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***Please Note: The Weekly Wrap-Up will skip publication on March 16. It will return on March 23.***

### **NACHC Policy & Issues Forum Healthcare Leadership Reception and Awards**

***TACHC members Ernesto Gomez and Michelle Carter to be recognized***

Please join us in congratulating TACHC members **Ernesto Gomez, PhD**, CEO of CentroMed and **Michelle Carter, MPA-HCA**, Chief Executive Officer at Community Health Service Agency, Inc. Both Ernesto and Michelle will be recognized at the NACHC P & I Forum (Thursday, March 15, Marriott Wardman Ballroom, 6:00 p.m.) at the Healthcare Leadership Reception and Awards.



### **NACHC Grassroots Hall of Fame**

Ernesto Gomez will be inducted into the NACHC Grassroots Hall of Fame. He's being recognized as a leader who has made lasting contributions to ensuring the creation, survival, and strength of health centers and the Health Center Movement through his dedicated and tireless efforts over many years.



### **Elizabeth K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award**

Michelle Carter will receive the Elizabeth K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award and is recognized as a leader who went above and beyond in her efforts to ensure that their Members of Congress actively supported health centers and established and expanded grassroots advocacy efforts at her health center and in Texas.

### **Quick Links for NACHC Policy & Issues Forum**

- [Click here for complete information on the NACHC P & I Forum](#)
- [Click here for policy papers, one-pagers, fact sheets, and other info for Hill Day \(March 15, 2018\)](#)
- [Click here for district-level and other fact sheets](#)

### **Bilirakis-Green Health Center Funding Dear Colleague Letter Signing Deadline is March 15**

This year's House bipartisan "[Health Center Dear Colleague](#)" letter led by [Reps. Bilirakis \(R-FL\)](#) and [Green \(D-TX\)](#) is now circulating! Act now to show your support for health centers! [Contact your Representative](#) to ask him/her to support your Health Center by co-signing the Bilirakis-Green Health Center Funding Dear Colleague Letter. **The deadline to sign on to the House letter is March 15, 2018.** *To see the current list of Bilirakis-Green Letter co-signers click [here](#).*

### **Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition to Host Community Engagement Event**

The Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition is hosting a community engagement event on March 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. David's Foundation in Austin. They are targeting family planning and women's health providers. [Click here for details.](#)

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast: FQHCs and Social Media Part 1**

**Date:** March 23 • **Time:** 9:00-11:00 a.m. • **Details:** [Click here](#)

Join us as speaker **Mara Lopez**, Director of Marketing at Gateway Community Health Center presents best

practices and specific tools center staff can use to market the center's services and the positive impact they are having in the community, as well to best connect the center with its myriad partners. Date: March 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. [Register Here](#).

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## OUTREACH



### **2018 Texas Primary Results: Texas Makes History**

Texas saw its highest early voting turnout in a non-presidential election year making history as nearly 886,000 early voters in the 15 most populous counties came out between February 20 - March 2 to vote in the Texas Primary. While, there were clear winners for candidates to take the US Senate seat, some statewide seats and several congressional districts races did not receive a majority vote so the top two candidates will face a run-off in May. To receive a full re-cap of the election results go [here](#). For more information contact [RexAnn Shotwell](#).

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## GROUP PURCHASING

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

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### **Congratulations on 340B Recertification Completion**

The annual 340B recertification is now complete and every Texas health center completed the detailed process successfully. Good job! If you have any pharmacy and/or 340B questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

### **No Pharmacy/340B Office Hours Next Week**

NACHC will not be having their Pharmacy/340B Office Hours conference call on March 15th (usually the third Thursday of the month at 2:00pm ET) due to the fact that is the middle of P&I. The next session will be April 19th, and the topic will be which prescriptions are eligible to be filled purchased under 340B. For more information, contact [Colleen Meiman](#). Also, the recording and handouts from the February Pharmacy/340B Office Hours (focused on self-audits) are available [here](#).

## CLINICAL



## TACHC Clinical Conference Integrating Strategies to Meet Patient Needs



April 26-28, 2018 • Westin Stonebriar Hotel & Golf Club • Frisco, TX

### Registration Now Open!

Mark your calendars and join us for this year's Texas Association of Community Health Center's (TACHC) **2018 Clinical Conference!** The Conference takes place **April 26-28, 2018** at the **Westin Stonebriar** in Frisco, TX. This year's theme is "**Integrating Strategies to Meet Patient Needs.**" Conference topics and format that support the integration of services, enhancement of systems that support improved patient care, and challenge community health centers to look beyond the medical office into the community and environment affecting their patient's care. For more information [click here](#) or contact [Verne LaGrega](#), Interim Director of Clinical Affairs.

### TACHC PCMH Strategy Session

TACHC is currently offering a FREE site visit training to community health centers interested in pursuing PCMH recognition through NCQA. The site visit's goals include: 1) building PCMH team's capacity for practice transformation; 2) growing PCMH team's knowledge in all NCQA criteria necessary to achieve recognition; 3) creating a working timeline for PCMH practice transformation; 4) integrating leadership into the PCMH practice transformation; and 5) providing PCMH Team with tools to move practice transformation forward. For more information, please contact [Nancy Gilliam](#).

### Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit

The University of Texas System and UT MD Anderson would like to invite you to attend their annual Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit, which will be held on April 24-25, 2018 in Houston. It will feature keynote speeches from Matt Myers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, and Corinne Graffunder, Director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. The Summit website and registration is now open at [eliminatetobaccouse.org](http://eliminatetobaccouse.org). The website also includes the Summit [agenda](#), last year's [impact report](#), and information on travel and lodging accommodations.

### Active for Life Health and Wellness Conference

The Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging (CPHA) is pleased to announce the inaugural **Active for Life Health and Wellness Conference** to be held **April 26-27, 2018** at the Texas A&M Equine Center, 3240 F&B Road, College Station, TX 77843. This event does **not** provide DSHS-certified CEUs for CHWs or Instructors. Register at [cpa.tamhsc.edu/conference](http://cpa.tamhsc.edu/conference) or contact: [Alice Martin](#) or call 979.436.9336. **Space is limited – Call for group discounts (6 or more)**. For more information, please contact: [healthyaging@tamhsc.edu](mailto:healthyaging@tamhsc.edu) or call (979) 436-9336.

### ACOG Recognizes Prenatal Group Care; CHI Accepting Second Round of Grants

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) [published a committee review in support of prenatal group care](#). ACOG's review highlighted that "group prenatal care is designed to improve patient education and social support while also including the health assessments of individual prenatal care." ACOG's support aligns well with research findings that show CenteringPregnancy lowers the risk of preterm birth 33-47%, equalizes the race disparity of preterm birth among black and white women, and increases breastfeeding rates. The second round of [Centering Grant applications](#) are due March 15.

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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

#### Would You Like Us to Help You Recruit?

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help recruit? [Complete the TACHC online position profile](#). Contact [Danielle Ramos, TACHC Recruitment Dept.](#)

**Program Assistant** for more information.

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff?  
**Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!**

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Wrap Editor **Brom Hoban**.

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