**AMCHP 2017—KEY UPDATES**

**Invest in Your Professional Development by at AMCHP 2017**

The 2017 AMCHP Annual Conference is weeks away! Join 800 public health officials who share an interest in maternal and child health to exchange experiences, research and ideas! See the complete list of skills-building and workshop sessions, or browse the sessions by the specific tracks as well as course name, date, title, speaker or keyword. Start creating your list of must-see sessions today.

For additional information go here or contact Emma Hoover at amchpreg@conferencemanagers.com. We look forward to seeing you in Kansas City, Mo., on March 4-7!

**Share Your Heart and Talent**

Got an artistic talent that’s difficult to show on the job? Share it at AMCHP 2017! Attendees at this year’s Annual Conference are invited to stage a two-minute skit during a plenary session that deals with some aspect of maternal and child health. This is one way we are pursuing the 2017 theme of inclusivity and diversity as we open the stage to more voices from the field. The skit may take many forms, including song, poem, dialogue, comedy, game show, dramatic scene or dance. It may touch on any aspect of maternal and child health work — such as what it’s like to work in the field, partnerships, issues and challenges, success stories, etc. Send ideas to Board President Eileen Forlenza (Eileen.Forlenza@state.co.us), and we’ll work with you to make it happen!

**Join Our MCH Epidemiology Discussions**

AMCHP will host an MCH Epidemiology Roundtable discussion at the 2017 AMCHP Annual Conference for MCH staff to network with their epidemiologist peers and share their successes and challenges specific to epidemiology, data, analysis and assessments on March 6 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. CT. The roundtable is open to all MCH professionals, including those who may not have an epidemiology title or training but are tasked with epidemiologic responsibilities. Appetizers will be served. Please register in advance.

**LEGALISATIVE & POLICY CORNER**

**National MCH Policy Call Series**

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the February 2 national MCH policy call! A recording will soon be available and a link will be shared in the next Member Briefs. In the meantime, please join us for our next call on March 2 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET.

**Continued Uncertainty in Timing for Key Action**

Although Congress and the administration are keeping busy on many fronts, the timing for action on key items such as the budget and Affordable Care Act (ACA) repeal/replace efforts seem even more uncertain. While we were expecting to see an outline of the president’s budget by the end of February, reports emerged this week that the White House may forego this process altogether, especially in light of the fact that the nominee to head the Office of Management and Budget, Rep. Mick Mulvaney, hasn’t yet been confirmed, meaning that we may not see the president’s budget priorities until late April or May. Meanwhile, on the ACA repeal/replace
front, President Trump said in an interview over the weekend that it may not be until next year that a new health plan is rolled out, leaving greater confusion about the process moving forward on repeal. On one hand, there are a number of members of Congress who have indicated they will not vote for any repeal of the ACA without a simultaneous replacement plan whereas others are eager to move the repeal process along as quickly as possible. We will keep you updated if and when details become any clearer.

**Get Involved**

**Free Oral Health Video available for National Children’s Dental Health Month**

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month! To promote better oral health for pregnant women and children, the AMCHP Health Systems Transformation team created a short, consumer-facing animated video about the importance of accessing oral health care during pregnancy. This informative, high-quality tool can be a useful resource to help educate women about the safety and importance of going to the dentist while pregnant. If you are interested in a free customization of the video with your state/local logo and website, please contact Emily Eckert (eeckert@amchp.org or 202-266-2037), and remember to join the conversation on social media using #NCDHM.

**Engage Medicaid Patients**

The National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation will host a [webinar](#) on Feb. 10 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET. With the new presidential administration in place, there may be a new era of state-level flexibility in Medicaid. This webinar will identify obstacles to engaging Medicaid patients as well as success stories, with an eye on meeting the potential challenges of Medicaid reform.

**Leveraging Fund and Partnerships for Sustainability**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials will host the fourth webinar in the Public Health Breastfeeding Series on Feb. 22 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET. The presentation will address how local health departments and community-based organizations can amplify the impact and longevity of community breastfeeding promotion and support programs through skilful leveraging of funds and partnerships. In addition to an overview of the public health significance of leveraging to advance community health goals, participants will receive functional insight from front-line public health practitioners on their organizational experience leveraging finance and/or partnership to implement community breastfeeding projects.

**Support the Public Health Workforce**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is accepting applications for the [Disability Technical Assistance Program](#). The initiative is designed to support local health departments seeking to increase inclusivity and accessibility for people with disabilities in their programs, products and services. Through this program, NACCHO staff provides assistance on a variety of topics related to public health, including emergency preparedness planning and health-promoting programming. Applications must be received by Feb. 28. For additional questions or inquiries, please contact Sara Lyons.

**Apply for the Susan A. Hickman Research Award**

Postpartum Support International (PSI) is accepting applications for the [2017 Susan A. Hickman Research Award](#) until March 1. The award is given every year to an individual involved in a scholarly research project that contributes to the field of perinatal mental health. The recipient is selected by the PSI Research Committee. The 2017 award is $5,000, which includes a stipend to attend the 2017 PSI Conference in Philadelphia (July 14-15). Please note that each candidate must be a master’s, doctoral or post-doctoral student or research faculty member affiliated with an accredited institution of higher learning and be a member of PSI.

