Venues Are Now CLOSED in Encounter

At the start of this subaward period, we are changing directions in regards to venue set up in the Encounter Registry for 2018-19. Venues are now closed and Jill Crane will be responsible for establishing your venue in Encounter. The process will be as follows moving forward:

1. Health Hubs will need to submit a venue template ahead of time for approval through your assigned TA (Natalie Kingston or Aaron Sweazy).
2. Once your TA approves your venue, they will channel to Jill Crane to enter and input the venue in Encounter. Hubs will no longer be responsible for setting up and naming their venue. Jill will be doing that for you based on what you submit on the approved template. Once she has established your venue in the system, you will be good to go for data entry.
3. For Hubs that have been entering weekly venues based on community referrals and traffic coming into your Department, these will shift to monthly. Hubs will need to submit monthly templates for approval of ongoing monthly venues and make sure to mark the venue as ongoing on the template.

We have made some minor tweaks to the venue template to include the above changes. The new template is now ready to go and available on our website. Please reach out to your assigned TA with any additional questions or concerns.

Time to Submit Your Updated User Profiles for Med-It and the Encounter Registry

It is that time of year again! Please update your user profiles for Med-It and Encounter and let Jill Crane (Jill.Crane@nebraska.gov) know who will not be entering data from your Department in either of these systems. We are limiting users per local health department to 3 in each system due to frequent questions our program fields from auditing. Jill Crane will be emailing the user profile forms out to the primary Hub contact and they will also be available on our website.

Goodbye to LSP and Hello to HBSS

So long, farewell......over the past few years we have made reference to our lifestyle programming as LSPs. There’s a new buzz word that we will be using per new language requirements from CDC. Instead of Lifestyle Support Programs or LSPs we will be using Healthy Behavior Support Services (HBSS). We just wanted you to know about the name change.

FREE RESOURCE: Want to Help Your Patients/Clients Quit Tobacco?
Until supplies last, the Nebraska Tobacco Quitline is providing a two-week supply of over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy at no cost (one of the following: gum, patch or lozenges) while supplies last.

To qualify, the caller must be:

- Nebraska resident over the age of 18 who is ready to quit tobacco,
- Registered with the Quitline and complete one coaching session.

Callers will be screened for medical eligibility to receive the free medication. Callers can contact the Quitline 24/7 at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

Medicaid recipients are still eligible for a 90-day supply of prescription nicotine replacement therapy at a very low cost. Individuals with private insurance should contact their insurance providers about their cessation prescription benefit.

**REMINDER:** Community Health Hub Website

The [Community Health Hub website](#) gets updated quite frequently. Be sure to check it out as often as you can.

Starting in 2019 the whole DHHS website is undergoing a change as the software is being updated and the pages will have a cohesive look and feel. We will let you know once that takes place but as of right now it is to take place in January. We've been working hard the last 2 months on converting our pages over so that they are easier to read in the responsive website environment.

Please let us know if you want us to add other helpful information on the site, be sure to let your TA know.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **Fungal diseases** can cause serious infections, especially in people with weak immune systems, so it's important to recognize these diseases early and reduce delays in treatment.

- Fungal diseases cost more than **$7 billion** in 2017 and resulted in more than 75,000 hospitalizations and nearly 9 million outpatient visits.

- Healthcare providers and public health professionals can use and share [CDC educational materials](#)-fact sheets, posters, and [social media messages](#)-to increase awareness about fungal diseases.

**CHH UPDATE: Do you have something to contribute?**

Do you have something that you would like to contribute to the monthly Community Health Hub Updates?

We continually strive to have the CHH update in your email boxes during the first week of the month. If you have a submission or an idea please send them to your TA or you can also contact Tracey Bonneau at Tracey.Bonneau@nebraska.gov.