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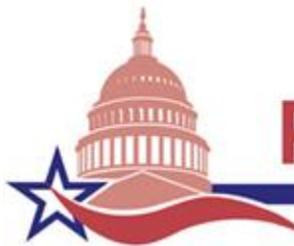
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86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE



86th Texas Legislative Session Kicks Off

The 86th legislative session officially started on Tuesday, January 8th! At a group press conference this week, Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and newly-elected House Speaker Dennis Bonnen highlighted school finance and property taxes as shared priorities for the legislative session. TACHC will be monitoring legislation during the session and will provide health centers with updates as issues arise. To learn more about how public policy affects health centers and how to effectively communicate with elected leaders, [please join us in Austin for the Policy & Issues Forum](#) (details below).



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.](#)

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!





Alicia Wittkopf Named Chief Operations Officer at Carevide

Alicia Wittkopf will be joining the Executive Leadership Team at Carevide on January 21 as Chief Operations Officer. Alicia has been working at Hunt Regional Healthcare in Greenville, TX, for the past five years and is the Executive Director for Strategic Marketing Communications and the Hunt Regional Healthcare Foundation.

Alicia will be attending the TACHC P&I in a few weeks and we hope you get a chance to welcome her at that time.

Upcoming Events

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 Feldesman 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.

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. For more information or to register, please visit the [conference website](#).

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Group Purchasing

New LabCorp Agreement

A new TACHC/LabCorp Agreement has been emailed to your health center executive. Please return a signed agreement and required forms to TACHC by January 31, 2019. Additionally, TACHC will be hosting a webinar this month summarizing key details of the contract. If you did not receive a new contract or if you have questions contact [Kathryn Barnes](#).

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.

2019 TACHC Membership *Dues Deadline*

Government & Finance

2019 TACHC Membership Dues Deadline

A notice for the 2019 TACHC membership dues was emailed to each Executive Director on January 7. Full or partial payment (as per Payment Policy), must be received by TACHC by 3/1/19; postmarked payments are not acceptable. If you have any questions about the dues payment process, please contact [RexAnn Shotwell](#).

Clinical

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Webinar Series for January 2019

TACHC is pleased to announce the first Clinical Webinar series for 2019

Registration is now open for the three-part series on the TACHC website; please note that you must register for each one ahead of time for the respective weblinks to be sent to you prior to the live presentation. CME is available for each of these! Following are the three TACHC webinars for this series in January of 2019: REGISTER on the TACHC Website for each one.

- **SUD Webcast #1: January 10, 2019**
(Recording available to registered attendees)
“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](#)

Intimate Partner Violence in the LGBTQ Community Webinar

January 28, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)

In this webinar, Xavier Quinn will explore the dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) when LGBTQ individuals are involved. This includes exploring tactics of abuse that are unique to LGBTQ communities and the culturally-specific needs of LGBTQ survivors. This webinar will also share best practices for working with LGBTQ survivors of IPV and culturally-specific resources

Addiction and Pain Summit

February 15-17 at AT&T Center /UT Austin • [Details & Registration](#)

To combat the growing addiction epidemic that has resulted from opioid prescriptions for pain management, building partnerships and collaborations is critical. The Texas Society of Addiction Medicine, Texas Health Institute and Superior HealthPlan have joined forces to host a summit that addresses the state of the science in pain management and actions that can be taken to respond to the crisis.

A New Year's Resolution: Give the Gift of Life

U.S. Government Information on Organ Donation and Transplantation thanks Health Centers for their ongoing partnership with us to increase access to care. In 2019, we invite you to help us promote the gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation. Make it the year that you, your colleagues, and the communities you serve learn more about donation and transplantation and sign up as organ, eye, and tissue donors. Visit us [online \(Spanish language site\)](#) to learn more. We also invite you to “Like” our Facebook pages, [Organdonor.gov](#) and [Donaciondeorganos.gov](#), to share messages and videos that will call your social network to action.

Free Telephone Consultations

The **Clinician Consultation Center** (CCC) provides free telephone clinical consultation to clinicians providing care for patients with HIV, hepatitis B and C, and substance use. CCC's expert consultants include primary care and specialist MDs, clinical pharmacists and advanced practice nurses. Consultants for this federally funded program provide state-of-the-art management options with special attention to comorbidities and avoiding drug interactions and toxicities.

- HIV Warmline: (800) 933-3413
- Substance Use Warmline: (855) 300-3595
- Hepline: (844) 437-4636
- PrEPLine: (855) 448-7737
- Perinatal HIV Hotline: (888) 448-8765

Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices

HHS recently released "**Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices: Managing Threats and Protecting Patients.**" In the introductory letter, Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan states that this publication is the fruit of collaboration between HHS and industry partners. Its goal is to provide "practical, understandable, implementable, industry-led, and consensus-based voluntary cybersecurity guidelines to cost-effectively reduce cybersecurity risks for health care organizations of varying sizes."

Oral Health Integration Webinar Recordings Available

HRSA has added two new webinar recordings to their [Oral Health and Primary Care Integration](#) quality improvement webpage.

- **Advancing Oral and Primary Health Care Integration to Support Diabetes Prevention and Management**
Provides information on the relationship between and importance of oral health care and diabetes prevention and management in health center settings. Presenters highlight HRSA and CDC initiatives, health center models, partnerships, and resources that support integrated oral health and diabetes care.
- **Advancing Oral and Primary Health Care Integration to Support People Living with HIV**
Provides information on the relationship between and importance of HIV/AIDS and oral health care in community health center settings. Presenters highlight HRSA initiatives and models that support integrated Oral Health and primary care for people living with HIV (PLWH). Features lessons learned by two health centers that have integrated oral health and primary care for PLWH.

CDC Quality Improvement and Care Coordination Implementation Resource

Get the tools you need to fight the opioid epidemic! **CDC's Quality Improvement and Care Coordination** resource may help providers looking to implement the **CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain**.

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Recruitment & Retention

Recruitment and Retention Department is Here to Help With Your Recruiting Needs!

Over the next few months TACHC R&R staff will be visiting various residency programs, job fairs, and professional provider conferences to meet and connect with some of our current and future health providers. If your center has any openings and would like them marketed to these health professionals, please visit tachc.org/position and fill out a position profile. Once this profile is completed, your job opportunity will be posted on the TACHC website along with other external sources. Also thank you in advance to those who have participated in our 2018 Compensation and Benefits Usage survey that was sent out on January 7th. Please fill out the survey by the close of business today if you haven't had a chance to do so already. If you have any questions feel free to reach [Jonathan Davis](#) or call 512-329-5959.

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