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UPCOMING EVENTS

FQHC Dental Guidelines Webcast February 6, 2014

TACHC is hosting a training on February 6, 2014 from 12:00-1:30 PM where MCNA representatives will review the newly developed FQHC dental guidelines to be utilized by MCNA, one of the dental maintenance organizations for Medicaid and CHIP dental services in Texas. TACHC and a group of health center dental directors have worked extensively with MCNA to develop these guidelines. TACHC encourages all dental directors, dentists, and dental billers to attend this webcast. The webcast will contain a short background on the guidelines, a detailed overview of the guidelines, and ample time for questions. **Register here for the FREE training.** Please contact **Shelby Massey** with questions.

ICD-10 Implementation Training

CLICK HERE to register. See Clinical Affairs below for more information.

February CPI Webcast: Behavioral Health Integration Part 2: February 21, 2014

The diagnosis and treatment of physical and behavioral health conditions improves overall health and can minimize healthcare costs for the prevention and management of chronic diseases. The concept of delivering behavioral health care in primary care and other medical settings is not a new concept. However, having a fully integrated program that coordinates the behavioral health care needs of your patients is.

In Part 2 of this 2 part series, three federally qualified health centers will highlight how they were able to successfully integrate patient's behavioral healthcare needs into the primary care setting. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.** For more information contact **Verne LaGrega.**

Mid-Level Manager Workshops

Mid-level managers play a significant role in making your community health center a "workplace of choice" for frontline staff and as the "health care provider of choice" for patients in your community. As the health care market continues to grow more complex and competitive, it is critical that community health centers have strong mid-level managers to guide and manage frontline staff to ensure optimal efficiency and productivity while delivering exemplary customer service and care for patients.

Two Mid-Level Manager Workshops are scheduled, the first at the Wyndham Hotel Riverwalk in **San Antonio on February 24-25, 2014**, and the second at the Westin Galleria in **Houston on March 3-4, 2014.** **REGISTER HERE.** Contact **Daniel Diaz** for more information

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

IRS Informational on Reporting EHR Incentive Payments

Please be advised that the IRS has released an informational letter on reporting EHR incentive payments. Since payments were required to be paid to providers under the EHR program, most FQHCs were reassigned the funds via provider contract language that explicitly assigns all payments for professional services by the provider back to the facility. In this case, the provider is acting as a conduit and no 1099s for providers are necessary. If this payment arrangement is not outlined in provider contracts, providing a 1099 to providers for these payments may be necessary. **Read the Informational Letter [HERE](#).**

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

TACHC Launches ICD-10 Transition Readiness Series

TACHC is pleased to announce its ICD-10 Transition Readiness Series. The series is designed to build progressively toward implementation and will address both the administrative and clinical aspects of ICD-10. We have once again partnered with FQHC billing and coding expert, Marilyn Masick, to provide detailed, step-by-step, timely trainings. There are two face to face learning opportunities on **Wed, Feb 26, 2014 in San Antonio and on Saturday, July 26, 2014 in San Antonio** (day two of the Clinical Directors' Institute). In addition there will be an ICD-10CM Clinical Webcast Series which will be held each Wednesday in June 2014, 12-1pm. Topics included will be: Guidelines & Overview of ICD-10C, FQHC-Pertinent Sections of Coding Manual, How to Code, Part 1 and How to Code, Part 2. **CLICK [HERE](#)** to register and for more information. For questions, contact **Davelyn Eaves Hood**.

Free Webinar: An Introduction to Chronic Disease

Join this webinar series beginning on February 6, 2014, Noon - 1 p.m. CT presented by Dr. Roberto Rodriguez, MD, MPH to hear about tools that community health workers can use to help chronic disease patients. **CLICK [HERE TO REGISTER](#).**

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Recertification

Annual 340B Recertification is required to maintain 340B eligibility. HRSA's OPA had a webinar on January 22nd to discuss the details for the 2014 recertification process. **The recertification window for 2014 will be February 10th until close of business March 14th.** An **overview of the webinar, a guide book** and the **PowerPoint slides from the webinar** are available. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

OUTREACH

TACHC Announces Group Purchasing for Patient Satisfaction Survey

The TACHC Board approved a group pricing proposal from Cultural Strategies to conduct the Patient Satisfaction Survey using the CAHPS 7 tool. TACHC contracted with Cultural Strategies last year to conduct the Patient Surveys. This year health centers can choose to contract directly with Cultural Strategies to conduct their Patient Satisfaction Surveys. **CLICK HERE for group pricing rates offered and some key dates.** If interested, contact Sebastian Puente via **EMAIL** or 512.501.4971, Ext. 701.

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TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with students at the Baylor University NP Program in Dallas on February 13th and with attendees at the University of North Texas Health Science Center PA Job Fair in Fort Worth on February 28th. If your center has a new opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for, click **HERE** and complete the easy online position profile. Have questions or need assistance? Contact **April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.**

NOW OPEN! NHSC 2014 Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle

Please share the following information with providers who may be interested in loan repayment opportunities. The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) program provides loan repayment assistance to licensed primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health providers who work in areas of great need. The deadline to submit your application is March 20, 2014. Learn more about the **NHSC Loan Repayment Program** and **Application Process. APPLY NOW.**

NOW OPEN! NURSE Corps 2014 Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle

Please share the following information with nursing staff who may be interested in loan repayment opportunities. The 2014 NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program application cycle is now open. The application cycle will close on February 27, 2014, at 6:30 pm, CT. Eligibility is open to registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses (e.g., nurse practitioners) who have qualifying educational loans, and who are dedicated to serving the Nation's medically underserved populations in health professions shortage area (HPSAs). NURSE Corps Loan Repayment award recipients receive 60 percent of their unpaid nursing student loans for 2 years of full-time service, and an additional 25

percent of the original balance for an optional third year. The program is seeking applicants interested in serving those most in need and remaining in a HPSA beyond their service commitment. To learn more about the funding preferences, please review the **2014 NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program Application and Program Guidance**.

NEWS

MLK, Jr. Family Clinic is now Foremost Family Health Centers and includes both the MLK, Jr site and the new Balch Springs site. Visit www.mlkfamilyclinic.org or www.foremostfhc.org for more information.

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