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TACHC Welcomes Dr. Roxana Cruz!

Please extend a warm welcome to Roxana Cruz, MD, TACHC's new Director of Medical and Clinical Affairs. Dr. Cruz's commitment to working with underserved communities is evident in her earlier roles, first as physician and Medical Director at Los Barrios Unidos in Dallas and later Community Health Services Agency. Prior to joining TACHC, Dr. Cruz served as the Medical Director for a hospital-owned 501a, practicing and supervising three Rural Health Centers for the Hunt Regional Medical District in Greenville, Texas, where she was Chief of Medical Staff between 2015-2017 and the Medical Director of the Hospital District's newly developed ACODr. Roxana Cruz will provide clinical leadership to TACHC programs, education, member support, and advocacy. [Contact Dr. Cruz here.](#)



Federal Tort
Claims Act



2019 Requirements for Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Medical Malpractice Coverage

HRSA has issued [PAL 2018-01](#) to describe the process for Health Center Program grantees to submit applications for FTCA initial deeming and redeeming for CY 2018 and 2019. In addition, [PAL 2018-02](#) will describe the deeming process and requirements for health center volunteer health professionals for CY 2019. Both PALs are available on the [FTCA Program webpage](#) at the above links, or through the HRSA Health Center Program FTCA Policies for Health Centers [webpage](#).

Redeeming applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, June 4, 2018. A technical assistance webinar about the CY 2019 FTCA Health Center Deeming Application was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET and is available from the [HRSA website](#). If any TACHC members have applied successfully or unsuccessfully for volunteer health professionals to be covered under HRSA's deeming process, please let us know by emailing [Alfredo Garcia](#) so we have a sense of the engagement with this new process.

Changes to the TACHC OC³ 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 OC³ 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 OC³ 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

2018 TACHC Clinical Conference

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

ECP Office Hours Webcast

When: May 11, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm• For more information contact [Ramona Whittington](#).

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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](#).

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CLINICAL



2018 TACHC Clinical Conference!

See you next week! Download the TACHC App for full agenda and details. Search for "TACHC" in your App store!

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](#).

Workforce Grand Rounds Webinar Series Don't Forget to Register!

Workforce Grand Rounds Webinar Series on April 24, 2018 from 12:30 TO 2:00 PM CST: Provider Well-Being: Moving from Triple to Quadruple Aim in Clinical Training. The purpose of the program is to provide resources and successful implementation examples of Provider Wellness programs within health workforce training programs. [Click Here to Register](#).

Workforce Strategies for Developing Integrated Primary Care Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder Recording Available

Last month, HRSA hosted a webinar for [Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services](#) (AIMS) awardees highlighting promising practices in innovative workforce strategies. Health center speakers shared how they leverage academic partnerships to recruit behavioral health staff and the development of a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program to fit their community's needs. [Access the webinar recording and presentations](#).

SAMHSA Announces Up to \$4.7 Million for Improving Access to Overdose Treatment

SAMHSA is accepting applications for [Improving Access to Overdose Treatment \(OD Treatment Access\) grants](#) totaling up to \$4.7 million over the next five years. The purpose is to award Federally Qualified Health Centers, opioid treatment programs, or practitioners who have a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine to expand access to FDA-approved drugs or devices for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose. SAMHSA expects to fund up to five grantees with as much as \$200,000 per year for as many as five years. The

application deadline is 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Webcast on the Development of Community Partnerships and Integrated Behavioral Health Care

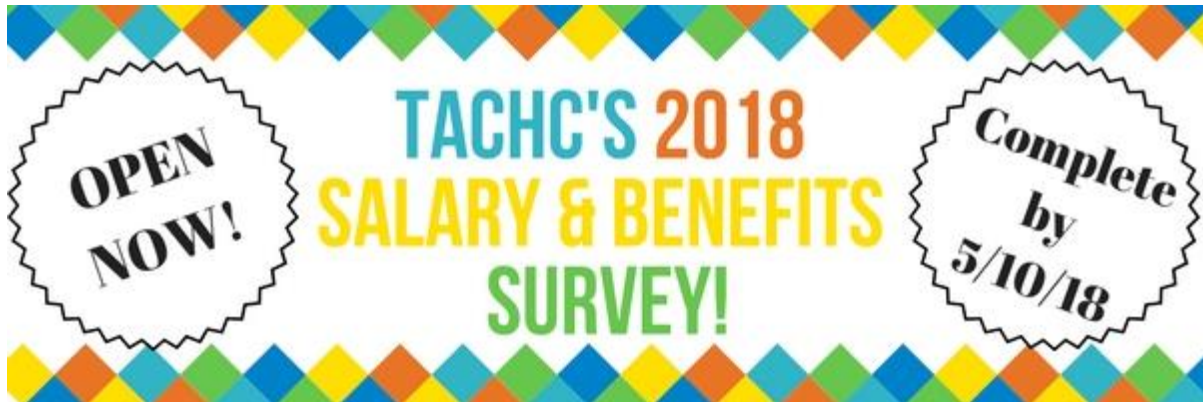
On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CST please join please **join others to learn about the key components of integrated Behavioral Health Care Roundtable Discussion for Health Centers**. The webcast will be hosted by the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions [Register here](#).

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

Join your colleagues on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST for the next Diabetes Quality Improvement Talk that will focus on enabling services as a strategy to prevent or reduce lower extremity amputation giving a nod to Limb Loss Awareness Month and National Minority Health Month. [Join the webcast the day of the session](#), Call-in: 800-619-2521, Passcode: 2503524

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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



TACHC Compensation Survey Update

The 2018 TACHC Compensation Survey opened on Monday, April 16, 2018. TACHC member center Executive Directors/Chief Executive Officers received the survey participation link via email. Please follow-up with your ED/CEO if you are the center staff person most appropriate to complete or participate in the survey. If you participated in the survey training webinar last week, please complete the evaluation form [HERE](#). Your feedback is instrumental in our future planning. Thank you in advance for making this project a success and valuable resource through your participation! For any questions please contact [Anita Mitchell](#) or [Danielle Ramos](#).

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!](#)

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