



Community Health Best Practices Announces Health Center Controlled Network Grant

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Community Health Best Practices, LLC (“CHBP”) is honored to announce receipt of a second health center controlled network (“HCCN”) grant award from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (“HHS”) Health Resources and Services Administration (“HRSA”).

Late last week, HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced more than \$36 million in funding for 50 Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCNs) in 41 states and Puerto Rico. This increase in health information technology support will impact over 1,020 participating health center organizations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

HCCNs improve access to care, enhance quality of care and achieve cost efficiencies through the redesign of practices to integrate services, optimize patient outcomes, or negotiate managed care contracts on behalf of participating health centers. The networks support health center participation in the Federal Health Information Technology Strategic Plan to:

- Adopt and implement certified electronic health record technology;
- Enhance comprehensive, integrated data collection, analysis, and reporting;
- Meet the requirements of the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Programs; and
- Improve clinical and operational quality, reduce health disparities, and improve population health through health information technology.

Since 2012, Community Health Best Practices, LLC , a national health center controlled network, has worked with strategic business partners and CHBP’s member health centers to develop innovative health information technology solutions designed to improve quality of care, enhance access to care in underserved communities and provide true value for health care payers and consumers. “Receipt of this latest HRSA grant award reflects the outstanding work being done by CHBP’s health centers to raise the bar on quality while being ever mindful that care must be affordable and accessible,” said CHBP’s Executive Director Don Daniel. “CHBP is thankful for HRSA’s ongoing support and we will continue our efforts to help achieve the admirable goals of the Federal HIT Strategic Plan.”

About Community Health Best Practices, LLC

Community Health Best Practices, LLC is a nonprofit network comprised of fourteen of the nation's leading community health centers. Our Members operate federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in Oregon, Washington, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Hawaii, Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts, and they provide comprehensive primary care and behavioral health services to all patients regardless of the patients' ability to pay for such services. Our Member's health centers annually provide care to more than 1 million individuals and perform approximately 5 million medical, dental and behavioral health encounters, a large percentage of which involve uninsured or underinsured patients.

Community Health Best Practices, LLC was formed for the purpose of supporting the nonprofit and community-focused missions of our Member organizations. The LLC carries out this purpose by:

- Procuring grant funds and donations to further the nonprofit missions of the LLC's member health centers;
- Developing and implementing collaborative purchasing programs designed to leverage the combined size and purchasing power of the LLC's Members in order to obtain favorable product and service pricing; and
- Seeking support for educational programs and activities designed to perpetuate evidence-based operational and clinical "best practices" within our Members' health centers.

Community Health Best Practices, LLC is a HRSA-funded health center controlled network (HCCN) actively engaged in implementing health information technology platforms that enable our health centers to optimize health outcomes for their patients while simultaneously enhancing our Members' ability to control costs and improve operational efficiency.