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

The National HCH Council is pleased to highlight the staff of Duffy Health Center as one of the sites participating in the Council's Health Care Innovation project titled Community Health Workers and HCH: A Partnership to Promote Primary Care. As a result of CEO Heidi Nelson's interest and enthusiasm for the mission of this project, Duffy Health Center was one of the first programs to join the project. Since then, Duffy Health Center has hired two Community Health



Workers to help connect individuals who are overusing ED services and struggling with homelessness to primary care. Susan Childs and Christopher Parent, CHWs for Duffy Health Center, have worked tirelessly in their outreach efforts over the past several months and are now working one-on-one with clients to address the barriers they face in getting connected to care and resources. Recently, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Childs, and Mr. Parent were invited to speak about this project on a local television station in Cape Cod run by Cape Cod Community Media Center. The National HCH Council is proud to have Duffy Health Center as a partner in this project and continues to be impressed by the hard work and dedication of the CHWs and their supervisor, Pat Cawley, Director of Case Management & Integrated Services.

[WATCH THE INTERVIEW.](#)

POLICY & ADVOCACY

OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

The 25 states and DC that have opted to expand Medicaid to most low-income people earning at or below 138% FPL will see

tremendous activity over the next few months as we strive to outreach, enroll and connect our clients to a broader range of care than previously available on a widespread basis. For those in states who have yet to expand, please continue to engage in your state planning discussions about the benefits of Medicaid for you as non-profit organizations as well as for the health benefits your clients will experience.



NHCHC ENROLLMENT ACTIVITIES

Download a brief list of the activities, services and resources we have compiled that describe our policy goals, trainings, and materials (with hyperlinks).

LETTER FROM THE POLICY DIRECTOR

Read this statement about the potential of the Affordable Care Act to prevent and end homelessness.



SAMHSA HOUSING SUPPORT AND HOMELESS SERVICES - GETTING READY FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE TOOLKIT

This **30-minute webinar** is chock full of federal resources that can help educate the community about health reform and how to access the new marketplaces. The National HCH Council was one of several collaborating partners to help tailor the session.

NEW POLICY BRIEF RESOURCE

Consumer Involvement in Affordable Care Act Education and Outreach

WWW.NHCHC.ORG

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