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### **National Health Center Week 2018 Kicks off this Sunday, August 12th!**

**National Health Center Week 2018** kicks off this Sunday, August 12th! You can still help spread the word on social media by participating in NACHC's annual **Thunderclap campaign**. (Set for August 13). Be sure to use the hashtags **#NHCW18** and **#CHCSuperpower**. Your participation will allow all health center advocates to share a unified message in support of National Health Center Week on August 13th at 8:00 a.m. CDT. Signing up with your Facebook or Twitter account takes less than two minutes. Also, a reminder that the submission period for the **NHCW Picture & Video Contest is open through August 31!** Anyone who is registered as an advocate on the Health Center Advocacy Network is eligible to participate in the NHCW Picture & Video contest. The **National Health Center Week Picture & Video Contest** is one of the best ways for Health Center Advocates to showcase the important work and success of their health center in a fun and creative way

- Remember to **post your events!**
- Please send any photos you take during NHCW to **Brom Hoban**, along with a caption identifying the center/event.
- Questions? Contact **Courtney Weaver**.

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### **Rep. Cuellar Announces Over \$6 Million to Local Agencies and Institutions**

**Gateway Community Health Center to receive more than \$4 million; SCAN Inc. to be awarded more than \$2 million**

This week, Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28) announced more than \$6.3 million to the Gateway Community Health Center and to Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN) through two federal agencies, the Health Resources & Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, respectively. Specifically, Gateway Community Health Center will receive \$4,269,405 to continue with the delivery of primary health care for communities and vulnerable populations. This is in addition to the \$1,423,135 recently awarded, for a total of \$5,692,540 in federal funds this year. SCAN, meanwhile, will receive \$2,125,000 divided over five years to serve adult males and females returning to the community following incarceration and who meet the criteria for occurring or reoccurring substance use and mental health disorders. [Read the full story here.](#)



**From left to right:** Associate Program Director UIWSOM Residency Program Dr. Melissa Martin-Jacaman, UIWSOM Resident Dr. Tiffany Willers, Gateway Board Member Terrie Sifuentes, , UIWSOM Resident Dr. Mohammed Ahmed, Gateway Board Member Elena Weatherholt, Gateway Board Member Romeo Sifuentes, Program Director UIWSOM Residency Program Dr. David E. Garza, Congressman Henry Cuellar, Gateway CEO Elmo Lopez, Jr., Gateway Board Chairman Lauro A. Garcia, Gateway Board Member Nelly Trust, Gateway Board Member Oralia Garcia, Gateway Board Member Ricardo Gonzalez

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## THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!

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### **Robin Moore, CEO East Texas Community Health Services, Retires**

Congratulations, and Thank You to Robin Moore, Chief Executive Officer at East Texas Community Health Services, Inc. TACHC wishes Robin all the best as she retires. Robin has served as CEO for East Texas Community Health Services for the past 28 years. "Robin has meant a lot to our association. She served on every Board and Committee the Association ever created and worked tirelessly to help move TACHC forward," said TACHC Executive Director José E. Camacho. To view the flyer for Robin's retirement celebration on August 15, [please click here](#).

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[UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

# DentaQuest Portal Training

## DentaQuest Portal Training Webcast

August 13 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CDT • [Register Here](#)

The DentaQuest Portal Training focuses on a new, enhanced version of the portal and how to submit claims, check eligibility, etc. This complimentary training is necessary to maintain the ability to access the old portal at the end of September.

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## 35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures* October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • SAVE THE DATE!



## OUTREACH

### National Council on Aging (NCOA) Funding Opportunity for Benefits Enrollment Centers

Benefits Enrollment Centers help provide wider access to benefits for low-income elderly, including benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and assistance with utilities among many other resources. NCOA is seeking qualified organizations through a request for proposal to establish Benefits Enrollment Centers and hopes to expand grant awards to more FQHCs. A notice of intent was due by Wednesday, July 25. However, if you missed the intent deadline, you can still apply by submitting a letter of intent to receive instructions to complete a grant application. Proposals are due by Wednesday, August 29, 2018 by 11 AM CDT. View the [BEC Request for Proposals \(RFP\) Here](#). View the [BEC Fact Sheet here](#) Questions? Contact [NCOA here](#)

### Registration Now Open for the Texas State of Enrollment Conference

TACHC is partnering with the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) in delivering a joint statewide Outreach & Enrollment conference for Certified Application Counselors, Federal Navigators and other assisters. The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 20 & 21, 2018 at the Drury Plaza Hotel – North Stone Oak in San Antonio, Texas. Due to fundraising efforts by CPPP, there is **no registration fee** to attend this year's OE conference and priority to attend will be given to OE staff and their supervisors. With the CMS announcement this week of further cuts to Federal Navigator funding, it is crucial that our health center OE staff are prepared for the upcoming open enrollment period. [Click here to see the draft agenda](#) • [Registration & Hotel Reservations Here](#) • [Hotel rate \\$109/night expires Saturday, September 1, 2018.](#)

