



Champion E-Correspondence

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This is an e-mail communication related to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma." It is designed to provide AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions with resources, as well as current clinical and other information. The Champion E-Correspondence is sent on a monthly basis. Feel free to share the Champion E-Correspondence with colleagues. Distribution information appears at the end of this newsletter.

Project Updates

- **Work Plans:** Chapter champions have been making substantial progress on their initiatives related to improving asthma care for patients within the medical home. If you have not already done so, [please submit a work plan \(new or updated\) to crajagopalan@aap.org](mailto:crajagopalan@aap.org) as soon as possible. A [template](#) and [ideas to get you started](#) are available online for those who do not yet have a written work plan.
- **Regional Conference Calls:** The fall 2012 MHCCPA Regional Conference calls have now been scheduled and they will occur in November. Please double check your calendars to be sure you have the date and time of your region's call on same!
 - **Districts I & II** (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT, USE) –
Wednesday, November 14 at 5pm Eastern/4pm Central
 - **Districts III & IV** (DE, DC, KY, MD, NC, NJ, PA, SC, TN, VA, WV) –
Wednesday, November 28 at 4:30pm Eastern/3:30pm Central
 - **Districts V & VI** (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI) –
Tuesday, November 13 at 1pm Eastern/12pm Central
 - **Districts VII & X** (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, PR, TX) –
Monday, November 26 at 2pm Eastern/1pm Central
 - **District VIII** (AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, USW)
To be confirmed by November 2
 - **District IX** (CA) –
Wednesday, November 21 at 11am Pacific/12pm Mountain

The purpose of these calls is to foster regional relationships and share information. We want to hear from you! We look forward to hearing about the successes and challenges you have faced in your asthma and medical home projects and how we can better support you in your role.

- **2013 MHCCPA Conference:** Save the date for the 2013 MHCCPA Conference! It will take place on **March 2-3, 2013** in Rosemont (Chicago area), IL. The AAP — through funding from The JPB Foundation — will cover travel expenses (flight, hotel, meals) for one champion from each chapter to attend the conference. Instructions for how to book travel, specific details regarding expenses that will be covered, and a formal invitation to the conference will be distributed in December.
- **Project Advisory Committee Meeting:** The MHCCPA Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be meeting on November 11, 2012 at the AAP Headquarters in Elk Grove Village, IL. The primary focus of this meeting will be on planning the 2013 MHCCPA Conference. We look forward to providing you with updates from the meeting on the November regional calls!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Webinar: Benefits of Implementing the Primary Care PCMH](#)
November 1
1:30pm Central
- ◆ [Election Day](#)
November 6
- ◆ [Webinar: The Impact of Personal Identity on Health Care Transitions for Young Adults](#)
November 7
1:00pm Central
- ◆ [Webinar: Patient-Centered Care — A Cross-Cultural Approach](#)
December 7
10:30am Central
- ◆ [National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#)
December 9-10
Orlando, FL
- ◆ [Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs \(AMCHP\) Annual Conference](#)
February 9-12
Washington, DC
- ◆ [American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology \(AAAAI\) Annual Meeting](#)
February 22-26
San Antonio, TX
- ◆ **2013 Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Conference**
March 2-3
Rosemont (Chicago area), IL



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MHCCPA Spotlight

MHCCPA Spotlight on Newest Member of the Project Advisory Committee: Karen VanLandeghem, MPH

We are very excited to welcome Karen VanLandeghem, MPH to the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Project Advisory Committee! Ms VanLandeghem will be serving as the parent representative to the PAC. She has over twenty years of experience in health and human service policy, program development, and government relations. Her expertise is in child and family systems, maternal and child health (MCH), public insurance coverage for children, early childhood, and adolescent health.

She has spent the majority of her career working at the national and state levels with children's health and education organizations. She has consulted with national, federal, and state entities to improve and advance policies, programs, and services that support women, children, and their families, particularly those who are low-income. Her clients have included the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#); [The David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#); [Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families](#); Health Resources and Services Administration as part of the [Child Health Insurance Research Initiative™ \(CHIRI™\)](#); [National Academy for State Health Policy](#); and the [National Governors Association](#).

Ms VanLandeghem received her Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan. She is currently a Senior Advisor to the [Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs' National Center for Health Reform Implementation](#) and she is on faculty at [Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health](#) and the [University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health](#). Ms VanLandeghem is the author of numerous reports and publications on child and family health policies and best practices.

Most importantly, Karen is the mom of a wonderful seven year old boy who has severe asthma. The consumer and parent perspective and her vast experience with maternal and child health policy and programs will be invaluable to the PAC and to the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma. Welcome, Karen!

