

THCPD May 2024 Newsletter

TAC Update

The THCPD Technical Assistance Center is excited to announce that we now offer up to 38 hours of consultation services to our grant recipients! To determine the best consultant for your program's needs, please speak with your advisor and review our list of preferred consultants. If you have used your allotted number of hours, or want to know how many you have remaining, please email us at info@thcgme.org to determine how many additional hours you may use. This quarter, we are excited to feature McDermottPlus. Please see below for more information.

Recent Webinars

All slides and recordings of the webinars can be found in the THCGME [Toolbox](#). If you wish to be notified via the listserv of upcoming webinars, workshops, and other opportunities, please email us at info@thcgme.org.

March 5, 2024 – THCPD Webinar: Creating a Health Equity Curriculum

April 2, 2024 – THCPD Webinar: Grantee Spotlight: Family Health Centers of San Diego Family Medicine and Psychiatry Residency Programs

May 7, 2024 – THCPD Webinar: Struggling Residents: What New Programs Need to Know

Upcoming Webinars

June 4, 2024: Medical and Dental Grantee Collaborations: Sharing Workflows and Best Practices Across Programs

12-1pm Eastern, 9-10am Pacific

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

July 2, 2024: Expanding Graduate Medical Education through Veteran Affairs Funding Opportunities

12-1pm Eastern, 9-10am Pacific

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

Upcoming Events

AAFP National Conference

Come see us at the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference, August 1 – 3, 2024, in Kansas City! The RRPD-TAC will have a booth to showcase RuralGME grant recipients and opportunities across the nation. The National Conference is for medical students and residents to network, learn more about potential programs and employers, learn about post-

residency opportunities, and more! Stop by our booth to say hi, learn more about who we are, or to get some swag! To register for the conference, please use this [link](#).

2024 RRPD & THCPD Annual Grantee Meeting

The 2024 HRSA RRPD and THCPD Annual Grantee Meeting has been set for August 21 – 23rd, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza located at 210 Peachtree Street NorthWest, Atlanta, Georgia. Please secure your hotel room block through our meeting room block [here](#). Please register for the Annual Meeting on our website [here](#).

Although only the project director (i.e., principal investigator) from your grant program is required to attend the Annual Meeting, we are happy to accommodate more individuals from your program. In addition to project directors, we encourage attendance by residency coordinators, reimbursement and finance officers, CFOs, program faculty, support staff, and DIOs. Please email us at info@thcgme.org if you have any questions.



NACHC CHI Annual Meeting

Immediately following the 2024 Annual Grantee Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, the National Association of Community Health Centers is holding its Annual Community Health Institute & Expo Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. The RRPD-TAC is working together with NACHC to offer several optional workshops for grant recipients and others interested in rural and THC GME. If you are interested in attending the NACHC CHI Conference, please use this [link](#).

Please note that the NACHC CHI Conference is a 5-minute walk from the Westin Peachtree Plaza if you are staying there after the Annual Grantee Meeting. Please watch for an email to the listserv with a more detailed workshop agenda.

Featured Consultant Organization



McDermott+Consulting (McDermottPlus) is a wholly owned subsidiary of McDermott Will & Emery LLP that exclusively serves health industry clients in policy services. They have a team of policy professionals and data analysts with decades of experience working with rural and safety net providers on federal health care program reimbursement issues. Their strategies are informed by policy, clinical, legal, and political experience combined with data analytics.

RRPD grant recipients are eligible for up to 38 hours of TAC-sponsored consultative services through the end of the grant recipient's period of performance. Please review the summary of TAC consultants with your team and work with your TAC advisor to start the process!

Grant Recipient Profile

Program: Full Circle Health Pediatrics Residency of Idaho (FCH PRI)

Institution: Full Circle Health

Location: Boise, ID

What are some of the strengths and/or accomplishments of your program?

We have developed an FQHC/THC-based pediatrics residency program with a unique curriculum that prioritizes training in primary care outpatient pediatrics, patient continuity, and training in rural pediatrics, while still providing a very well-rounded education that meets all of the ACGME Pediatrics Residency requirements. There is a strong and well-organized Advocacy and Community Pediatrics component of the program, which occurs in a 4-week block in each of the first and second years of residency. The program has achieved full continued accreditation from the ACGME.

What barriers have you had to overcome in developing your program and how did you overcome them?

Barriers that we have had to overcome included developing true engagement with our area Children's Hospital (St Luke's) in all subspecialty areas, developing a sustainable financial plan, finding and developing a clinic and administrative building for this new program, and obtaining

ACGME accreditation. The engagement with St Luke's Children's Hospital has been successful because of long-standing relationships between Full Circle Health and St Luke's, and between the Program Director and leadership of the St Luke's Children's Hospital and Health System. The Program Director has been a pediatrician in the area for 26 years and is trusted and known by most of the pediatric subspecialists. St Luke's Children's leadership facilitated the engagement of all 29 pediatric subspecialty areas in teaching the program's residents. Development of a sustainable financial plan included some initial support in the form of a bridge loan from St Luke's Health System, combined with generous funding support from the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program.

Describe the area you serve and what appeals to you most about the location.

FCH PRI serves all pediatric patients in southwest Idaho, with a special focus on the underserved and Medicaid populations in our area. As trainees and medical staff at St Luke's Children's Hospital—the most geographically isolated Children's Hospital in the contiguous United States—we also serve children from a much larger catchment area who have chronic and/or complex health care needs. Our service population includes Native American communities, and a large number of immigrant and refugee communities who have newly re-settled in the United States, including a sizable migrant farmworker population. We love our location because of how we can serve and help our region's children and families, while living in one of the most beautiful cities and areas in our country, near amazing outdoor activities.



Featured TAC Staff

Shelby Rimmler-Cohen, MPH, is a research program manager at the RRPD and THCPD Technical Assistance Centers. She has a background in health workforce research and practice, specializing in tailored approaches for increasing health provider training and supply to address population

health needs of rural and underserved communities. Shelby is responsible for managing RRPD-TAC research and dissemination efforts, contracts and invoicing, educational services for grant recipients and much more. Since joining the team, she has played a key role in strengthening RRPD-TAC processes and efficiencies to better support grant recipients, advisors, and partners. We are grateful for Shelby's contributions, leadership, and support, and we thank her for her outstanding work!



Critical Dissemination

THCPD grant recipients and members of the THCPD-TAC have been busy disseminating information about underserved GME development and the THCPD program. Check out some of their recent works below:

News

- [Eliminating Louisiana's Physician Access Gap. Healthcare Journal of Baton Rouge](#); March 2024
- [New Alliance to Boost Health Care Access for Tribal Communities](#); February 2024

Presentations

- Wehner P (Marshall University Research Corporation grant). Opportunities and best practices in GME in West Virginia. AAMC Investing in GME and the Physician Workforce: A Check-up on the CAA, 2021; April 2024; Washington, DC.

Publications

- Castro MG, Roberts C, Hawes EM, Ashkin E, Page CP. Ten-Year Outcomes: Community Health Center/Academic Medicine Partnership for Rural Family Medicine Training. *Fam Med.* 2024;56(3):185-189. <https://doi.org/10.22454/FamMed.2024.400615>.
- Fraher EP, Rains J, Bacon TJ, Spero J, Hawes EM. Lessons Learned From State-Based Efforts to Leverage Medicaid Funds for Graduate Medical Education. *Academic Medicine*

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