

ResourceINFO

The following resources are typically linked to the issues featured in the Spring - Summer 2008 Edition of *CityLights*, Volume 17, No. 3, "*Health Care Reform: No Time for Complacency*," published by CityMatCH, April 2009. Maureen Fitzgerald, MPA, Editor. They include a sampling of links to selected resources, supplementary information, data resources, national organizations and associations, federal programs, and other general information.

A. HEALTH CARE REFORM: NO TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

- April 29, 2009. **The Senate Finance Committee's "Transforming the Health Care Delivery System: Proposals to Improve Patient Care and Reduce Health Care Costs"**

The Proposals are described and broken out into five sections: Payment Reform – Improving Quality and Promoting Primary Care, Payment Reform – Fostering Care Coordination and Provider Collaboration, Health Care Infrastructure Investments – Tools to Support Delivery System Reform, Medicare Advantage – Promoting Quality, Efficiency and Chronic Care Management, and Public Program Integrity – Combating Fraud, Waste and Abuse. Located on the web at:

<http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/leg/LEG%202009/042809%20Health%20Care%20Description%20of%20Policy%20Option.pdf>

- **Neal Halfon**, MD, MPH, Director of UCLA's Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, is also professor of pediatrics in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; community health sciences in the UCLA School of Public Health; and public policy in UCLA's School of Public Affairs. Halfon directs the Child and Family Health Program in UCLA's School of Public Health, and the National Center for Infant and Early Childhood Health Policy. Dr. Halfon is a consultant in the Health Program at RAND. A link to his biosketch can be found here:

<http://www.healthychild.ucla.edu/DropDownMenu/StaffDirectory/Halfon.asp>

- In October, 2008 NACCHO's MCH Newsletter featured the Life-Course Perspective in and provided additional resources:
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs068/1101624500545/archive/1102275369907.html>
- In October 2008, CityMatCH/NACCHO featured the Life Course Perspective and Life Course Health Development models in their monthly Emerging Issues in MCH webcast. See www.citymatch.org for the archived recording, powerpoints and resources from the webcast.
- This website from Rochester, NY features information from: "**Life Course Health Development: An Integrated Framework for Developing Health, Policy, and Research**," Neal Halfon and Miles Hochstein: The Milbank Quarterly, Vol. 80, No. 3, 2002, as well as links to a myriad of other resources. See: <http://www.pnmc-hsr.org/PNMC%20Website/Page%20files/Life%20Course%20Series/Life%20Course%20Series.htm>

- The National Community Pharmacist’s Association released their, **“Community Pharmacy Recommendations for Health Care Reform - April 2009”** that describes local level proposals to address the pharmaceutical aspect of health care reform proposals. Found on the web at: <http://www.ncpanet.org/pdf/leg/2009ncpa-healthcarereform.pdf>
- Visit the archived materials from the CityMatCH Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference, **“A Life-Course Perspective: Pathways for Improving Practice in Urban MCH,”** held this past September 20 - 23, 2008, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Located on the web at http://www.citymatch.org/conf_2008.php

B. CITYVIEW: “PURPLE TICKETS” & PLUCK

- The Inauguration of President Barack Obama was a momentous event in American history. The District of Columbia’s 2009 Presidential Inauguration website contains archived information from the 56th Presidential Inauguration and related events. Of particular note is the photo gallery. On the website at: <http://www.inauguration.dc.gov/index.asp>
- “About.com” also contains a fairly comprehensive section on the website dedicated to the festivities and official events of the inauguration. Those can be found at: <http://dc.about.com/od/specialevents/a/Inauguration.htm>
- Numerous websites can be used to locate chronicles and information regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1963 March on Washington, a watershed event in the battle for Civil Rights. For example:
 - From Angelfire: <http://www.angelfire.com/pa/marchonwashington/>
 - From National Public Radio (NPR): <http://www.npr.org/news/specials/march40th/>
 - From Wikipedia (*caveat, this website is an open forum and is not known for complete accuracy. However, this section has good information and some good links*) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_on_Washington_for_Jobs_and_Freedom

C. BUILDING ECONOMIC SECURITY TODAY (BEST): INTEGRATING THE LIFE COURSE PERSPECTIVE INTO A LOCAL MCH PROGRAM

- The BEST Factsheet can be found online here: http://cchealth.org/groups/lifecourse/pdf/best_fact_sheet.pdf

- Contra Costa Health Services official website is found here: <http://cchealth.org/>
- The Family, Maternal and Child Health Programs Life Course Initiative's "**A 12-Point Plan to Close the Black-White Gap in Birth Outcomes**" is located at: http://cchealth.org/groups/lifecourse/pdf/12_point_plan_fact_sheet.pdf