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### **HHS Announces Grantees for Title X Family Planning Program Services**

This week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Office of Population Affairs](#) announced the 96 grantees to whom HHS intends to award Title X family planning service grants for fiscal year 2018. Twelve of the intended awards go to grantees who are new to Title X. These grants, which are expected to be awarded no later than September 1, 2018, cover all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and six Pacific jurisdictions, and support delivery of Title X services in almost 4,000 service sites. Title X service grants are awarded through a competitive process to public and private not-for-profit entities including state and local health departments, hospitals, university health centers, and nonprofit organizations, including community health centers. [Read the full announcement here.](#)

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## **CLINICAL**

### **CIHS Roundtable: Integrated Care for Rural Populations**

**August 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT • [Join the webinar the day of the session](#)**

The [SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions](#) (CIHS) is a national training and technical assistance center that promotes the development of integrated primary and behavioral health services. This hour-long webinar for HRSA-funded safety net providers is an interactive, roundtable session providing direct access to experts in the field for questions and consultations. Integrating behavioral health into primary care is one way to better address mental health and substance use issues, particularly in rural areas short on mental/behavioral health workforce.

### **GOTV 2018: Educating and Registering Voters at Your Organization**

**August 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m. • CDT • [Register](#)**

The National Council for Behavioral Health is hosting a webinar team to learn more about the do's and don'ts for registering your clients to vote, and hear from Robert Davison, CEO of Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. on best practices and lessons learned from his organization's voter registration initiatives. In political advocacy, the first and most important step is deciding who will represent you and your community in Washington, D.C.

### **Telebehavioral Health and the Consumer**

**August 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**

SAMHSA-hosted Telebehavioral Health Webinar Series: Consumers of behavioral health services, especially those in sparsely-populated regions or those who have difficulty getting to a provider, should become aware of how this technology can improve access to care.

### **Telebehavioral Health – What Every Provider Needs to Know**

**August 21, 1:00-2:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**

SAMHSA-hosted Telebehavioral Health Webinar Series: As telebehavioral health becomes more widespread, providers will need to become aware of several issues that govern the successful provision of online services.

### **National Partnership for Action (NPA) Partners Webinar Series**

**August 16, 3:00-4:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**

NPA is hosting a webcast Diversifying the Health Workforce for an Equitable Future Featuring the National Hispanic Medical Association. Presenters will share their experiences, recommendations, and tools for increasing the diversity of the health workforce to meet the needs of communities of color, thereby allowing for

a more positive and equitable future.

### **U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Update**

USPSTF has posted a [final research plan](#) on counseling for healthy weight and weight gain during pregnancy. The draft research plan for this topic was posted for public comment earlier this year

### **Free MAT Training and Mentoring to Become a DATA-Waived Practitioner**

Physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants can access free Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) waiver training and mentoring through the SAMHSA-funded [Providers' Clinical Support System \(PCSS\)](#). Providers can apply to become DATA-waived practitioners and begin prescribing practices for treating opioid use disorder, as well as accessing educational resources.

### **Clinician Consultation Center Substance Use Warmline**

HRSA sponsors the University of California-San Francisco's Clinician Consultation Center Warmline to support primary care providers at health centers. Get free, expert clinical advice on substance use disorder treatment for managing complex patients with addiction, chronic pain, and behavioral health issues. Both online and phone consultations are available. The Warmline is accessible toll free at 855-300-3595 and operates from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday. Providers can also upload cases online. [Learn more.](#)

### **Best Practices for Sustaining Behavioral Health Integration Models in Health Centers Using Health Information Technology**

**August 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** • [Join the webinar the day of the session](#)

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) will host a webinar featuring subject matter experts in health information technology and technologies that support population health management and data aggregation from Clinica Family Health and Colorado Community Managed Care Network.

### **Introduction to Practical Acupuncture**

**September 7-8** • [Details and Registration](#)

The UNT Health Science Center - MET, Fort Worth, TX will have an introductory Practical Acupuncture course which will provide practical knowledge in medical acupuncture to practicing physicians.

### **National Institute on Drug Abuse Launches Clinician-informed Tool on Opioid Use Disorder Medication Treatment**

The first in this series—Science to Medicine: Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)—offers quick, targeted information on how to get started offering OUD treatment medications and other recovery support services. [Learn more.](#)

### **New Materials Available from the AIDS Education & Training Center Program**

The HRSA-funded HIV/HCV (Hepatitis C virus) Coinfection Initiative aims to utilize the [AETC HIV/HCV coinfection curriculum](#) for training health care providers in five U.S. jurisdictional sites. [Materials developed](#) as part of this initiative are now available for all health centers from the AETC Program and include: An HCV Screening and Treatment Flyer for providers treating people living with HIV and HIV/HCV co-infection patient engagement tools in English and Spanish (Passport to Cure brochure and Hep C Free cards).

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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 [Jonathan Davis](#) 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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