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Civic Engagement Director Courtney Weaver at Gateway Community Health Center Inc.

Policy and Civic Engagement Roadshows Continue Across the State

TACHC's Policy & Research Coordinator Mary Allen, Director of Policy and External Communications Mimi Garcia and Civic Engagement Director Courtney Weaver have been crisscrossing the state, visiting health centers and holding Policy and Civic Engagement "Roadshows." In addition to talking about important legislative issues, the roadshows are designed to help educate TACHC members on the value of civic engagement, and to help people build confidence and overcome barriers to effective advocacy. On February 14, they visited Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic (Dallas), and followed that with Avenue 360 (Houston) on February 20. This week they stopped at Gateway Community Health Center Inc. (Laredo) on Wednesday, and are at Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center (Lubbock) today. Several more events around the state are planned for next month. If your center is interested in getting more involved in civic engagement, please contact [Courtney Weaver](#).

Mark Your Calendars for the TACHC Clinical Conference April 26-28, 2018 • Westin Stonebriar, Frisco Texas

This year's theme is "Integrating Strategies to Meet Patient Needs." Conference topics and format will showcase various aspects of integration of services, edification of systems that support improved patient care, and incite community health centers to look beyond the medical, dental and behavioral health office into the community and the environment that affects their patient's care. For more information [click here](#) or contact Verne LaGrega, Interim Director of Clinical Affairs vlagrega@tachc.org.

Happy TACHCiversary to the Following:

Sixth TACHCiversary to Sandra Thompson (since 3/1/12) and FIRST TACHCiversary to Ana Sierra (since 3/13/17). Thanks for all you do!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC OC³ CPI Webcast: FQHCs and Social Media Part 1

The webcast takes place on March 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. [Register Here](#).

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OUTREACH



2018 TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION

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EARLY VOTING ENDS TODAY MARCH 2

Texas Primaries Election is on March 6; Early Voting Ends Today

Early Voting for the [Texas Primaries](#) ends TODAY, March 2. Polls are open now from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at [select locations](#) in your area. Regular voting for the Primary Election will take place March 6. This is your chance to shape our next Congress, as well as cast your vote on critical local races that will impact health center funding, public health issues, and other community issues we care about! A nice way to motivate each other, and boost employee engagement (while you're at it), is to gather a group for a lunch outing and make some room to GO VOTE!

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GROUP PURCHASING

Mandatory Recertification Period is Feb. 7 – March 7, 2018

Your help is needed to ensure no one loses 340B eligibility: As you know, health centers are required to recertify the accuracy and completeness of their information on the HRSA 340B database (OPAIS) annually; failure to recertify by the deadline will cause you to lose 340B eligibility for at least 3 months. For 2018, health centers must recertify between Feb. 7 and March 7. Authorizing Officials (AO) and primary contacts must set up user accounts in the new 340B Office of Pharmacy Affairs Information System (340B OPAIS) prior to recertification. Failure to set up user accounts will prevent participants from viewing accounts or re-certifying, resulting in removal from the 340B Program. Although the look and feel of the OPAIS will be different, the recertification process remains the same. Information and tutorials are available on the [HRSA website](#).

CLINICAL

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Get Your Message Out About Colorectal Cancer Screenings

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. To help you communicate important issues to your community, the George Washington Cancer Center, in partnership with CDC, created the [Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit](#). The toolkit will help public health professionals manage social media accounts, implement online best practices, share information, and evaluate their efforts.



Join a Colorectal Cancer Screening Event Live Broadcast or In-Person

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00-5:00 p.m. CST, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (established by CDC and the American Cancer Society), in partnership with Fight Colorectal Cancer, will host a live broadcast of their upcoming event, "Colorectal Cancer Screening Coast to Coast: Driving to Prevention." The event will feature celebrities, survivors, and experts discussing the importance of screenings. [Learn more and register.](#)

Preventing Diagnostic Errors in Ambulatory Care

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 1:00-2:00 p.m. CST; as a prelude to Patient Safety Awareness Week, HRSA invites you to join us for our second program in the Patient Safety Leadership Speaker Series: "Preventing Diagnostic Errors in Ambulatory Care." Hardeep Singh, MD, MPH, an internationally-recognized expert in reducing diagnostic errors in ambulatory care settings, will discuss contributing factors related to diagnostic errors and provide action-oriented recommendations to support health center leadership engagement, implement effective tracking processes, use health information technology to supplement efforts, and use data to drive improvements. [Register here.](#)

Integrated Supportive Housing and Health Center Partnerships Serving Older Adults with Complex Needs

This webinar is on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:00-2:15 p.m. CST and is hosted by the Corporation for Supportive Housing and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, HRSA-funded NCAs. This webinar will examine effective integrated health center and housing models profiled in the CSH and National Health Care for the Homeless Council publication, Profiles Bridging Health & Housing. Participants will learn how

clinicians and housing providers are forging unique partnerships to promote healthy aging in supportive housing. Learn about the multidisciplinary teams providing services through different and effective service modalities and the impacts on vulnerable aging clients with complex health, social and long-term care needs. [Register here.](#)

Emergency Preparedness Bootcamp

The Bootcamp is on Thu, March 22, 2018 8:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. CDT. What to expect: Review of the new CMS Rule and strategies to meet them, role of the local, regional, and state governments and coalition involvement. Also- hands on workshops for emergency notifications, EP plan reviews, and much more. Hosted by: Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC). For more information, contact: Hilal Salami at 281-822-4443 or hilalsalami@setrac.org. To register: follow [this link](#).

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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 [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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