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## Senate Letter Supporting Health Centers Closes with 65 Signatures

The Wicker-Stabenow HCs Funding Senate letter for FY19 closed with 65 signatures—including Texas Senator **John Cornyn** (*pictured at left*). The total was more than last year and a great showing of support for FY19 funding. The “Dear Colleague” letter supporting Health Center 2019 funding spotlighted Community Health Centers as a proven and cost-effective solution to America’s health care access challenges. In signing, leaders showed their support of continuing to invest in health centers to strengthen the primary care safety net. [See the full list here.](#)



### HRSA Site Visit Resources

Many health centers have upcoming site visits from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) on their schedule. These site visits support the effective oversight of the Health Center Program. Operational Site Visits (OSVs) provide an objective assessment and verification of the status of each Health Center Program awardee or look-alike’s compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements of the Health Center Program. [Find out more and see the Health Center Program Site Visit Protocol \(SVP\) tools here.](#)

### Changes to the TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Manual Related to NCQA PCMH and TJC PCMH

Per the TACHC Purchasing Group Board of Directors (PG Board), TACHC’s Legal and Clinical Teams have worked together to make changes to the TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Manual related to NCQA PCMH and TJC PCMH requirements. A listing of 37 relevant updated Policies & Procedures (P&Ps) and Tools was sent by email on March 29, 2018, from Cecile Carson, Director of Legal Affairs and TACHC Compliance Officer, via the Manual Owners listserv. The copyrighted materials may be reviewed [here](#), in red-lined document format to track content changes, through April 29, 2018. TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Manual subscribers may wish to update their subscription by logging in to the [Products page at TACHC.org](#). A finalized version of these documents will be posted on April 30, 2018. For questions regarding the content of specific documents, please email [Alfredo Garcia](#).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Register Now for the 2018 TACHC Clinical Conference!

When: April 26- 28 Where: [Westin Stonebriar](#) in Frisco, TX • [Register Here](#)

#### Free HIPAA Training • Sign up Now!

Free HIPAA Trainings for small providers will be provided by the federal authority on HIPAA, the Office of Civil Rights, in four Texas locations. :

- [Dallas](#) May 8
- [Kilgore](#) May 9
- [El Paso](#) June 5
- [Houston](#) June 8

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## GROUP PURCHASING

### Additional Purchasing Agreement Available

Now more than ever it is important to save every possible penny and still access high quality products. The Medline contract will help with exactly that balance. Effective January 1, 2018, TACHC has a contract offering with [Medline](#) for their extensive line of medical supplies and equipment via the ViP program in collaboration with Community Health Ventures (the purchasing affiliate of NACHC). If your health center is already using McKesson Medical or Henry Schein Medical, this is a great opportunity to add an additional distributor to the offering of products and service at a great price. For more information, contact [Lynn Ford](#).

## POLICY

### Title X Funding Update

The current Title X Project administered by the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) was scheduled to end on March 31, 2018; however, WHFPT's cost extension request for an additional five months of funding to support Title X services in Texas for the period of April 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018, was approved as submitted on March 30, 2018. The Title X Family Planning Service grant funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 was released on February 23, 2018. WHFPT is preparing its application for submission and anticipates competition from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Applications are due on May 24, 2018, and awards are expected on or after September 1, 2018. The estimated funding available for Texas is \$13,947,000. [View the Title X Funding Update here](#). Contact [Mary Allen](#) with any questions

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## CLINICAL



### Register Now for the 2018 TACHC Clinical Conference!

[Agenda](#) is now available

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 18!**

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 support the integration of services, and enhancement of systems that support improved patient care. Additionally, topics 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.

### CDC's Online Interactive Training for Clinicians Now Available

[Applying CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids](#) is an online interactive training series developed to assist providers in applying CDC's recommendations in a clinical setting through interactive patient scenarios, videos, knowledge checks, tips, and resources. Health center providers can access the training to gain a better understanding of Guideline recommendations, the risks and benefits of prescription opioids, non-opioid treatment options, patient communication, and risk mitigation. The series includes four modules (content is periodically updated): Addressing the Opioid Epidemic, Treating Chronic Pain without Opioids, Communicating with Patients and Reducing the Risks of Opioids.

