



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January CPI Webcast: Behavioral Health Integration Part 1 of 2

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up.

## CLINICAL AFFAIRS

### New TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> Learning Year Begins April 1st: Don't Delay

Want your center to transform into a patient-centered medical home? Want improved patient health outcomes? Interested in increasing staff and provider productivity? Want improved patient and staff satisfaction at your center? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then TACHC has an exciting learning opportunity for you and your health center that will help transform your center and improve operational and clinical efficiencies. **The 2014 – 2015 OC<sup>3</sup> Medical Home Transformation Learning Year starts April 1, 2014. TACHC is accepting applications from interested health centers.** TACHC provides a 3-Tier option for the OC<sup>3</sup> Learning Year to customize your individual center's learning needs. **Time**

**and space is limited, so don't delay.** To sign up or for more information, contact **TACHC Clinical Care Coordinator Verne LaGrega**.

### **DSHS Expands Adult Immunization Safety Net Program**

Texas Department of State Health Service (DSHS) Immunization Branch is expanding the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program; this program provides publicly purchased vaccine at no cost to medical providers for the immunization of uninsured adults. Providers may charge ASN clients an administration fee of up to \$25.00 per dose but cannot deny the vaccine if a client is unable to pay the administration fee. Medical facilities with the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Center (RHC) designations are eligible to enroll in the ASN program. Click **HERE** for more information.

## **POLICY**

### **Texas Medical Board**

The Texas Medical Board now has FAQs on Prescriptive Authority Agreements and changes to physician delegation available on their website **HERE**.

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window**

January 1st through January 15th is your window to register with the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) for a new site to be eligible for 340B pricing. This is also the window if you want to add a retail pharmacy to contract with for pharmacy services ("bill to/ship to"). When registering in this window of time, the new site/pharmacy will be eligible for 340B pricing effective April 1st.

The registration process occurs electronically via the OPA website at <http://opanet.hrsa.gov/opa/>. Under the 'Covered Entities' section there are additional bullets listed to use for registering. A guide to registering can be found **HERE** and then click on 'pharmacy'. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing until it is listed in the EHB and must have the site ID (found in the EHB).

For more information, contact **TACHC's Purchasing Program Coordinator Lynn Ford**.

## **NEWS**

MLK, Jr. Family Clinic announces the opening Monday, January 13th of the new Balch Springs Family Health Center. The 7,000 square foot center will offer family medicine, immunizations, behavioral health, OB/Gyn, social services and health &

wellness education. [www.mlkfamilyclinic.org](http://www.mlkfamilyclinic.org)

Centro San Vicente welcomes Dr. Jose Luna as their new chief executive officer and thanks Donald Tufts for his years of service.

Good Neighbor Health Center announces Olivia Dear has been appointed Interim CEO.

Happy TACHCiversary to Elizabeth Endres, Community Partner Program Project Coordinator, who celebrated one year of service on January 3, 2014. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to receive the TACHC Weekly Wrap-up.

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