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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-4 Mid Management Training in Houston

Mid 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. In this time of unprecedented change where the health care market continues to grow more complex and competitive, it is critical that community health centers have strong mid managers to guide and manage frontline staff to ensure optimal efficiency and productivity delivering exemplary customer service and care for our patients.

This two-day session will focus on mid managers and provide training and tools

designed to increase their management skills required for managing:

- 1) Improving communication with their direct reports and health center leadership
- 2) Work Performance of individuals and teams
- 3) Professional development of your employees
- 4) Implementation of change

This highly interactive session focusing on practical skills will be led by Karl Krumm, a noted expert on organizational psychology and management with many years of experience working with community health center management.

CLICK HERE for more information and to register.

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**.

For more information **CLICK HERE**. Please contact **Daniel Diaz** or **Nancy Gilliam** at TACHC if you have any questions.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Resources for the New Integrated Healthcare Workforce

Please join SAMHSA on Thursday, March 6, 2pm-3:30pm Eastern/11am-12:30pm for an important session focused on integration and workforce issues. A strong integrated primary and behavioral healthcare workforce has clearly defined roles, core competencies, tailored staff development trainings, and strategies for recruiting and retaining employees experienced in integrated care. During this webcast, presenters Michael Hoge, The Annapolis Coalition on the Behavioral Health Workforce; Laura Galbreath, SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS); and Kristin Spykerman, Cherry Street Health Services - Heart of the City Health Center will discuss the newly released set of core competencies for the integrated workforce, explore a provider's perspective on workforce considerations, and to explore resources related to these competencies. The (CIHS) workforce resources include job descriptions,

workforce training, and recruitment and retention programs. Register [HERE](#). Registration is free and Closed Captioning available upon request.

HRSA Grantee Orientation Meeting

There will be a HRSA Grantee Orientation Meeting on MARCH 14, 2014, Dallas, Texas, 8:30am– 5:30pm. The purpose of the forum is to bring together HRSA regional stakeholders to learn more about qualified health plans and the operational flow of the ACA's implementation. [Click Here For More Information and to Register](#).

Free Joint Commission Accreditation and PCMH Certification Workshop at NACHC P&I

The Joint Commission invites you to attend a no-cost Educational Workshop *Joint Commission Accreditation and PCMH Certification* on Saturday, March 22, 2014 (1pm to 4pm) in conjunction with the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum in Washington DC. If you are attending NACHC P&I Forum but unable to attend the Workshop, you can schedule a one-on-one meeting with Lon Berkeley to discuss accreditation or PCMH certification by contacting Delia Constanzo. This workshop provides the “Nuts and Bolts” needed to understand the Joint Commission’s Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) certification option and Ambulatory Care Accreditation. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) - Space is Limited. For questions, contact [Lon Berkeley](#) or [Delia Constanzo](#).

OUTREACH

TACHC LGBT Assessment Survey

To better understand how health centers serve their LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) patients, TACHC would greatly appreciate your assistance to gauge overall activity for this special population and to help identify needed technical assistance support and/or training. [CLICK HERE TO RESPOND TO SURVEY](#) (4-11 questions). **Please respond by Friday, February 28.** Contact [Sonia Lara](#) with questions.

NEWS

Double congratulations to **Cross Timbers Community Health Centers**. They received their Primary Care Medical Home designation from The Joint Commission and have been reaccredited by The Joint Commission after an unannounced survey last week!

TACHC welcomes **Britt Kushner** to our Department of Clinical Affairs staff. Britt brings more than 10 years of experience using data for quality improvement in the FQHC setting to her new role as TACHC’s Health Informatics Coordinator.

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