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UPCOMING EVENTS

ICD-10 Implementation Training

CLICK HERE to register. See **Governance & Finance** 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

Mental Health Service Expansion – Behavioral Health Integration Funding

The Affordable Care Act Mental Health Service Expansion – Behavioral Health Integration funding opportunity was released Friday, January 31, 2014. To view application guidance **CLICK HERE**. This funding opportunity is intended to expand the delivery of mental health services through the existing network of 330-funded health centers (excluding health centers newly funded in FY13 and FY14). HRSA/BPHC is expected to award **\$50 million through approximately 200 grants with awards up to \$250,000**. Successful applicants will demonstrate BHI through the use of evidence-based screening, increased staffing for behavioral health treatment, and the use of team-based care to support services. The initial portion of the application is **due March 3, 2014**.

A pre-application conference call will be held February 10, 2014, from 2:00 to 3:30 Central Daylight Time. For more information **CLICK HERE**. Please contact

Daniel Diaz or **Nancy Gilliam** at TACHC if you have any questions.

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. The first face-to-face training will be on **Wednesday, Feb 26, 2014 in San Antonio**. The target audience for this training includes the finance, billing and IT departments, to ensure your health center is fully ready to make the successful transition to ICD-10. The second face to face is on **Saturday, July 26, 2014 in San Antonio** (day two of the Clinical Directors' Institute) and is designed specifically for clinical staff. Marilyn Masick will walk clinicians through detailed coding and documentation requirements in ICD-10, including case studies, and answer questions in preparation for ICD-10 transition. 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 **Daveyn Eaves Hood**.

POLICY

Texas Losing \$113 Per Second – More Than \$2 BILLION This Fiscal Year.

Have you seen **TACHC's Clock** that counts the amount Texas loses **EVERY SECOND** by choosing not to expand health insurance coverage to the poorest Texans as prescribed in the Affordable Care Act? Want to post the clock on your health center's website? **Click HERE for information on adding the TACHC clock widget to your website**. Contact **TACHC Software Engineer Mell Rosandich** with questions.

GROUP PURCHASING

Contract Pharmacy OIG Report and HRSA Oversight

The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector has recently concluded their report on 340B eligible entities and their use of contracted retail pharmacies. **CLICK HERE** for the report.

Also, CDR Krista Pedley, Director of the Office of Pharmacy Affairs, released a memo emphasizing OPA's efforts to maintain the integrity of the 340B program when health centers are contracting with retail pharmacies. **CLICK HERE** for the memo. Please review page 3 of the memo as it clearly outlines the 5 Requirements for 340B Compliance in Contract Pharmacy and resources to

assist with these requirements.

R&R

Updated Candidate Referral Protocol

Here at TACHC, we are very excited about our partnership with you to help recruit and retain passionate, high quality providers and skilled administrative staff to serve our Texas families. To ensure the success of our collaborative efforts, TACHC has over the years developed a highly effective protocol for the joint recruitment process. If you are interested in or are currently utilizing TACHC's Recruitment Services to enhance your internal efforts, please take a moment to review the recently updated **TACHC R&R Candidate Referral Protocol**. Important changes have been highlighted yellow. If you have any questions, please contact **April Sartor**, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.

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. For information, contact **April Sartor**, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.

NOW OPEN! NHSC 2014 Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle

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

The 2014 NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program application cycle is now open. The application cycle closes **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

Join us in congratulating **Brownsville Community Health Center Executive Director Paula Gomez** who will be inducted into the **NACHC Grassroots Hall of Fame** for her lasting contributions to insuring the creation, survival and strength of Health Centers and the Health Center movement! She will be inducted into the Grassroots Hall of Fame during the NACHC Awards Reception at the Newseum, Thursday evening, March 20th from 6-9pm, during the Policy & Issues in Washington DC.

Congratulations to **Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic** in Dallas for for receiving the **Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval** for re-accreditation in their Ambulatory Health Care Program!

Congratulations to **Nuestra Clinica del Valle** in Hidalgo and Starr counties for receiving the **Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval** for re-accreditation in their Laboratory Health Care Program!

Happy TACHCiversary to **Anita Mitchell** (14 years) and Nancy Gilliam (1 year)!

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