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Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates

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AGENDA

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- ☐ Loan Repayment Update
- ☐ BPHC REACH
- ☐ Funding and Program Updates
- ☐ Mark Your Calendar
- ☐ Q&A

On My Mind



**Healthcare
Quality Week**



Bureau of Health Workforce Loan Repayment Update

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Upcoming Loan Repayment Programs (LRP)

NHSC LRP	SUD Workforce LRP	RURAL COMMUNITY LRP	NURSE CORPS LRP
AWARDS UP TO	AWARDS UP TO	AWARDS UP TO	AWARDS UP TO
\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	60%
FOR A 2- YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT	FOR A 3- YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT	FOR A 3- YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT	OF TOTAL OUTSTANDING BALANCE FOR A 2-YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT

Opening fall 2021



NHSC LRP Applications Data (FY 2021)

Nearly 11K NHSC FQHC sites

- 29% of these sites had at least one submitted application
- 11% of applications from HPSA scores of 14 or lower
- Less than 12% increase in applications
- Less than 1% from dental applicants from HPSA scores below 12

Incomplete Applications

51% (600+ clinicians) FQHCs/Look-Alikes

15% (180+ clinicians) Community Mental Health Centers



Field Strength Numbers and Awards



FY20
\$500 M
NHSC/NC



FY21/22
+\$800 M
ARPA/NHSC



10K
NHSC/NC Awardees



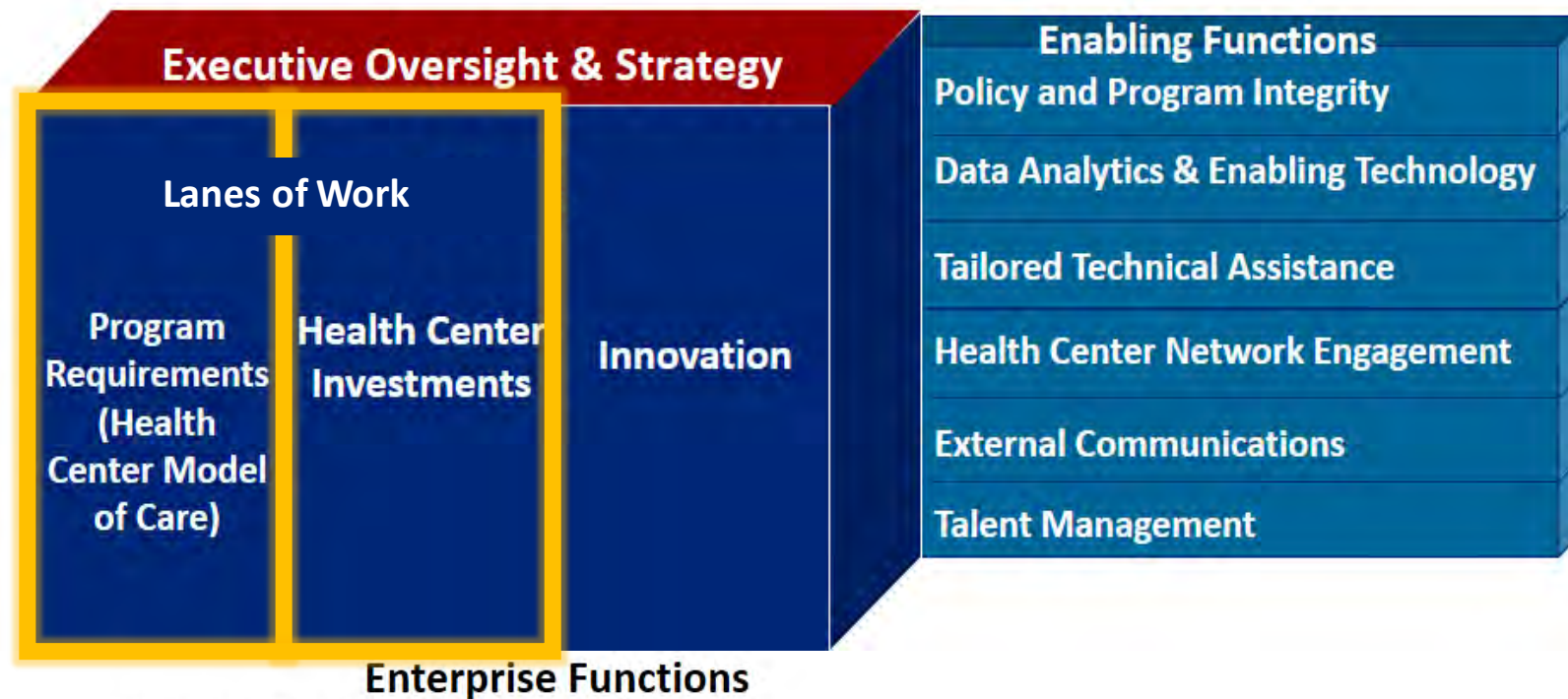
+\$200 M
ARPA/NC

[BHW.HRSA.GOV](https://www.bhw.hrsa.gov)

