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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: CFO Grants Management Boot Camp Training May 20-21

More information to follow.

Outreach & Enrollment Conference

Please join us June 12-13th for an opportunity to unite with outreach and enrollment staff in FQHCs across the state. In this two-day training you will have the opportunity to share best practices and lessons learned during the first open enrollment period. TACHC will provide any federal and state policy updates, a special train-the-trainer session to help educate patients, friends, and family for how to understand and use their insurance, and how and when to file an exemption. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend break-out sessions on various topics such as assisting immigrant families in the Marketplace, a review of HRSA reporting requirements and TACHC online reporting tool, and a review of the basics for helping consumers understand eligibility and enrollment in the Marketplace. A tentative agenda is available. Space is limited, so please **REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE** as soon as possible and make plans to join us.

TACHC has a block of sleeping rooms reserved at a rate of \$179/night for single or double occupancy. Call the hotel at 512-832-4197 to make your reservation by Wednesday, May 21, 2014. For more information contact **Sonia Lara**.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

HRSA FTCA Deeming Process Webcast Series

FTCA Redeeming Applications for 2015 are due May 23, 2014. HRSA offered three **TRAININGS** on the application process this week, which are now available on demand.

Funding to Design & Implement Health Care Disparity Reduction Policies

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is looking for organizations to develop and implement a combined payment and delivery change model that includes a focus on meeting disparities reduction benchmarks and targets while also meeting general quality improvement expectations.

Applicants should have an active collaboration with at least one payer (e.g., health plan, insurance company, employer, government payer) and one or more provider/health care organizations (e.g. health centers/clinics, provider organizations, hospitals, network of physician offices, regional coalition of providers and health care organizations).

How to Apply:

- Proposals for this solicitation must be submitted via the RWJF online system.
- Click **HERE** to read the CFP and access the Apply Online link. If you have not already done so, you will be required to register **HERE** before you begin the application process. **Deadline April 18, 2014.** For questions, please contact **Scott Cook** at (866) 344-9800.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Regional Training Opportunity:Public Health Approach to Trauma - Deadline to Apply 4/15/14

The HHS Office on Women's Health is selecting organizations to participate in a two-day training and two post-training technical assistance consultation calls on a public health approach to trauma-informed practice. The two-day event is by invitation only and is offered at no charge. **Deadline to apply is April 15th.** Six selected organizations identify up to five (5) participants that serve different roles including: administrator, program staff, line staff and person with lived experience (former or current program participant). Participants will learn about a public health approach to trauma and work on an organizational action plan that will outline steps towards a trauma-informed approach. Within two months of the training, organizations will receive technical assistance in the form of two consultation calls to help them complete their action plans. For more information **CLICK HERE.** To apply **CLICK HERE.**

A Few Slots Still Available in the New TACHC 2014 - 2015 OC3 Learning Year!!

So Hurry, Don't Delay and Be Sure to Sign Your Center Up Today!!

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 OC3 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 OC3 Learning Year to customize your individual center's learning needs. Please note that limited Travel Reimbursement is available. Time and space is limited, so don't delay. To sign up or for more information, contact **TACHC Clinical Care Coordinator Verne LaGrega.**

Hantavirus Case Prompts Precaution Reminder

A Texas Panhandle resident recently developed Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome

(HPS). Hantavirus is carried by certain species of rats and mice. The illness is rare. HPS cases are frequently associated with spring cleaning. Early symptoms of hantavirus infection include fatigue, fever and muscle aches. These symptoms may be accompanied by headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Later symptoms include coughing and shortness of breath. If Hantavirus is suspected, people should contact their health care provider immediately. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

POLICY

FQHC Reimbursement for Telemedicine/Telehealth Services under Texas Medicaid

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) recently made changes to reimbursement policy for FQHC billing for telemedicine / telehealth services which expands health centers' ability to be reimbursed for these services under Texas Medicaid. Click [HERE](#) for a TACHC summary on the current policy.

OUTREACH

Outreach & Enrollment Conference

See [Upcoming Events](#).

R&R

TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

With great enthusiasm, we continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs. As such, **TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with attendees at the Annual Session of the Texas Dental Association in San Antonio this May 1-3, 2014.** If your center has a **new Dentistry opportunity** that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, click [HERE](#) and complete the easy online position profile **by COB Friday, April 25th.** Have questions or need assistance? Contact [April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.](#)

IT

New TACHC Disaster Recovery Service

TACHC is pleased to announce the Dell NetVault Disaster Recovery solution is ready to start backing up Members' server data. This new system has 3X the capacity as our old Avamar system which we will begin phasing out. As TACHC Members, each Center has access to 500 GB of backup disk space for documents, data, and databases (though not for Operating System files). Each night, data is transmitted in an encrypted form and is kept in storage separated by Center.

Please note, this free service is for disaster recovery purposes only and is not meant to replace your normal day-to-day backup solution.

Because this is meant for emergency data recovery, TACHC will keep data for just 2 weeks. If you are interested in learning more or want to get directions to dive right in, please contact **TACHC's Lee Davila** or at (512) 329-5959.

NEWS

Congratulations to **Community Health Development, Inc.!** All three service delivery sites earned **National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Level 2 Recognition!!**

Please make note that **Cactus Health Services, Inc.** now has its administrative and clinic offices located in Fort Stockton at 301 N. Water Street, 79735.

Happy **TACHC**iversary to **Daniel Diaz** (21 years!!), **Albert Alvarez** (6 years), and **Danielle Ramos** (1 year)!

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