**Ask A Colleague**

CityMatCH is seeking responses from public health professionals on what local MCH programs are doing to address the Zika virus in urban communities. [Share your thoughts](#) about your health department’s successes and activities.
Health Systems Transformation in MCH

Interactive Title V and Medicaid/CHIP Worksheets
The Catalyst Center created two interactive worksheets for Title V program staff, family leaders and other stakeholders. The worksheets provide an overview of Title V, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Each worksheet includes resources to find and insert state-specific information to help demonstrate the importance of Title V, Medicaid and CHIP for children with special health care needs. The worksheets were created as companion materials to the Catalyst Center’s Public Insurance Programs and Children with Special Health Care Needs: A Tutorial on the Basics of Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Child and Adolescent Health

Student Reports on Bullying
The National Center for Education Statistics published a report that utilizes results from the 2015 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey. The data shows the relationship between bullying victimization and other variables of interest such as the reported presence of guns, drugs and alcohol at school; select-security measures; student criminal victimization; personal fear; avoidance behaviors; fighting and weapon-carrying at school.

Tobacco Product Use by Adults and Youth in the United States
The New England Journal of Medicine published a paper that includes initial data on adult and youth tobacco use from the Population Assessment on Tobacco and Health Study. The study found that 9 percent of youth reported using tobacco in the past 30 days, with cigarettes and e-cigarettes being the most common combination for youth.

Children’s Hospitals Photo Exhibit
The Children’s Hospital Association developed a photo exhibit, presented by Huggies, that celebrates children’s hospitals’ commitment to the health of all children. From healthy children to those who have rare and complex medical conditions, all children benefit from family-centered clinical care, highly trained pediatricians, revolutionary research and community health programs provided together and only in America’s children’s hospitals.

Care Planning for Children with Special Needs
In November 2016, the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health, in partnership with Family Voices and the Catalyst Center, hosted a webinar on care planning for children with special health care needs. The questions and answers from the webinar and related content, which includes an example of a shared plan of care and links to the webinars, are now available.

Dating Matters: Interactive Guide on Informing Policy
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the Dating Matters Guide to Informing Policy. One important component of a comprehensive approach to teen dating violence prevention is ensuring that the best available data, evidence and practice are included in policy development, implementation and evaluation. This resource provides a framework for evaluating teen dating violence prevention and related policies and synthesizing the information to inform policy.

Legislation & Policy in MCH

The Role of Title V in Developmental Screening
The National Academy for State Health Policy recently published a guidance on developmental/mental health
Autism Transition Research Project
Deadline: Feb 13, 2017
The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for the Autism Transition Research Project. ATRP supports the implementation and completion of programmatic research studies that examine factors associated with healthy life transitions among adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorder to adulthood. For more information, [click here](#).

23rd Annual Health Care Research Award
Deadline: Feb. 15
The National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation is accepting applications for the Health Care Research Award. This funding opportunity recognizes outstanding published work from researchers furthering innovation in health care financing, delivery and organization or the implementation of health care policy. For more information, [click here](#).

State Public Health Coordinating Center for Autism
Deadline: Feb. 17
The Health Resources and Services Administration is soliciting applications for the State Public Health Coordinating Center for Autism. The Coordinating Center will work closely with the recipients of the current Innovation in Care Integration for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities Program. Activities of the Coordinating Center will advance the efforts of state autism awardees and state public health agencies, including the Title V MCH and CYSHCN programs, to develop and sustain a state system of care to assure that children and youth with ASD/DD receive early and timely identification diagnosis, referral and treatment. For more information, [click here](#).

CSTE Funding Opportunity
Deadline: Feb. 20
The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists is issuing a funding opportunity for eligible jurisdictions currently funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PRAMS cooperative agreement to implement the 12-question marijuana and prescription drug supplement with the PRAMS survey. For more information, [click here](#).
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children and Youth Existing Geographic Service Areas
Deadline: Feb. 21
The Health Resources and Services Administration funding opportunity is to provide family-centered care in the outpatient or ambulatory care setting to low-income, uninsured, underinsured or underserved women (25 years and older) living with HIV; infants (up to 2 years of age) exposed to or living with HIV; children (ages 2 to 12) living with HIV; and youth (ages 13 to 24) living with HIV. For more information, click here.

Coordinating Center for Research to Promote the Health of Children with Birth Defects and People with Disabilities
Deadline: Feb. 22
This funding announcement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is for a cooperative agreement award to develop a Coordinating Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. The Coordinating Center will establish innovative partnerships with academic and other researchers to expand the scientific knowledge to promote the health and well-being of babies, children and adults by studying and addressing the causes of birth defects; help children reach their potential by understanding developmental disabilities; reduce complications of blood disorders; and improve the health of people living with disabilities. Contact Natalie Darling at ndh6@cdc.gov for more information, or click here.

