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Election 2018 Important Dates

Make sure you are registered so your voice can be heard! The General Election will take place on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**. **Last day to register to vote** is **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**. **Early voting** takes place from Monday, **October 22, 2018 – Friday, November 2, 2018**. Find out everything you need to know about [registering to vote in Texas here](#).



Norman Mitchell, CEO, and Debrisha Johnson, Director of Clinical Services at Bee Busy Wellness Center

Bee Busy Wellness Center Featured in Article On FQHCs

Bee Busy Wellness Center: See a Need, Fill a Need

Seeing a need and filling a need is the foundation of Bee Busy Wellness Center. They have built their business on serving the needs of the community and have successfully brought accessible health care to those who need it. Bee Busy was started in 2009 as a free service clinic that provided primary care to individuals diagnosed with HIV. Though they initially only served infected individuals, they eventually began treating those patients' family members and friends, leading to the business they are today: a federally qualified health care center focused on primary family care in an underserved community. [Read the full story here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Carevide Takes Runner-Up Honor in NACHC's NHCW Picture & Video Contest

Congratulations to Carevide for winning a "runner up" award in NACHC's NHCW Picture & Video Contest! [Click here](#) to see the enlarged video.



From l-r, Carevide's Super Heroes are: KaPow Kaufman; Bonham BOOM; Fantastic Farmersville; Powerful Pediatrics; Amazing Admin; Wonder Women's Center; Dynamic Dental; Patient Protector; Guardian Greenville; and Courteous Cooper.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register Now for TACHC's Free Media Relations Webcast

October 11, 9:00-10:00 a.m. [Register](#)

It's About Who You Know: Building Relationships with the Press & How to Get Their Attention

Successfully communicating with the media will be especially important as we head into Texas's 86th legislative session. Getting stories placed is often about who you know, and health centers need to understand how to

build relationships with news editors and reporters as part of any well rounded communications program. For more for information contact [Brom Hoban](#).

Customer Service Training Parts I-II

October 27-28, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at People's Community Clinic North, 1101 Camino La Costa, Austin, Texas 78752 • [Register](#)

This program is designed to help the health center staff deliver service excellence to every patient, every day, during every encounter. This dynamic workshop will encourage participants to think differently about patient service. Tools and tips will be introduced and participants will be encouraged to create a personal plan and recommendations that would lead their organization down the Road to Service Excellence.



35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures* October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • [REGISTER NOW!](#)

35th TACHC Annual Conference: Don't Forget to Register!

Start planning your 35th TACHC Annual Conference by viewing the [Schedule-at-a-Glance here](#). 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.* [Registration and full agenda here.](#)

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340B Registration Window

HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs quarterly 340B program site registration is open from October 1-15 for the standard two-week registration period. This is the window when you can register a new clinic site or a new contracted retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing. When registering during the October window, the new site will be eligible for 340B effective January 1.

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Federal Updates

Federal Budget – The 2018 Federal Budget ends this Saturday, September 30. This week the US Senate and US House approved an appropriations bill for the Department of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education for FY 2019 that has been agreed to in conference committee and now sent to the president's desk to be signed. We have not yet had a chance to fully digest what is in this funding package; however it does look like we will avoid any stop in funding for HRSA or HHS for FY2019. ***It is important to note that the larger part of health center funding – the mandatory funding – expires September 30, 2019 and we will still have work in the coming year to ensure that that is maintained.***

Public Charge – Over the weekend the Trump administration released unofficial draft rules that would impact certain kinds of immigrants wanting to enter the United States or who are currently present wanting to gain Legal Permanent Residence (also called "Green Card") who have accessed certain kind of public benefits.

While TACHC is concerned about these possible changes and what it could mean for our patients and health centers, it's important at this time to keep our patients needs central. We will be producing more resources once the rules have been published in the Federal Register and we have a better sense of what the official draft rules will be, but at this time it's important to know that as the draft stands the rule would NOT impact patients accessing FQHC sliding fee scale services. You can also read [NACHC's statement on matter here](#).

CLINICAL

★ SPACE STILL AVAILABLE ★

FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
TABLE TOP TRAINING AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

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 this [event link](#) for more information and registration details. This complimentary training is limited to 50 people. Please limit 1-2 registrants per health center. Breakfast and lunch provided. Intended audience: Emergency Preparedness Staff, Operations Staff, Clinical Staff, Executive Staff. *Annual conference attendance encouraged, but not required. Please contact Christina at cbtigerina@tachc.org for more information.

Alzheimer's Association: Closing Knowledge Gaps in the Primary Care Setting

On October 17 in Austin (exact location tbd), the Alzheimer's Association is hosting co-creation sessions regarding Closing Knowledge Gaps in the Primary Care Setting and related topics. Only 50% of people living with Alzheimer's Disease in the US get diagnosed. Of those, only half are told of their diagnosis. The Alzheimer's Association would like to work with stakeholders to better understand the pathway to diagnosis for people living with the disease and their care partners in an effort to increase diagnosis and access to quality care. Health centers interested in learning more, please contact [Melissa Young](#).

