



Connecticut Women's Health Campaign October 2008 Newsletter



CWHC News



Save the Date! CWHC Legislative Preview and Brown Bag Lunch. **Wednesday, December 10, 12 noon.** AARP Conference Room, 21 Oak St. Hartford, CT.

Our own Lisa P. Sementilli, PCSW's Research and Policy Director and Co-Chair of the Connecticut Women's Health Campaign will be a featured speaker on the National Women's Law Center (NWLC)'s conference call on the health initiatives of women's commissions

and councils. The call is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm EST.** Join us on October 14 to connect with other commissions and councils across the country and learn more about the women's health initiatives taking place in Connecticut, New Mexico and Pennsylvania—and how you may be able to adapt some of their efforts. Register for the call now at: <http://action.nwlc.org/confcall>

Health Program Notes

Beginning January 2009, all over Connecticut, families in the HUSKY A/Medicaid program can opt out of managed care and choose an alternative known as Primary Care Case Management (PCCM), provided that primary care providers in their geographical area are have signed up with this new program.

PCCM allows doctors to coordinate and make decisions about needed health care, without the interference of an HMO or insurance company. Clients can ask their providers to call the Dept. of Social Services' Medical Director, Dr. Robert Zavoski, at (860) 424-5583, to sign up for the program.

Participating providers receive payment treating patients and the Primary Care Provider (PCP) also receives a fee to cover the care coordination. Note that OB/GYNs, APRNs, certified nurse-midwives and others can serve as

PCPs. For more information, visit <http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/pccm/index.htm>

The Charter Oak Health Insurance plan is reportedly delaying enrollment until January 2009 due to limited numbers of providers in the HMO networks. No official notice of this has been issued by Governor Rell. To stay tuned, visit <http://www.charter oakhealthplan.com/coh/site/default.asp>



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CWHC Member Survey Results

The CWHC polled our membership to ask their opinions on everything from where CWHC can have the most impact to 2009 priorities to personal health interests, and the results are in!

In terms of where the CWHC can have the most impact, the top three answers were state legislative activity, followed by providing a voice on women's health for the Connecticut congressional delegation, and public education about women's health issues. When asked what you or your organization can do to work with the CWHC to promote women's health and CWHC work, the majority answered they could

Women's Health Calendar

Showing and discussion of "When the Bough Breaks" was postponed. However, the MCH Advisory Committee meeting was held on October 2. The agenda included: new Medicaid Managed Care Council Subcommittee on Women's Health; First-Time Motherhood grant; the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality Action Learning Collaborative; the Teen Pregnancy Prevention workgroup and more. For more information, contact Marijane Carey at (203) 287-8953.

Upcoming Events

October 8, 2008 - Public Forum on Domestic Violence. Legislative Office Building, Hartford, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Sponsored by the CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence for 24/7 coverage of domestic violence services.

November 6, 2008 - The Permanent Commission on the Status Of Women's 35th Anniversary Gala. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. To register, visit <http://www.cga.ct.gov/PCSW/>



participate in meet ups with key state legislators or key state agency administrators.

Universal healthcare was the overwhelming choice for the CWHC's 2009 legislative priorities. Healthcare as it relates to economic security, and comprehensive sexuality education followed. Universal healthcare and healthcare as a human right were again the most popular answers when asked about topics of interest. Other topics of interest were racial and ethnic health disparities and gender specific research.

November 13, 2008 - CT Fearless Caregiver Conference. WoodWinds, 29 Schoolground Road, Branford, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. For more information, visit http://www.caregiver.com/fearlessconference/connecticut_08/index.htm

December 3, 2008 - The Third Annual Statewide Mental Health and Aging Conference Sponsored by the CT Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A). Legislative Office Building, Hartford, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. The purpose of this conference is to provide aging service providers, mental health specialists, health care practitioners, social workers, and other interested professionals the opportunity to expand their knowledge of aging and mental health issues and services. Registration will be available after October 6. Brochures available at your local Area Agency on Aging at (800) 994-9422.



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Women's Health Resources



Health Care and Long-Term Care Policy: Concerns Facing Older Women

A narrated slide tutorial provides an overview of health care coverage and cost challenges for women over age 65. Long-term care financing and older women's out-of-pocket health spending are

addressed. <http://www.kaiseredu.org/tutorials/elderly/player.html>

Other tutorials from Kaiser Family Foundation include: Reproductive Health Policy; Women's Health Policy: Coverage and Access to Care; Women and HIV in the U.S.: Tutorial; Women's Health Policy: The Basics; Emergency Contraception; HPV, Cervical Cancer and the New Vaccine: Issue Module.

Future CWHC Health Bulletins

The CWHC newsletter will be issued as needed during the off-session and once a month or more often as needed beginning the month after the start of Connecticut's legislative session. These bulletins will not be limited to legislative information, nor will they contain calls to action. If you would like to post an announcement about a publication, conference or other event, [please e-mail](#).

CWHC General Membership

Click on the links provided to see a list of existing CWHC members, and [our principles and a sign up sheet](#). CWHC will not ask members to sign on each year. If your organization is on the attached list, you are "grandmothered" into membership. If you wish to be a new member, please [fill out this form](#).

If you are an existing member that is no longer interested in membership, [please e-mail](#).

Trainings: Interpreting In Health & Community Settings

- October and November Training in Stamford, at CTE, Inc. The Community Agency for Greater Stamford, 34 Woodland Ave. Classes every Wednesday from 9:00 - 5:00 pm beginning October 22 for 5 weeks. Tuition assistance may be available through the Workforce Investment Act. Application deadline: October 17, 2008.

- November and December Training in New Haven: Adult Education Center, 580 Ella T Grasso Blvd. Every Friday, 9:00 - 5:00 pm for 5 weeks beginning November 8. Application deadline: October 16.

For more information and fees on both trainings, contact: Erika Zuniga, Language Service Coordinator at zuniga@easternctahec.org or (860) 455-3452, Eastern AHEC, Inc.

Health Fact Did you know?

Women comprise a large share of the long-term care population. Three quarters of nursing home residents and two-thirds of home health care users are women.

(Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Analysis of Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey Access to care file, 2006)



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