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UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION: Outreach & Enrollment Staff!

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**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

CDC Confirms Two MERS Cases in U.S.

The CDC confirms first two cases of **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus** (MERS-CoV) in the U.S. Do you know the signs, symptoms, and proper precautionary protocol for your health center?

Enhanced LabCorp Reporting Tool for CKD and CVD - and Diabetes Coming Soon (see Group Purchasing)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Transforming the Primary Care Practice Seminar

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) will host a **Transforming the Primary Care Practice** seminar **June 10-12, 2014** in San Francisco. The agenda includes topics on primary care system transformation, such as access and continuity, person- and family-centered care, care team optimization, HIT and using data for improvement, improving efficiencies and flow and care coordination. Groups of three or more receive a 15% discount. IHI has a limited number of 50% discounts for this program for FQHCs that are not affiliated with a hospital or health system. To apply for this rate, please complete the online **Scholarship and Special Discount Application**. More information about the program is available at ihi.org.

Immunization Partnership Stakeholder Meeting in Dallas

Make Your Voice Heard at the Dallas Immunization Stakeholder Meeting on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 12pm-1:30pm!** Don't miss your last chance this spring to speak up about immunization challenges and priorities in your community. Learn about hot topics in immunization on the state and national front, discuss immunization issues, and discover how to be an effective immunization advocate. The meeting will be held at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Ambulatory Care Pavilion, Independence Conference Room (1st Floor), 2350 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207. Lunch will be provided for all registered participants. For more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#).

POLICY

DEADLINE EXTENDED: What's YOUR Center's Priority Issue?

TACHC needs your help! As we prepare the TACHC legislative agenda for the 2015 state legislative session, we need your input on what state-level issues are important to your center. Please take a moment and let us know what your center's priority issues are by taking **THIS 3-QUESTION SURVEY** (multiple responses per center are fine). Please respond by COB Monday, May 19th. Contact **Shelby Massey** with questions.

Medicare PPS- Final Rule

CMS recently released a final rule to move FQHCs to a Prospective Payment System (PPS) reimbursement methodology, as required by the Affordable Care Act. See TACHC's initial summary of the rule [HERE](#). Contact **Shelby Massey** with any questions. Also, CMS will host a webcast on the final rule on May 21st. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the webcast.

GROUP PURCHASING

Enhanced LabCorp Reporting Tool for CKD and CVD - and Diabetes Coming Soon

For the members that are using the TACHC/LabCorp lab contract, there is now an enhanced reporting tool for patients with CVD and CKD (and diabetes reporting coming this summer). For more information on this new service, click [HERE](#). To learn more about LabCorp, click [HERE](#).

OUTREACH

Community Partner Program

HHSC evaluated the current **Your Texas Benefits Navigator** certification requirements and identified opportunities to strengthen the certification and improve protections for clients, Community Partners, and the program. As a result, HHSC will implement a number of changes in **mid to late July 2014**. For more information regarding these changes, please register for the webinar that

best fits your schedule by clicking on the appropriate registration link below.

Webinar Options (please register for one webinar):

- May 21, 2014 at 1:00 pm – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- May 29, 2014 at 11:00 am – [REGISTER HERE](#)

For more information, contact TACHC's [RexAnn Shotwell](#).

Health Center and Public Housing Symposium

The HRSA National Cooperative Agreements on Public Housing are holding their 2014 Health Center and Public Housing National Symposium titled Engaging Residents of Underserved Communities: From Outreach to Quality Care from June 10-12 in Alexandria VA. Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information on the symposium. For more information, contact [Laura Wesolowski](#) of Community Health Partners for Sustainability, (267) 765-2332.

Register for National Health Center Week 2014 Webinar

National Health Center Week is **August 10th-16th**. This year's theme is Celebrating America's Health Centers: Local Engines for Healthier Communities. To kick off National Health Center Week planning efforts NACHC will host its annual NHCW webinar **May 22nd at 2PM ET**. The webinar is open to all and will discuss the nuts and bolts of how to plan and host successful events, recruit local sponsors, and invite federal, state, and local officials to join the celebration at your health center. Without a doubt one of the best ways to ensure a successful NHCW event is to start your planning EARLY and allow plenty of time to prepare. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar! Be sure to visit the [National Health Center Week website](#) to get event ideas and access resources to support your event planning.

R&R

TACHC Congratulations to CommuniCare Health Centers for New Hire!

Dr. Carol Chincanchan, a TACHC referral, has accepted an offer from CommuniCare Health Centers for their Pediatrician position. Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? Click [HERE](#) and complete the quick and easy online position profile. Contact [Anita Mitchell](#), Provider Services Specialist if you have questions or need assistance.

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

PracticeMatch Physician Career Fair this May 28, 2014. If your center has a new physician 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 Wednesday, May 21st. Have questions or need assistance? Contact **Anita Mitchell**, Provider Services Specialist.

NEWS

Congratulations to **Dr. Liz Trevino** and **North Texas Area Community Health Centers** on the grand opening of their **Southeast Community Health Center**. During the event, TACHC's executive director Jose Camacho presented **NACHC's 2014 Distinguished Community Health Champion Award to Congresswoman Kay Granger** and **NACHC's 2014 Distinguished Community Health Advocate Award to Congressman Marc Veasey**. Event photos will be posted soon on **TACHC's Facebook page**.

Welcome to new **Tejas Health Care CEO Sheri Kehler**! Many thanks to **Janetta Morris** for serving as interim CEO.

Welcome to new **Genesis PrimeCare CEO Carla Roadcap** (East Texas Border Health)! Many thanks to **David Hayes** for serving as interim

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