Health Care Delivery System Innovations for Children with Medical Complexity
Deadline: Feb. 27
The Health Resources and Services Administration solicits applications for the 2017 Health Care Delivery System Innovations for Children with Medical Complexity (CMC) cooperative agreement. The purpose of this initiative is to develop and implement innovative care and payment models for children and youth with special health care needs using a Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN) approach. A CoIIN – made up of teams of CMC, pediatric primary and specialty care clinicians, leaders of integrated health care delivery systems and/or freestanding children’s hospitals, state Title V CYSHCN and Medicaid leaders, and other stakeholders from participating states – will work together to test strategies and build evidence for optimizing high-quality, cost-effective, family-centered care for CMC. For more information, click here.

Child Health Research Career Development Award Program
Deadline: Feb. 28 (Letter of Intent)
This funding opportunity from the National Institutes of Health invites applications for institutional research career development programs from organizations that propose to support mentored institutional career development programs for junior faculty investigators who have recently completed postgraduate clinical training in a subspecialty area of pediatrics and are committed to launching an independent research career. The program provides supervised research training to assist the transition into productive physician scientists. For more information, click here.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part C Capacity Development Program
Deadline: Feb. 28
The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part C Capacity Development Program to strengthen organizational infrastructure to respond to the changing health care landscape and to increase capacity to develop, enhance or expand access to high-quality HIV primary health care services for low-income, uninsured and underserved people living with HIV/AIDS. The funding opportunity provides one-time funds to build local capacity to support an activity that addresses a gap in the local HIV care continuum. For more information, click here.

Optimizing Family Support for Families of Children with or At-Risk for Congenital Zika Virus Infection
Deadline: March 2
The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for the Optimizing Family Support for Families of Children with or at-risk for Congenital Zika Virus (ZIKV) Infection program. This program provides information, education, technical assistance and support to U.S. territories and jurisdictions outside the continental U.S. with or at-risk for ZIKV and to professionals who serve such families, so they can effectively navigate the services and resources available to them. For more information, click here.
National Maternal and Child Center Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement
Deadline: March 6
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the National Maternal and Child Center Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement (COHSII) Cooperative Agreement. HRSA will award one prime-award recipient to lead a consortium of partners to work with local, state and national key stakeholders to improve existing systems of care in support of a quality improvement, patient-centered approach that addresses the comprehensive oral health needs of maternal and child health populations. The National Maternal and Child COHSII will serve as the central convener, coordinator and promoter of new knowledge and skills. For more information, click here.

Emergency Medical Services for Children Data Center
Deadline: March 10
The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for a cooperative agreement demonstration project with respect to an Emergency Medical Services Center Data Center to demonstrate the value of quality improvement strategies to support sustainability and integration of pediatric elements into state operations, as well as EMS- and hospital-based research along the continuum of acute emergency care. For more information, click here.

FY17 Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women: Office on Women Health Prevention Awards
Deadline: April 7, 2017
The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health is accepting application from public and private nonprofit entities to address the primary and/or secondary prevention of prescription and nonprescription opioid misuse by women across the lifespan by identifying underserved audiences and the potential gaps in the ability to reach these populations. For more information, click here.

AMCHP Events
AMCHP 2017 Annual Conference
March 4-7, 2017
Kansas City, Mo.

MCH Events
Kaleidoscope 2017 Nursing Conference
Feb. 27-28, 2017
Galveston, Texas

30th Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health
March 5-8, 2017
Tampa, Fla.

2017 Disability Policy Seminar
March 19-22, 2017
Washington, D.C.

2017 Quality and Safety in Children’s Health Conference
March 19-24, 2017
Orlando, Fla.

Society for Public Health Education 68th Annual Conference
March 30-April 1, 2017
Denver, Colo.

2017 Children’s Environmental Health Translational Research Conference: New Challenges
April 5-7, 2017
Arlington, Va.

2017 Conference on Adolescent Health
April 24-25, 2017
Ypsilanti, Mich.
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Preparedness Summit
April 25-28, 2017
Atlanta, Ga.

National Adolescent Sleep, Health and School Start Time Conference
April 27-28, 2017
Washington, D.C.

25th Anniversary Congress on Women’s Health
April 28-30, 2017
Washington, D.C.

United States Lactation Consultant Association Second Annual National Conference
May 4-6, 2017
San Antonio, Texas

2017 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference
June 4-8, 2017
Boise, Idaho

2017 Quality Rating Improvement System National Meeting
June 27-29, 2017
Dallas, Texas

2017 Family and Youth Services Bureau Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Conference
June 27-29, 2017
St. Louis, Mo.

Postpartum Support International Annual Conference
July 14-15, 2017

2017 CityMatCH MCH Leadership Conference and Healthy Start Convention
Sept. 18-20, 2017
Nashville, Tenn.

American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo
Nov. 4-8, 2017
Atlanta, Ga.