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New Year, New Look

TACHC is starting off the new year with a new Advocacy/Communications platform called SparkInfluence, and we are taking the opportunity to create a new look for our weekly E-newsletter, the Weekly Wrap-Up. As always, if you would like to submit any news or content, please contact TACHC Communications Director [Brom Hoban](#).

Be a Health Center Advocate!

The 86th Texas Legislative Session is set to begin January 8 and run through May 27. As we face upcoming challenges, your support as an advocate is critical to strengthening not only your local health center, but also our entire network of health centers across Texas. Please take a moment and [watch this short video](#) on the Power of Advocacy. The best part of being a health center advocate is that anyone can do it!





Community Health Development, Inc. Honors Staff

Two staff members who were honored at a recent event held by Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI) This year, CHDI was celebrating their 35th Anniversary with a series of events held throughout the year. The final event, “A Toast to Good Health” was held at their Center for Community Wellness Campus on December 20, 2018. Dr. Harry O. Watkins (*pictured at left*) was honored for his 50 years of continued service in Uvalde and the surrounding areas. Deloris Helsel, FNP (*pictured at left*) was honored for her lifetime commitment of serving others and was shown appreciation for her service as she enters into retirement.

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month

Cervical Health Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about how women can protect themselves from HPV (human papillomavirus) and cervical cancer. HPV is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity, and it causes almost all cases of cervical cancer. Community health centers can help spread the word. [Use this toolbox for some great ideas!](#)

★ ★ ★ **Happy TACHCiversary!** ★ ★ ★

Happy TACHCiversary!

Happy TACHCiversary to the following: Christina Brito-Tigerina since January 25, 2016 and Brom Hoban since January 30, 2017. Thank you for your commitment to TACHC.

Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell, LLP Compliance Manual & FTCA Training Discount Tempe, Arizona, February 19-21, 2019

Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell, LLP will be hosting a back-to-back training on February 19th – 21st, 2019 in Tempe, Arizona. The two in-person trainings are [De-Mystifying the Compliance Manual & Its Impact on the Program Requirements](#) and [An In-Depth Look at the Federal Tort Claims Act \(FTCA\)](#). TACHC members will be offered a discount for these trainings at the [Early Bird rate](#) by entering coupon code “TACHC19EB” for an individual training, or by entering coupon code “TACHC19DOUBLE” for both trainings, upon checkout. All attendees will need to create an account on the Feldsman Tucker learning [website here](#) or at [learning.ftlf.com](#), in order to register. [Attached is a one-page guide](#) how to create an account if anyone needs assistance. If TACHC members have issues or questions registering for the trainings or creating an account, they may contact [Kristie Marshall](#) or by calling 855.200.3822.

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Upcoming Events

TACHC 2019
Policy & Issues Forum
January 28-29, 2019 • Omni Austin Hotel Downtown

Register Now for the TACHC 2019 Policy and Issues Forum!

The TACHC Policy and Issues Forum will provide health center CEOs, Board Members and other staff the opportunity to learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the upcoming state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers, and learn how to successfully conduct a legislative visit. Attendees will visit legislators during the conference to engage policymakers on the health center legislative agenda. The conference will also provide the opportunity for attendees to learn about creating a trauma-informed culture within health centers. [Details & Registration here.](#)

Don't forget to reserve your room:

Today, January 4, 2019 is the Omni Hotel Reservation Deadline.

National LGBT Health Education Center Conference Set for March 22-24 in Boston

The HRSA NCA grantee is hosting the conference "Advancing Excellence in Sexual and Gender Minority Health" which will be held at the Boston Seaport Hotel in Boston, MA from March 22, 2019 – March 24, 2019. The conference is appropriate for all members of health care teams, including physicians, behavioral health care providers, physician assistance, nurses, and other staff. Scholarships are available and applications will be accepted until January 5, 2019. Early Bird rates end on Saturday, December 22, 2018. For more information or to register, please visit the [conference website](#). If you're interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact [Sonia Lara](#) for instructions.

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Group Purchasing

340B OPAIS Registration Reminder

The registration component of the 340B Office of Pharmacy Affairs Information System (340B OPAIS) is **now available here**. New registrations are accepted October 1-15, January 1-15, April 1-15 and July 1-15.

REMINDER: New Opioid Abuse CE Requirement for Pharmacists

Beginning January 1, 2019, all pharmacists are required to obtain one hour of CE related to opioid abuse. See [Board Rule 295.8](#) for additional pharmacist CE requirements.

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Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Webinar Series for January 2019

The effects of Trauma have been demonstrated in a large number of studies and the CDC's Adverse Childhood Experiences study (ACEs), found that exposure to 4 or more types of adverse experiences in childhood increases the risk of chronic diseases, including SUD. To date, despite a large body of evidence based medicine and research on trauma and its link to SUD, few strategy discussions on ways to combat the opioid epidemic have addressed the role of ACEs in creating the foundation for addiction. Nor have they considered the importance of trauma-informed approaches to addiction prevention and treatment. Therefore, Trauma-Informed Approaches need to be part of a comprehensive strategy for addressing the opioid epidemic. Trauma Informed Care is an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. Trauma Informed Care also emphasizes physical, psychological and emotional safety for both consumers and providers, and helps survivors rebuild a sense of control and empowerment.

TACHC is offering a three (3) part series to raise awareness of community health center clinicians and adjunct staff on the prevalence and influence of trauma in the lives of patients with chronic medical and behavioral health issues and the ways in which trauma affects behavior.

- **SUD Webcast #1: January 10, 2019. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
"How Trauma Affects the Brain and its Link to SUD (brain and behavioral changes resulting from trauma, overview of SUD, statistics, screening techniques for SUD, discussion with patients and use of motivational interviewing as a technique).
[Click Here to Register for SUD Webcast #1](#)

- **SUD Webcast #2: January 17, 2019. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
“Neuroscience of Addiction (how the brain changes, i.e. response to methamphetamines, opioids, etc.) plus brain response to therapeutic interventions.
[Click Here to Register for SUD Webcast #2](#)
- **SUD Webcast #3: January 24, 2019. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
“Approaches to Initiating Therapeutic Interventions: Motivational Interviewing Techniques”
[Click Here to Register for Webcast #3](#)

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Recruitment & Retention

Need Recruiting Help?

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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