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Health Policy Forum

California Health Policy Forum Announces 2007 Events

California Health Policy Forum has announced new policy forums for legislative and agency staff in 2007. During the most recent forum, on Jan. 25, public health experts responded to a simulated health crisis.

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Advancing Care for Hepatitis C

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CHI will coordinate three new projects to help improve care for people with the hepatitis C virus (HCV). The California Hepatitis Alliance will create a new statewide network of advocates working to improve public policy and care; the Methadone Clinic HCV Collaborative will help methadone providers improve care for HCV-infected methadone patients; and a new educational initiative will inform lawmakers about needle exchange programs.

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RWJF Quality Program Expanded

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has chosen 10 additional communities to join *Aligning Forces for Quality*, a national program seeking to improve care for people with chronic illnesses. CHI runs the National Program Office for *Aligning Forces*.

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CHI Jobs

CHI is seeking a [senior project manager](#) and a [research analyst](#).

CHI Out and About

Karen Shore, Ph.D., and **Nicole Hara** presented a policy webinar entitled "Policy Decision Makers: Who They Are and How to Engage Them" for community-based organizations sponsored by the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute...On Feb. 6, CEO **Patricia Powers** joined Governor Schwarzenegger and a diverse group of stakeholders at the Governor's press conference announcing a five-point prevention and wellness plan that serves as a key pillar to his comprehensive health reform [proposal](#)... **Martha Saly** was recently elected to serve a three-year term on the National Viral Hepatitis C Roundtable board of directors and will serve as secretary for the executive committee. The Jan/Feb. 2007 edition of *Doctor's Digest* quoted **Patricia Powers** on the importance and challenges of implementing evidence-based medicine...On Feb. 16, **Gregg Shibata** attended an invitational meeting in Washington, D.C., hosted by Academy Health to identify research opportunities related to engaging consumers with respect to their health.

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