BPHC REACH



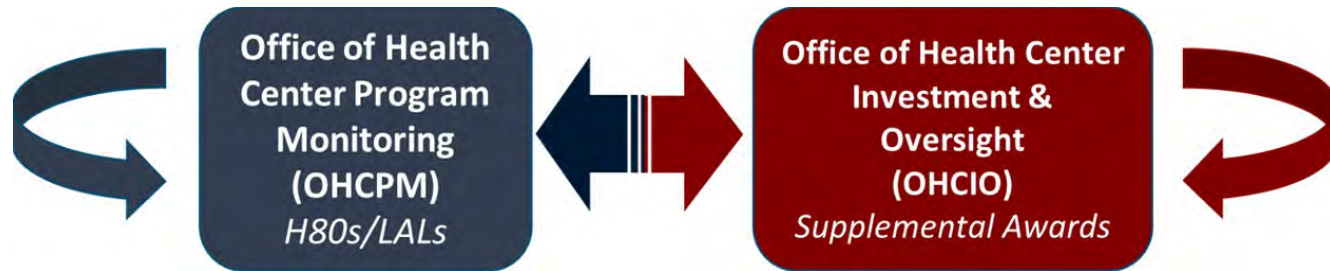
BPHC Operating Model



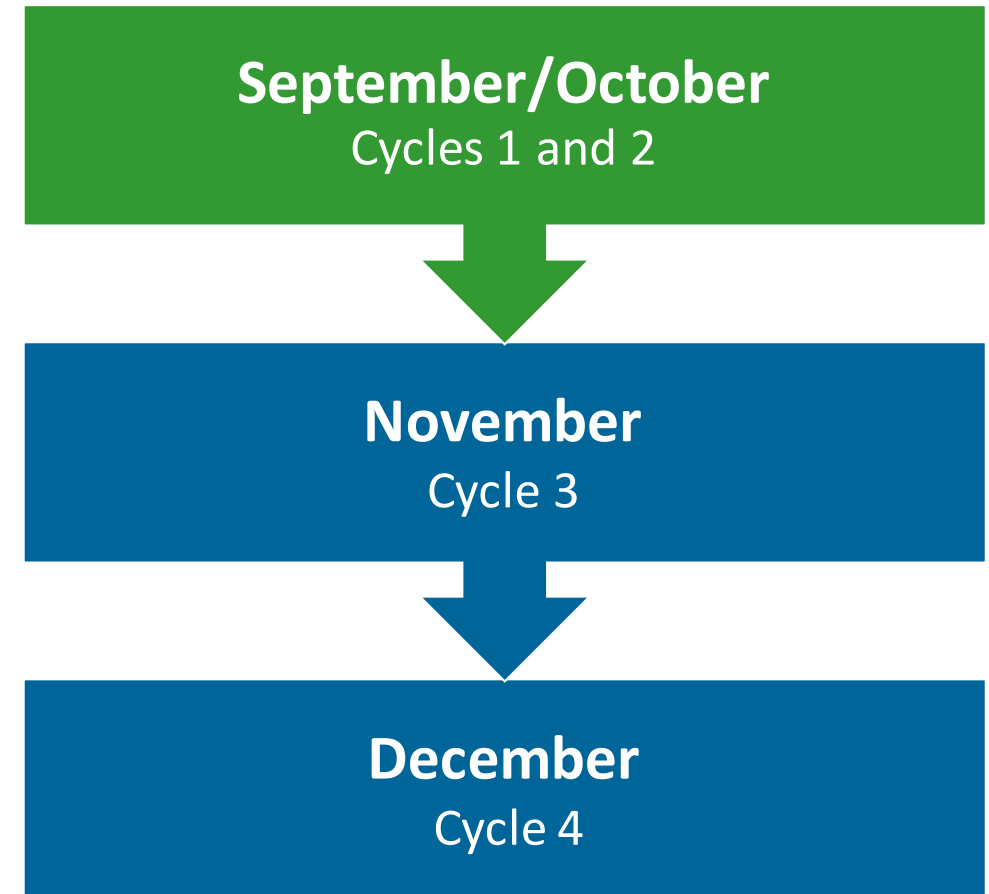
- Customer Service
- Internal Communications
- BPHC Workplace Culture
- Other Business Functions (e.g., Systems, Travel)



Health Center Portfolio Transition Update



Objective: process for transitioning health center information (H80, LAL, Supplemental awards, etc.)



