IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you a healthcare worker who completed your training in another country?

New American Economy is looking for stories to help raise public awareness about legislation that would make it easier for foreign-trained healthcare professionals to get licensed and work in their desired fields.

Last May, California Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard introduced the PATH Act, which will help foreign-trained healthcare professionals find jobs in the United States that reflect their education, skills, and expertise. The legislation includes initiatives to provide counseling and training opportunities, and to educate employers on international credentials and training.

The bipartisan immigration-reform nonprofit New American Economy is working to raise awareness of the need for the PATH Act. They're collecting stories nationwide, but they're especially seeking people in Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania who want to share their views:

— Was it hard to get back into your field once you arrived in the United States?
— Did you switch careers completely or work less than you'd like?
— What would you like Congress to know about your experience that could help others?

Please email Ben Whitford, at Ben@newamericaneconomy.org. *All messages will be treated as confidential.*

Latinx Health Poetry

Join us as we create a collection of Latinx Health Poetry!

In collaboration with Dr. Alvaro Garza, we plan to share a collection of Latinx health-related poetry at the 2019 APHA conference! This is a great opportunity for you to share and showcase your poetry or other creative writing. Dr. Garza is also willing to collaborate and co-author poems.

WHAT: Submit a poem, or more, that relates to Latinx health (to: lcph1973@gmail.com). It should be original, could be poetry or prose, bilingual, or full English or Spanish, and no more than about 400 words. For more information, please see attached note from Dr. Garza.

WHEN: **Deadline is May 31, 2019**

WHO: YOU and everyone is welcome to share and submit poetry!

For questions, email us at lcph1973@gmail.com

2019 National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC) Registration Open

REGISTER NOW

Registration is open for the 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC) on March 18–21, 2019 in Atlanta, GA. The theme for NHPC 2019 is *Getting to No New HIV Infections*, which will highlight dynamic approaches to HIV prevention, detection and management, and the critical roles that different communities have in achieving this vision.

Register for NHPC now and reserve a room at one of the conference hotels to lock in a discounted conference rate. More information, along with links to book a room with NHPC at each hotel can be found on the NHPC's Hotels and Information page.

Overview of the National HIV Prevention Conference
NHPC brings together state and local health departments, community based organizations, federal agencies, researchers, clinicians, people with HIV and others to share the latest advancements, strategies, and accomplishments in HIV prevention.

Come collaborate with others who are committed to helping refine, improve, and strengthen our nation's response to HIV.

Conference highlights include:

- Plenary Sessions with distinguished speakers and vibrant panels
- Oral and Poster Presentations that will showcase new HIV science and program activities
- New! Storytelling Sessions – brief personal stories that reveal life lessons and breakthrough moments in HIV prevention work
- Networking with researchers and program personnel working in HIV prevention
- Cross-cutting themes will emphasize reducing HIV-related stigma and health disparities

Join us as we work toward a future with no new HIV infections!

NHMA is a proud partner of the SYNChronicity Conference held at the JW Marriott in Washington, DC from April 14-16. Visit sync2019.org for more info.

CHCI Health Summit
Thursday, March 14, 2019
8:00AM - 4:30PM
Newseum
Knight Conference Center
555 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

At the CHCI Health Summit, join Members of Congress, thought leaders, healthcare advocates, pharmaceutical, medical and health insurance experts, and CHCI alumni for high-level discussions on emerging trends, policy issues, and opportunities in the health sector and their impact on the Latino community.

TOPICS

- Health Disparities—Ensuring Equitable Health Outcomes for the Latino Community
- Attracting & Retaining Greater Diversity in Clinical Trials
- HIV & AIDS: Improving Awareness & Access to Adequate Healthcare for Latinos
- Medicare Advantage & Its Impact on the Latino Community
- Expanding Access to Preventative Health & Ensuring Harm Reduction
- Innovation and Technology in Healthcare

Check out the full agenda and topic descriptions!

Traversing Divides: Interdisciplinary Research in Population Health and Health Disparities

October 1, 2019 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sheraton Seattle Hotel
Seattle, Washington

This one-day workshop just prior to the IAPHS Annual Conference will provide an orientation to the value of interdisciplinary collaboration, challenges inherent in interdisciplinary work, and skills and resources that facilitate interdisciplinary success in population health science. Workshop participants will engage with leading population health and interdisciplinary scholars in interactive group exercises and case studies with a focus on the combining the knowledge, theory, and methods of diverse fields to understand and address health disparities. View the provisional agenda here.

The workshop is open to scientists training and/or working in any field that contributes knowledge relevant to understanding the causes of health disparities at multiple levels of analysis (from the molecular to the societal and environmental) and/or the ways in which health disparities can be ameliorated. Students and early career scientists are especially encouraged to apply, but individuals at all career stages are welcome. Students must have completed at least two years of post-baccalaureate training in a discipline.

Applications will be accepted through May 5, 2019. Applicants will be notified by the end of June. Workshop enrollment is limited to facilitate the success of small-group activities.

Funding to defray travel costs will be available on a limited basis. Please contact Sue Bevan (sbevan@iaphs.org) with any questions.

This workshop is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
Register Here

Government program will pay off $75,000 worth of student debt for health care workers taking on the opioid epidemic

A new federal program is hoping to address two of the greatest challenges the U.S. is currently facing, an opioid epidemic that kills 130 Americans every day and a student debt crisis that has roughly 44 million Americans on the hook for a collective $1.56 trillion in student loans.

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) loan repayment program wants to address both of these issues head on by offering to help pay back student loans for health care providers treating substance use disorders in underserved, high-need areas. The program offers clinicians up to $75,000 for three years of full-time service at a healthcare facility that has been designated by HRSA as an NHSC-approved substance use disorder site or up to $37,500 over three years for part-time workers. READ THE FULL ARTICLE

Now Accepting 2019 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health Nominations

The National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF) is pleased to announce that they are accepting nominations for their 40 Under 40 Minority Leaders in Health. They encourage a wide range of health professionals to apply: physicians, pharmacists, dentists, anesthesiologists, nurses, policy experts, researchers, and others. Nominations must include a resume, short answer response, letter of recommendation, photo and a personal statement of 500 words or less on why the nominee is deserving of recognition.

To view past winners, please go to http://www.nmqf.org/40u40/.

Nominations must be submitted HERE. Nominees must be under 40 years of age by **April 12, 2019**.

New Data – America's Health Rankings 29th Annual Report

On Wednesday, December 12th the United Health Foundation released the 29th America's Health Rankings Annual Report. The year's report reveals that the nation is facing concerning increases in mortality and chronic disease, such as obesity, that continue to meaningfully impact the nation's health.

Among the report's key findings:

- Obesity exceeded 30% of the adult population for the first time in America's Health Rankings history, increasing 5% in the past year.
- The report also reveals bright spots including an increase in the number of mental health providers and primary care physicians and a decrease in the percentage of children in poverty – a strong indicator of socioeconomic status and health throughout the lifespan.
  Despite these national improvements, stark differences by state show unequal progress.
- Hawaii re-captures its top rank as the healthiest state in 2018, followed by Massachusetts (2), which held the position as last year's healthiest state. Connecticut (3), Vermont (4) and Utah (5) all remain in the top five states for overall health.
- Louisiana has the greatest opportunity for improvement in overall health this year, followed by Mississippi (49). Alabama (48), Oklahoma (47) and Arkansas (46) round out the top states with greatest opportunities for improvement.

The Annual Report and the broader suite of America's Health Rankings data can be used to better understand the diverse needs of our communities and spark dialogue about how to improve health equity across populations.

Please refer to the America's Health Rankings website for additional information.