Now Accepting Health Center Applications for SDOH Academy Learning Collaboratives

Founded by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership (NCMLP), a HRSA-funded NCA, [the Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\) Academy](#) is a virtual training series designed to help staff from health centers, Health Center Controlled Networks, and PCAs develop, implement, and sustain SDOH interventions in their clinics and communities. The SDOH Academy is launching four learning collaboratives that will provide a shared learning opportunity to smaller cohorts:

1. Addressing SDOH in rural areas.
2. Training health center workforce to address SDOH.
3. Leveraging Medicaid policies to address SDOH.
4. Developing cross-sector partnerships to improve health outcomes

[Learn more or apply](#) by Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. CST (*NOTE: this deadline has been extended*). Applicants will be notified regarding acceptance by Friday, October 12.

Motivational Interviewing: Supporting Behavior Change

Tuesday October 2, 12:00- 1:00 CST, [View Details & Register Here](#)

CDC Guide to Infection Prevention for Health Centers

Wednesday, October 3, 1:00-2:00 p.m. CST, [Join the webinar the day of the session](#)

HRSA invites you to join the [CDC National Center for Emerging & Zoonotic Infectious Diseases](#), Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, for a discussion of the significance of infection prevention and control in health

centers. Presenters will review core infection prevention and control practices and discuss opportunities to apply them in primary care settings. Attendees will also learn and have the opportunity to share about challenges and barriers to implementing core infection prevention and control practices in primary care settings.

Join Project ECHO: Depression and Alcohol Use Disorder

Wednesdays Sept. 26 - Nov. 14, 2018, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CST. [Complete the Participation Agreement](#)

Participate in an eight-week innovative project and gain continuing medical education credits to better serve your patients with behavioral health conditions, **join the next cohort every Wednesday.**

Certified Tobacco Treatment Training Program

October 1-5, 2018 at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center • [Details and registration here](#)

MD Anderson is one of 19 sites **accredited by the Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP)** to provide a four-day class for individuals interested in seeking Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Training and Certification (CTTS). The program offers the highest quality of tobacco treatment training based on the most up-to-date evidence-based tobacco cessation research and treatment strategies. There are a few seats left for the next training in less than 2 weeks.

Using UDS Data and Reports for Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement

Tuesday, October 2, 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST • [Join the webcast the day of the session,](#)

This webinar is hosted by HRSA. Call-in: 888-989-4721, Passcode: 1039201

Introduction to Clinical Measures

Thursday, October 18, 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST • [Join the webcast the day of the session](#)

This webinar is hosted by HRSA, Call-in: 888-989-4721, Passcode: 1039201

3 Tips for Improving Ambulatory Care Safety

When providers try to improve the safety of ambulatory care, they often focus on specific issues like medication reconciliation or diagnostic error. But the biggest issue, according to Tejal Gandhi, IHI's Chief Clinical and Safety Officer, is the lack of a basic safety infrastructure. She shares **[three essential steps for improving ambulatory care safety](#)**

How to Speak So Leaders Will Listen

Health care leaders all over the world are always juggling multiple priorities. How can you get leaders to pay attention to quality improvement — when you may only have two minutes to make your case? IHI CEO Derek Feeley has **[four tips for engaging leaders](#)** so they'll listen.

Now Available: Health Center Toolkit for Integrating HIV Services

HRSA recently announced a new toolkit for health centers: "Integrating HIV Care, Treatment & Prevention Services into Primary Care," which is available on **[HRSA's website](#)**. The toolkit compiles resources that were developed during the three-year Partnerships for Care (P4C) demonstration project and highlights lessons learned. **[Read more about the toolkit in a HIV.gov blogpost.](#)**

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

In a recent HRSA webinar, experts from SAMHSA's **[Providers Clinical Support System \(PCSS\) – Medication Assisted Treatment \(MAT\) Program](#)** gave an overview of no-cost training and mentoring programs available to health center prescribers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) and their primary care teams. These programs support evidence-based treatment of opioid use disorder. **[Watch the webinar recording.](#)**

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TACHC will be marketing current community health center job postings at the AAFP-FMX Family Medicine Conference and NACHC's annual ATSU Recruitment Fair at A.T. Still in early October. If you would like a job opportunity posted, submit it through tachc.org/position by Monday, October 1st at noon. If you have any questions please feel free to email [Jonathan Davis](mailto:Jonathan.Davis@tachc.org) (Recruiting and Retention Program Assistant)/ Don't miss this opportunity to market your opportunities to new and experienced medical providers!

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](mailto:Jonathan.Davis@tachc.org) 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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