Transitioning Points of Contact (1/2)

Grant Award/Designation	BPHC Office Point of Contact	Contact Information
H80s/LALs	OHCPM H80/LAL PO	H80/LAL PO email
H8C, H8D, H8E, H8F, C8E, L1C, and L2C	OHCIO Supplemental PO	Supplemental PO email
NHCI, PCHP, SBSS	OHCIO Specialized Team	BPHC Contact Form

Please note: Your assigned GMS will remain the same.



Transitioning Points of Contact (2/2)

Our Goal: Increasing use of specialized teams and technology to tailor our support and make engaging with you more efficient

What's Happening Now...

Increasing the amount of staff supporting your needs

What We're Continuing to Explore...

- *Technology enhancements to support engagement*
- *Reducing the level of effort when addressing your inquiries*
- *Tailoring and expanding support through more specialized roles/teams*

New! BPHC REACH Webpage and FAQs

[Home](#) > [About the Health Center Program](#) > BPHC REACH: Reaching for Excellence & Advancing Community Health

BPHC REACH: Reaching for Excellence & Advancing Community Health

We're changing our Bureau. BPHC REACH will help us achieve these goals:

1. Identify and test new ways to accomplish our mission
2. Reduce effort by staff and health centers
3. Improve use of resources and tools

This has been a multi-year effort. We gathered input from health centers and strategic partners. Now we're starting to take new approaches.

REACH Goals



Frequently Asked Questions

Stay up-to-date with BPHC REACH

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- Attend Today with Macrae: Health Center Updates sessions
 - Review the [Technical Assistance calendar](#) for upcoming dates.
 - Watch recent recordings on [COVID-19 Information for Health Centers and Partners](#)
- [Primary Health Care Digest archive](#)
- [Key Staff for BPHC](#)

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/reach>



Health Center Funding Updates



Wrapping Up FY 2021

- ✓ American Rescue Plan – Health Center Construction and Capital Improvements (C8E, ARP-Capital)



FY 2022 Planning

- ✓ \$50 million for Ending the HIV Epidemic
- ✓ \$50 million for Optimizing Virtual Care

2021-2022 Flu Season

- Flu vaccine is recommended for everyone age 6 months and older unless otherwise indicated by their medical provider.
- For patients, the flu and the COVID-19 vaccines can be given together and it's encouraged whenever possible.

Resources for health centers

- [Recommendations for prevention and control of seasonal flu with vaccines for the 2021-2022 flu season](#)
- [Guidelines for co-administration of COVID-19 and other vaccines](#)



Health Center Vaccine Program Updates

Looking Ahead

- Continue to focus on unvaccinated
- Vaccine co-administration
- Boosters available for select populations that completed their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series 6 months ago
- People in the recommended age groups who received the Moderna or J&J/Janssen vaccine will likely need a booster shot
- Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals who are eligible for an additional dose of an mRNA vaccine should get that dose at least 28 days after the completion of their primary series



Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Planning



- Health Center Call to Action
- Submissions due COB October 22
- Key pediatric planning considerations
 - Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for 5–11-year-olds will be a new product
 - 10-dose vials in packages of 10 vials (100 doses), can be stored at 2-8°C for 10 weeks
 - Minimum orders and overall allocation
- Resources

COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Therapy Updates

- 68 health centers directly providing mAb therapy*
- 501 health centers referring patients to other organizations for mAb therapy*
- mAb therapy is available via a state/territory-coordinated distribution system
 - Health centers can no longer order them directly from the distributor as of 9/13/21

- Contact your state/territorial health department or primary care association with questions about mAb availability
- View additional mAb resources:
 - [COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics Calculator for Infusion](#)
 - [Monoclonal Antibody Clinical Implementation Guide](#)
 - [COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics Communications Toolkit](#)
- Visit [HRSA's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#)



* Source: Health Center COVID-19 Bi-Weekly Survey, 2020-2021

Addressing Health Center Testing Supply Needs

HRSA At-Home Over-the-Counter (OTC) Testing Supply Program



- Supplies free, convenient, at-home rapid tests for use by patients, staff, and the community

At-Home Over-the-Counter (OTC) Test Initial Distribution Pilot

- 10-15 health centers selected
- Test kits distributed to each health center
- Feedback from participants will inform larger roll-out in coming weeks

Remember...

- When you visit bphc.hrsa.gov – take the survey that pops up



Mark Your Calendar

- Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates
 - Tuesday, November 9, 3-4 p.m. ET
 - Wednesday, December 1, 3-4 p.m. ET

Join Us!



Questions?



Thank You!

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