### **Presentations from 2017 HHS Federal Partners Integrated Care Meeting Now Available**

Presentations from 2017 HHS Federal Partners Integrated Care Meeting are now available. You can [watch the presentations here](#) from the HHS 2017 virtual meeting, "State of the Art: Research, Models, Promising Practices, and Sustaining Integrated Care." National experts from HHS and federal grantees spoke about best practices in primary and behavioral care integration

### **Diabetes Quality Improvement Talks: Using Enabling Services to Prevent Lower Extremity Amputations**

The next Diabetes Quality Improvement Talk on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST focuses on the social factors that can increase an individual's risk of lower extremity amputation and steps to reduce the risk for amputation. [Join the webcast the day of the session](#), Call-in: 800-619-2521, Passcode: 2503524

### **Development of Community Partnerships – Key Components of Integrated Behavioral Health Care**

#### **Roundtable Discussion for Health Centers in Regions 2, 3, and 6**

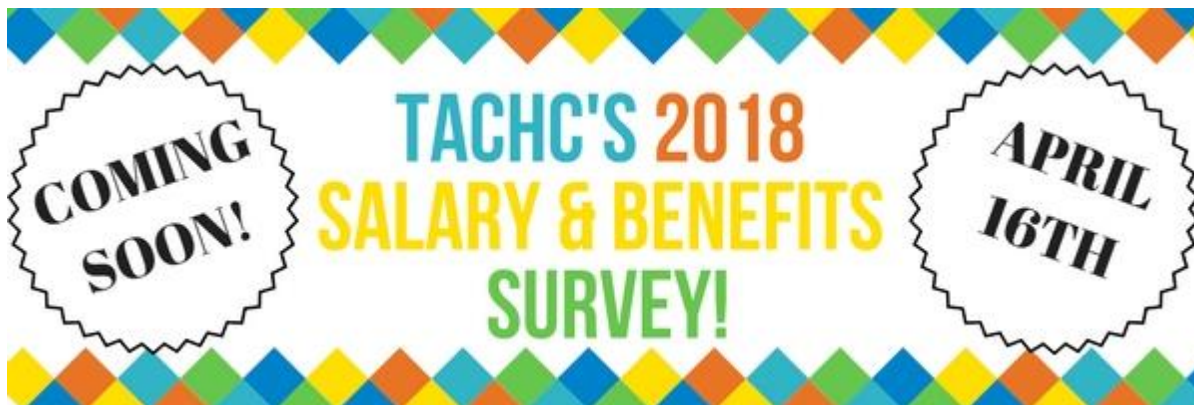
On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CST please join the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) for a regionally-focused and interactive roundtable discussion on the key components of behavioral health integration with a special focus on the development of community partnerships. This roundtable discussion is tailored for health centers in regions 2, 3, and 6, including specific intervention topics to help providers meet the needs of their community. Joining the discussion will be experts from the field: Jennifer Yturriondobeitia, MSW, Behavioral Health Programs Manager, and Amy Walters, PhD, Director of Behavioral Health Services from St. Luke's Health Partners. [Register here](#).

### **Executive Leadership and Physician Well-Being**

The National Academy of Medicine's supports a collaborative of more than 50 organizations committed to reversing trends in clinician burnout. Check out their [Clinician Well-Being Knowledge Hub](#). The site provides research and resources discussing the **causes** of clinician burnout, its impact on care delivery, and **methods available** to address factors that contribute to burnout. For a discussion on strategies to promote engagement and reduce burnout, look at [this Mayo Clinic article](#) available on their site.

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## **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**



### **2018 TACHC Compensation and Benefits Survey to Open April 16**

We are happy to announce that the 2018 TACHC Compensation and Benefits survey will be opening Monday, April 16 and closing Thursday, May 10. We appreciate your organization's willingness to participate in this survey and are confident that the final results will be very useful in your organization's compensation and benefit planning activities. All login information will be sent to the CEO of each organization. If the CEO is unable to complete the survey, please forward all login information to the designated staff who will be carrying out the survey. Please contact [Anita Mitchell](#) for any questions or concerns.

**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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