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September is Preparedness Month

Every September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with 3,000 global, national, regional, and local governments, as well as private and public health institutions, supports emergency preparedness efforts and encourages Americans to take action before, during, and after an emergency. Every community in the United States should be ready to respond to an infectious disease outbreak, chemical or radiological release, or natural disaster. This year CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response is highlighting Prepare Your Health. Each week focuses on the roles individuals, state and local public health, and CDC play in creating resilient health communities. For more information and resources, please visit this [link](#).

Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Training at NTACHC

North Texas Area Community Health Centers (NTACHC) recently invited Ana Sierra, Quality and Evaluation Program Manager, and Verne LaGrega, Clinical Care Coordinator, to conduct a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) training during NTACHC's all-staff Meeting. Staff were engaged in a number of presentations and interactive activities to strengthen their knowledge on the National Committee of Quality Assurance's PCMH concepts. Pictured here is an activity that took place where NTACHC staff had an opportunity to state why they were health center heroes.



NTACHCs Health Center Heroes at PCMH All Staff training

National Health Center Week 7 Question Survey!

Did your health center participate in NHCW 2018? Please [complete this short 3-minute survey](#) and tell us a bit more about your events. If you would like, send any photos of your events to [Courtney Weaver](#), TACHC

Civic Engagement Director to be included in our statewide summary!

Happy TACHCiversary!

Happy TACHCiversary to: Maria Tamez, since 9/04/2007 and Courtney Weaver since 9/22/2014. Thanks for all you do!

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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*
October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • [REGISTER NOW!](#)

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](#).

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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](#).

[GROUP PURCHASING](#)

TACHC/GSK Enhanced Vaccine Program

TACHC and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) have a new enhanced vaccine program available for the 340*Better* members. Of the 15 GSK vaccines available (pedi, adolescent and adult), the program is lower on 13 of the vaccines compared to the standard TACHC contract. The enhanced program does have market share requirements.

1. 80% of DTaP vaccine market to GSK vaccines (pedi)
2. 70% of meningococcal vaccine market to GSK vaccines (adolescent)
3. 80% of Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccines market to GSK vaccines (adult)

For more information and details, please contact [Lynn Ford](#)

[POLICY](#)

E&C and HELP Committee Leaders ask HRSA to Issue 340B Regulations

Last week, bipartisan leaders of the health committees in both the House and Senate sent a letter to HRSA urging them to issue new regulations in the three areas of the 340B program where, by law, HRSA has regulatory authority. This includes establishing a process of resolving certain 340B compliance disputes, allowing for civil monetary penalties against manufacturers that “knowingly and intentionally” overcharge a covered entity and defining standards for calculating 340B prices. The letter further states that implementing final regulations in a transparent manner will help to “clarify and update” program requirements to strengthen administration of the program. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

CLINICAL

SEPTEMBER IS Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

One in five children in the United States are obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for kids to eat healthier and get more active. [Use this toolkit](#) to make a difference for kids: spread the word about strategies for preventing childhood obesity and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved!

Emergency Preparedness Training

In response to training requests regarding Emergency Preparedness, TACHC, with support from Direct Relief, will be conducting a full day emergency preparedness pre-conference training prior to TACHC's Annual Conference. Please visit the [event link](#) for more information and registration details. This complimentary training is limited to 50 people. Please limit 1-2 registrants per health center. Intended audience: Emergency Preparedness Staff, Operations Staff, Clinical Staff and Executive Staff. Annual conference attendance encouraged, but not required.

Let's Talk About PrEP

Does your organization provide PrEP services? [Greater Than AIDS](#) is offering FREE consumer resources to support your organization's outreach efforts. Let's Talk About PrEP is an information-driven campaign featuring individuals sharing how PrEP is helping them take control of their health. [Click here for more information about the campaign and to watch the videos.](#)

National Academy of Medicine Meeting

Registration is now open for the scientific symposium of the NAM Annual Meeting on October 15, 2018: Cancers -- Can We Beat the Odds? This public forum will feature a keynote address by **Laurie Glimcher**, President and CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, as well as a **President's Forum on Affordable Medicines: Access, Innovation, and the Public Interest**. [Register here](#). This event will also be webcast. [Register here](#).

Suicide Prevention Tips for Physicians, Clinical Staff and Their Patients

September 18, 2018 at 12:00 PM CDT • [Register](#)

[Register today](#) for the TMF Quality Innovation Network webinar on Sept. 18, 2018, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CT. Participants will hear from Christine Moutier, MD, Chief Medical Officer, American Foundation for Suicide

Prevention, and Leah Patterson, survivor, who will offer practical tips for physicians to address suicide risk for their patients, their peers and themselves.

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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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