Resources

Updated Flu Shot Guidelines

The AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases issued an updated [policy statement](#) and [implementation guidelines](#) for the 2012-2013 influenza season that recommend annual trivalent seasonal influenza immunization for all individuals 6 months of age and older, including all children, adolescents, and young adults. Children between 6 months and 8 years who have not received two or more doses of seasonal vaccines since July 1, 2010 should be given a second vaccine dose. The policy statement includes guidance on vaccine formulations, dosing, and administration, as well as current treatment guidance for antiviral medications. A flu vaccine finder is available at [Flu.gov](#).

Private Payer Information and Advocacy Resources Available on MyAAP

A recurring challenge that was mentioned during the August MHCCPA regional conference calls was the need for support in working with payers to address reimbursement issues. Over the past few years, the AAP has increased its advocacy efforts to address members' frustrations with both public and private payers. There are a number of resources available on the [Private Payer Advocacy](#) page of [MyAAP](#) (log-in required) that may be helpful to those of you working on related issues in your communities, chapters, and states. This [document](#) contains links to a number of national private payer's clinical guidelines, medical policies, coverage information, and payment and fee schedules. If you are interested in payment issues, consider reaching out to your chapter's [Pediatric Council](#) to see how you can get involved.

EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools

The EPA has a [web page](#) dedicated to assisting health care professionals who wish to play a role in improving indoor air quality (IAQ) for their patients, primarily at schools. The EPA urges health care professionals to work with schools to address environmental health issues for their patients and to be sure to provide a school copy of the [Asthma Action Plan](#) to each patient. The web page also offers a number of other resources: [An Introduction to Indoor Air Pollution for Health Professions](#); [IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit](#) and the accompanying [Health Professional's Checklist](#); and a [symptoms checker](#) for health problems commonly caused by poor IAQ.



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Reports

Aligning Health Information Technology and Delivery System Transformation Efforts

This [issue brief](#) from the [National Academy for State Health Policy](#) was developed after a meeting of national and state leaders who discussed the potential of technology to improve the health care system now and in the future. Some of the strategies to achieve alignment between HIT and delivery transformation include: develop an electronic, streamlined reporting and feedback structure; promote data as a public resource; create standard and simplified state metrics; engage multiple payers; and promote provider and consumer education and engagement. The four major challenges for reform identified by the leaders include: plan measurement and feedback; payment reform; care delivery innovation; and consumer engagement. The brief also includes success stories from states and recommended next steps for leaders in health care to optimize the use of HIT to improve the quality of care.

Core Principles & Values of Effective Team-Based Health Care

This [discussion paper](#) released by the [Institute of Medicine](#) identifies expectations for the various participants in the health care process (eg, health care professionals, patients, families) to accelerate inter-professional team-based care. The paper outlines a set of core principles for achieving effective team-based health care that can be measured, compared, learned, and replicated. These universal principles can be applied to nearly any health care setting to assist professionals, researchers, policy makers, administrators, and patients in their efforts to achieve high-value team-based health care.

Implementing a Care Coordination Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Partnering with Families and Providers

Care coordination is one of the core components of a medical home that has been strongly linked to improved quality of care. In this [study](#) at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), health care professionals from a variety of disciplines hosted focus groups with families to better understand the challenges they face and how the role of the care coordinator can best be designed to support patients and families. Based on the learnings from the family focus groups, the researchers developed a training program and created tools for care coordinators' day-to-day use. Services provided by the intervention group (the care coordinators who received the training and tools) resulted in 75% of families reporting that they were comfortable navigating the health care system independently. The successful spread of education and knowledge from the care coordinators to families allowed new patients and families to enroll in the program to receive the care coordination services.

In the News...

- [As CareFirst Tweaks the Medical Home, Doctors Flock and Costs Dip](#)
- [EHR Usage Leads to Better Quality Care](#)
- [Project Tests Patients' Reactions to Open Access to Medical Notes](#)
- [Mercy's Journey Toward Patient-Centered Medical Homes, Population Health](#)
- [Can Medical Homes Reduce Health Disparities?](#)
- [Asthma May Stand in the Way of Overcoming Obesity for Some Children](#)
- [EPA Awards \\$1.2 Million to Improve Indoor Air Quality in 32 State and Local Governments](#)
- [Higher Rates of Invasive Pneumococcal Disease Seen in Children with Asthma](#)
- [Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Recognizes States for Policies in Schools](#)

The AAP [Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma](#) staff provides this e-mail update to the Academy's Medical Home Chapter Champions, other interested AAP members, and staff. For additional information on medical home, visit the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation Web site](#). All comments and inquiries can be sent to Chelsea Rajagopalan at crjagopalan@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 4311. If you would like to unsubscribe to the Champions E-Correspondence, contact Chelsea Rajagopalan.