



March 23, 2016 "Building Healthier Communities"

Executive Update

Jan Cartwright, Executive Director

Welcome to WYPCA's newly formatted newsletter. You will see our newsletter appearing quarterly in your email box along with bi-weekly updates under the same mast head. Our goal is to deliver high quality and timely information that will benefit all of the staff and board members of Wyoming Health Centers.

It seems like 2016 just began, but there is already much to review. The Wyoming State Legislature recently adjourned and the Policy and Issues Forum took place in Washington D.C. last week. Check the legislative report below.



For the May Annual Training Conference, the PCA staff is working on the draft agenda, which will be available later this week. I also hope that you and your staff will take advantage of a high quality training taking place in Utah in April – this level of training is usually that we have to fly many miles to reach. The New Uniform Guidance Training is in Salt Lake City April 26 – 27. I hope that many health center leaders, especially financial staff, and board members take advantage of a high quality training taking place in Utah in April. Training at this level usually requires Wyoming Health Centers to travel many miles to attend. Because the WYPCA feels so strongly that this will be beneficial to our members, we are providing free registration to the first ten attendees who register. There could be some additional travel scholarships if needed – if you contact me by March 28 at jan@wypca.org. See the additional information below.

Happy Spring,

Jan

Star of the Quarter



The WYPCA is proud to recognize the Health Center Marketplace Assisters (pictured here with hospital and Title 10 clinic assisters) as the 'Star of the Quarter'. They just wrapped up another successful Open Enrollment. This work can prove to be very challenging and we feel very fortunate to have this caliber of people guiding health center patients and others in their pursuit of obtaining affordable health coverage.

Pictured: Trisha Runningfisher of Crossroads Healthcare Clinic (Second from the left in the back row)
Sarah Rockwell of Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming (Directly in front of sign on the right)
Cynthia Lara of Sweetwater Health Center and Pharmacy (Second from the right in the front row)
Beth Skidmore of Community Action Partnership of Natrona County (Front row furthest to the right)
Alejandra Sanchez of HealthWorks (Directly right of the sign)
Crystal Chavez of HealthWorks (Second from the right of the sign)
Stacey Ferguson of HealthWorks (Third from the right of the sign)
*Not pictured- Jessica Lum of Heritage Health Center, Laura King of Ag Worker Health & Services, Samm Lemp of Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming (CHCCW)

Staff Updates



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Outreach and Enrollment- Open Enrollment closed February 1 with a total of 23,770 people enrolled. This number continues to grow in Wyoming in comparison to 21,092 in 2015 and 11,970 in 2014. Three health center assister programs used an online reporting form created by the WYPCA to track their efforts. Here's what the Health Centers, who reported

track their efforts. Here's what the Health Centers who reported accomplished:

- Submitted enrollment applications for 169 people
- Facilitated 13 Medicaid applications
- Answered the questions of 159 people

The WYPCA is very pleased and proud of this hard work. These three programs also tracked how many people fell into the infamous Medicaid Gap. An infographic illustrating this data can be found below at the end of this newsletter.

Something new this year is the Health Center award and nomination process. WYPCA would like to give our members the opportunity to nominate some of their star players to be recognized each year at our Annual Training Conference. The three award categories are Excellence in Health Center Leadership, Excellence in Health Center Care, and Excellence in Health Center Service. Use the button below to nominate a worthy candidate in your Health Center. Nomination deadline is April 15!



[Make a Nomination](#)

Annual Conference- This year's annual training conference will begin in Powell on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and close on Thursday, May 19, 2016 in Cody, Wyoming. PCA staff is working to bring you the most up to date information on topics including, recruitment and retention, quality improvement, and social determinants of health. Additional information, including the agenda, session information, speaker information, accommodations, and registration will be available soon.



Legislative Summary- The Wyoming Legislature began their work on February 8 for a short 20 day budget session. The Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) met much of December and January to work on the budget submitted by Governor Mead.

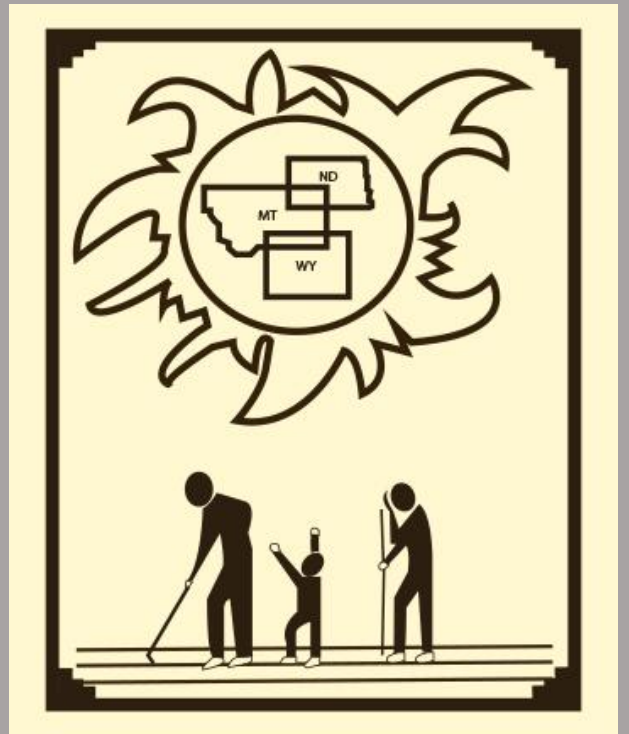
The biggest reason to watch the budget this year was that Governor Mead included the cost and cost savings of Medicaid Expansion in the budget. His support for expansion was not shared by many on the committee and expansion was amended out of the budget during the JAC's January debate in spite of the number of Wyoming people who fall into the coverage gap (see infographic below). Other attempts through the session to reinsert Medicaid

lographic below) Other attempts through the session to reinstate Medicaid into the budget prior to its being adopted were unsuccessful. One budget footnote did appropriate \$1 million to begin a build-out of a multi-payer, statewide health information exchange.

