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Hope Clinic- Waxahachie Receives Patient- Centered Medical Home Recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance

Hope Clinic's mission is to show the light of God's love to the community by providing a quality, patient-centered medical home, and PCMH recognition is confirmation that we are staying true to those words. Every day, Hope Clinic's staff work hard to make sure the patients feel they are cared for and that their needs are

understood. According to the NCQA, a Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. The evaluation process included the observation of a number of the clinic's procedures and practices and requires that they all show evidence of patient-centered care.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

National LGBT Health Education Center Advancing Excellence in Transgender Health Conference

The National LGBT Health Education Center, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, is holding their annual Transgender Health conference **September 21-23**, 2018 in Boston, Massachusetts. A myriad of topics will be discussed through didactic presentations led by experienced clinicians specialized in transgender health. Please click [here](#) to see course information or [here](#) to view as a PDF document. Accreditation is available. [Contact this email for questions.](#) [Register here.](#)

35th TACHC Annual Conference Agenda and Online Registration Now Available

The **35th TACHC Annual Conference** is an opportunity to participate in learning sessions, networking and activities geared toward improving the quality of our work, the impact of our outcomes and our ability to better meet the needs of the patients and communities we serve. *Join us in celebrating our history, and Championing Healthy Futures.* [View Agenda Here](#) • [Register Here](#)



35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures*
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OUTREACH

CMS CDO Applications- Hard Deadline Friday, September 14

There is still time for you to submit your Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization (CDO) application if your health center missed the soft deadline on Friday, June 22. CMS opened the application to all interested parties and the hard deadline to submit a CDO application is Friday, September 14, 2018. Please contact [Sonia Lara](#) if you need any assistance with this process. Health centers that received HRSA OE grant funds are required to obtain CDO designation. Also, OE staff cannot take their 2019 CAC training until the new CDO ID number is received. With the drastic cuts this year to Federal Navigator funding, it is critical that all health centers required for this designation complete this process so that assistance is available during the next open enrollment – our communities depend on it. To view the CMS invitation letter and the link to apply, [click here](#). If you submitted a CDO application and would like to know the status, please [email here](#). This is the only

way to communicate with CMS regarding the CDO process, including submitting requested information or revisions unless otherwise instructed by [CMS](#).

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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GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

HRSA releases updates to Health Center Program Compliance Manual and Site Visit Protocol

If your Operational Site Visit happens after September 6, 2018, please be sure to review: the newly updated [Health Center Program Site Visit Protocol](#), the updated [Health Center Program Compliance Manual](#), a [Compliance Manual Revision crosswalk](#) and a consolidated [FAQ site](#) (particularly FAQs 2 and 3 focused on the Compliance Manual and Site Visit Protocol. More information may be found on the HRSA website: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/programrequirements/compliancemanual/index.html>

POLICY

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The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is developing a comprehensive policy agenda to support the wide-ranging needs of health centers and their patients at both the state and national levels. Our goal is to create an inclusive policy vision that lays out a variety of opportunities for policymakers to support the future of the health center program. **This initiative will only be successful with your input.** We want it to reflect the policy areas that you think are most important for NACHC to focus on in the future. Please help us by completing this short [policy poll](#) (less than 5 minutes). Your input will allow NACHC better serve you, and gather feedback on the key policy priorities of health center advocates from around the nation.

CLINICAL

Infection Control and Prevention Resources and Accreditation and Patient-Centered Medical Home Initiative

HRSA supports accreditation and recognition for health centers that meet national quality standards through the [HRSA Accreditation and Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition Initiative](#). Among these standards, infection control and prevention are pivotal for the delivery of high quality care and patients' safety. According to the CDC, "All health care settings, regardless of the level of care provided, must make infection prevention a priority and must be equipped to observe Standard Precautions." For additional questions on accreditation, please contact [HRSA](#). The following [list of infection control and prevention TA resources](#) may be useful for your health center.

Free Training and Support Resources for Obtaining the DATA-2000 Waiver to Prescribe Buprenorphine for Treating Opioid Use Disorder

September 12 • 2:00- 3:00 p.m. CDT • [Register here](#)

HRSA hosts experts from SAMHSA's Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) – Medication Assisted

Treatment (MAT) Program. Speakers will provide information on no-cost training and mentoring programs that health center prescribers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) and their primary care teams can access to receive the training and educational resources they need to support evidence-based treatment of opioid use disorder.

Conducting Mock Surveys for Risk Assessment: Infection Control and Prevention **September 6 • 11:30- 1:00 p.m. CDT • [Register here](#)**

Presented by the Joint Commission, this session will provide information about the mock tracer survey process and will discuss the steps to take in order to conduct a successful mock survey in your health center. The focus will be centered on the area of infection control and prevention. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Free replays of past teleconferences are accessible on [The Joint Commission's website](#). Presented by: Joyce Webb, RN, MBA, Project Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation, The Joint Commission.

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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.

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