D. ARE WE WILLING TO INVEST TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE?

- To become a better advocate for MCH policy, consider training and understanding in the MCH Leadership Competencies, v.3.0. *"The MCH Leadership Competencies are presented in a progression from self to others to the wider community which demonstrates the widening contacts, broadening interests, and growing influence that an MCH leader can experience over a professional lifetime."* Visit the website at: http://leadership.mchtraining.net/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=47
- **Partnership for Prevention**[®] developed, "Investing in Health: Proven Health Promotion Practices for Workplaces" as a business response to the evidence-based recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services. This publication gives guidance to employers on how to enhance employee health by controlling tobacco use, promoting cancer screening and early detection, and encouraging physical activity and healthy eating. Guidance is provided on how to:
 - Implement tobacco-free policies
 - Offer proven tobacco-use treatment benefits through your health plan
 - Improve access to telephone quitlines for tobacco users
 - Encourage employees to get screened for cancer
 - Work with your health plan to increase cancer screening rates
 - Increase physical activity through social support and the workplace environment
 - Improve nutrition through social support and the workplace environment

Investing in Health translates the recommendations into simple action steps to enhance employee productivity, help employers manage healthcare spending, and improve employee morale. Web links to additional resources and tools are provided to assist with planning and implementing healthier workplace practices. Definitely a business perspective, but enlightening and interesting ideas to create a better workplace and practical ways to focus on health promotion.

<http://www.prevent.org/content/view/133/>

- The Journal of Public Health Management and Practice published, ***“Making the case: leveraging resources toward public health system improvement in Turning Point states.”*** Check this out via Pub Med on the web at: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17984721>
- The Center for Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health published a monograph, available for download online, entitled, ***“Medicine and Public Health: The Power of Collaboration.”*** Worth exploring. See: <http://www.cacsh.org/mph.html>
- Check out public health policy in Canada, via this website, ***“Public Health Policy.”*** The goal of the site is to provide a knowledge transfer and dissemination resource that can provide timely information to policy makers, researchers, students and others who are interested in this field. On the web at: <http://www.publichealthpolicy.org/>

E. WHAT CAN CITYMATCH MEMBERS DO TO BE WELL-POSITIONED & PROACTIVE?

- *We invite readers to answer the following question: “What can urban health departments do to be well-positioned and pro-active in this era of unfolding health care reform?” Send replies to Maureen Fitzgerald, Coordinator, Policy & Communications, CityMatCH at mfitzger@unmc.edu*

F. IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN FOSTER CARE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN MCH

- Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data, U.S. Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, can be found at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcarts/trends.htm
- State by state data can be found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcarts/statistics/entryexit2006.htm
- ***“The AFCARS Report: Preliminary FY 2006 Estimates as of January 2008,”*** from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau. Available at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcarts/tar/report14.htm.
- Child Welfare League of America offers, ***“Standards for Health Care Services for Children in Out-of-Home Care.”*** <http://www.cwla.org/programs/standards/cwsstandardshealthcare.htm>
- Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, Public Law 96-272; ***“The Adoption and Safe Families Act,”*** Public Law 105-89 (ASFA). In 1997, ASFA was passed as a strategy to enhance children’s safety and promote permanency, particularly adoption,

for children in need. It was also designed to support families. The provisions also reauthorized programs that assured states have incentives to support and promote adoption. See http://jec.unm.edu/resources/benchbooks/child_law/ch_38.htm#38-4

- and also, http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/ij_adopt/support.htm
- and <http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/asfapl105-89summary.htm>
- “*General Findings from the Federal Child and Family Service Review*,” U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. can be found on the web at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/results/genfindings04/ch2.htm>
- “*Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions*” Act of 2008, Public Law 110-351. Information related to this legislation can be found at:
- Govtrack.us “*A civic project to track Congress*” see: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6893>
- and at **CLASP**. CLASP works to develop and advocate for policies at the federal, state and local levels that improve the lives of low income people. In particular, we seek policies that work to strengthen families and create pathways to education and work. http://www.clasp.org/resources_and_publications/publication?id=0429&list=publications
- National Conference of State Legislatures Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Promising Practices Issue Brief: “*Does Raising Rates Increase Dentists’ Participation in Medicaid? The Experience of Three States (National Conference of State Legislatures 2004)*,” available at: http://www.ncsl.org/print/health/forum/dentalreimbursementrates_04.pdf

G. THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN WAKE COUNTY, NC

- To find out more, visit the Wake County Human Services official website, located at: <http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/default.htm>

H. CITYMATCH CITYLEADERS PROGRAM

- *CityLeaders* is Leadership training for emerging and mid-level leaders in urban maternal and child health For more information, visit the official website at: <http://www.citymatch.org/cityleaders.php>
- Or contact: Kathleen Brandert (kbrandert@unmc.edu) or Brandon Grimm (blgrimm@unmc.edu)