Other bills of interest were two bills that approved a Nurse Licensure Compact, allowing Wyoming to enter into a compact with other states to allow nurses and N-Ps licensed in one compact state to exercise a multistate licensure privilege in other states that are a party to the compact. A bill to clarify some tenants of involuntary care (Title 25) passed and included language that allows for a single point of responsibility for a gatekeeper, who is designated by the department of health in consultation with the county. The gatekeeper coordinates, monitors and oversees payments for the Title 25 patients. Unsuccessful bills of note was Rep. Sue Wilson's bill on "Healthcare Access Improvement Grants", a takeoff on the Primary Care Support Program and apalliative care bill that would have set up a Governor-appointed task force totalk about care for people with serious illnesses focused on relief fromsymptoms, physical and mental stress and pain management.

Special Populations- Ag Worker Health & Services is the new clinic to serve as Wyoming's Migrant Health Center. It located at 149 North Bent

Street in downtown Powell. Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Council Inc. oversees the program and recently received national recognition as a 'High Value Clinic' for the program in their home state. They recently hired Mary Freund FNP as their provider to begin services in late May. We are confident they will be able to replicate similar, successful results in Wyoming.



Guest Column

Expedited Partner Therapy
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Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) is a practice in which a patient with an STD infection (chlamydia or gonorrhea) is given additional medication to deliver to their partner(s) without a healthcare provider first examining the partner. The Centers for Disease Control and



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) have indicated that EPT is effective in decreasing the rate of chlamydia and

gonorrhea reinfection and reduce the spread of disease. ACOG indicates that the 12 month reinfection rate of young women is as high as 26%, most often due to an untreated male partner. ACOG also indicates that EPT decreases reinfection rates compared to partner referrals for testing and treatment.¹ The CDC has concluded that EPT should be an option for partner treatment.² Another report by CDC concludes that the practice of EPT is cost effective saving approximately \$200 per partner treated with EPT.³ Though CDC warns of potential adverse reactions from EPT, several states with long-term EPT programs have not reported any adverse events.⁴

The Wyoming Department of Health, Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) supports the use of EPT to treat sexual partners of those infected with STDs. The CDU can provide additional resources such as partner packs which includes medication, instructions in English or Spanish, and, prevention messaging to avoid future exposures. For more information, please contact Brittany Wardle (brittany.wardle@wyo.gov or 307-777-3562). For EPT and other STD treatment guidelines, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

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New as well as seasoned professionals* will benefit from this review of the administrative and cost principles/allocation sections of the *2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (also known as the “Uniform Guidance”).

The Wyoming Primary Care Association and the Association for Utah Community Health have partnered with Wipfli CPAs and Consultants and

Feldsman Tucker to bring this key training to the region at a discounted price.

COST: FREE! - use discount code **WYPCA100** for a full discount for each attendee (regular price: \$725) - **discount limited to the first 10 participants!**

**Participants can earn Continuing Professional Education credits (CPEs) at a rate of 7.0 credits per day or 14.0 credits total.*

Please visit <http://auch.org/> for more information or to register for this training.

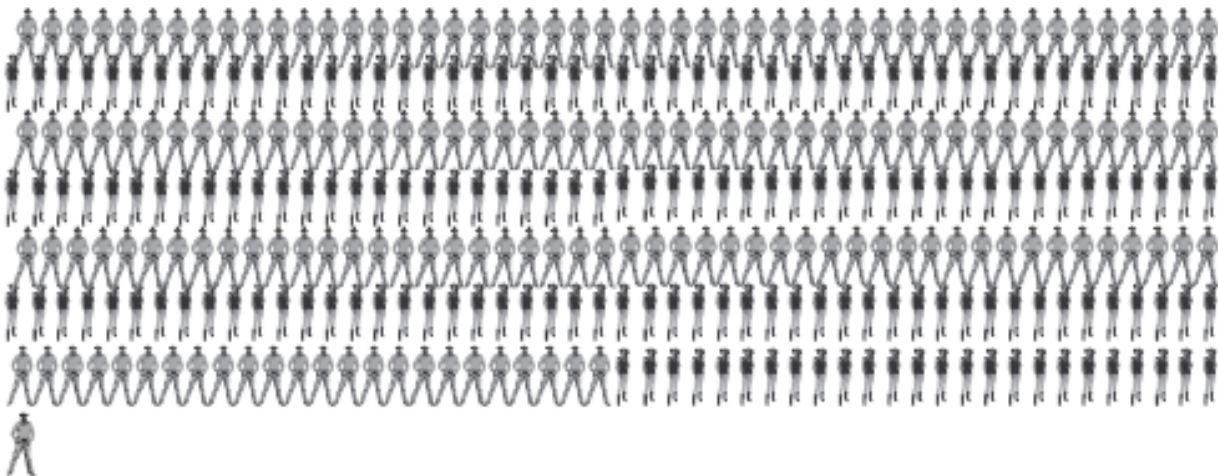
A Quick Look at Wyomingites Who Fall into "The Medicaid Gap"



3 health centers kept track of everyone who came in for assistance with health coverage during Open Enrollment



In total they saw 351 people about their health coverage options



Of those 351 people, 32 fell into the Medicaid Gap





This averages out to about 1 in 11 people who came in for help and left with no coverage at all



This information was collected through an online reporting form and analyzed by:

For more information on the WYPCA and health centers please visit www.wypca.org



The History Behind the Name: A Chuckline Rider was an early source of news for ranchers. It was an unemployed cowboy who would ride from ranch to ranch and exchange information for a meal.

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