

**January 17th Graduate Medical Education Workforce Summit
Explores Community Health Center - Hospital Alliance Potentials**

Community health care professionals are invited to explore key issues in graduate medical education (GME) and medical residency program development at a free workforce summit on January 17th at the Mississippi Hospital Association, 116 Woodgreen Crossing, Madison, MS.

The summit will bring together Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and hospitals to determine priorities for graduate medical education planning, collaborative efforts, and other potential primary care physician training expansions. By collaborating, hospitals and FQHCs can share quality improvement programs, integrate strategic and business planning, research opportunities and obtain leadership commitment at the provider, community, and state level.

A panel of healthcare experts will discuss healthcare community health center - hospital optimization, residency and accreditation models, and GME financial and legal considerations.

The summit is a collaborative effort among the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce (OMPW), Mississippi Primary Health Care Association (MPHCA), Mississippi Department of Health-Primary Care Office (MSDH-PCO), Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA), and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA).

“This summit is intended to explore specifically how FQHCs and teaching hospitals can work together to be more cost effective, financially stable, deliver superior medical education and better serve their individual communities,” said Dr. John Mitchell, OMPW Director. “Collaboration and cooperation between community teaching hospitals and FQHCs, particularly those in close vicinity and serving comparable patient populations, can better meet community needs.”

For more information, or to register, please contact the [Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce](#) or call [Zonzie McLaurin](#) at 601-815-0660.