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**DON'T MISS the TACHC
2019 Policy & Issues Forum!**

TACHC 2019 Policy & Issues Forum Starts January 28!

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.](#)



Stabenow Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Extend Community Health Center Funding

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) has introduced the Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence (CHIME) Act, which would reauthorize community health center funding for five years. Funding for the program will expire September 30th this year. In addition, the bipartisan bill provides annual funding increases for community health centers beginning in 2020. Senator Stabenow continues to lead a bipartisan effort with Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) to reauthorize and increase funding for community health centers.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Cactus Health Celebrates Opening of New Clinic

On January 11, Cactus Health Services celebrated the grand opening of their new clinic on 700 North Main St. in Fort Stockton. The grand opening provided an opportunity for existing and potential patients to meet and interact with staff. They provided attendees with finger foods, cake, drinks and souvenir Cactus Health Services bags that included a variety of goodies. Every attendee that walked in the door signed a raffle ticket for a chance to win a color TV. Several of staff members provided a tour of the new building. We enjoyed the opportunity to 'show off' our new office space and look forward to continuing to provide excellent patient care in our new and spacious health center," commented Kristin Canario, LVN of Cactus Health Services, Inc.

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Click on photo to enlarge! Cactus Health staff, from left to right Abi Montoya-LVN, Arielle Pacheco-Receptionist, Kasi Shock-LVN, Sylvie Mor-FNP-BC, Beatris Williams-LVN, Kristin Canario-LVN, Gracie Natividad-Financial Director and Blanca Salmon-Receptionist. In the Middle is Netty Leyva-Referral Coordinator.

[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 conference call this month summarizing key details of the contract. If you did not receive a new contract or if you have questions contact [Kathryn Barnes](#). [Read the press release here](#).

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.

Policy

86th Legislative Session Update

This week the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) submitted the base budgets to the House and Senate, which start as the initial starting point for budget writing. While education spending is the primary topic of conversation around the pink dome, there are some notable areas in the base budgets for Medicaid and women’s health spending. The Senate’s supplemental spending bill - SB500 (Nelson), requests a total of \$4.7B supplemental funding for the 2018-2019 budget years. This includes \$2.1B for the Medicaid shortfall. Both versions reflect a \$1.4 Billion reduction in General Revenue (GR) for Medicaid, attributed to a more favorable rate in the federal match for Medicaid. CHIP is seeing a more than 200% increase in its state GR share because a reduction to the federal match rate. States have enjoyed an enhanced match in CHIP under the ACA that expires in FY2020 and steps down over two years for a total of a 23 percentage point reduction by FY2021.

Funding from Women’s Health Programs is slightly higher in the Senate based budget than in the House version, however, both budgets reflect an assumption that the state 1115 Waiver for women’s health will be approved. The waiver was initially expected to be approved by September 1, 2017, but remains pending with CMS.

The Senate base budget has been referred to the finance committee and expected to be first heard on Tuesday. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick released the senate committee assignments today—you can view them [here](#). Senator Lois Kolkhorst is the Chair of the Senate Human Services Committee, with Sen. Charles Perry as Vice Chair. The Finance Committee will continue to be led by Sen. Jane Nelson with Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa as Vice Chair. We will have to wait to the end of January for House committee assignments.

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**
(Recording available to registered attendees)
“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 .

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Workforce Approaches to Violence Prevention and Response Across the Life Course

January 31, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (CST) • [Register](#)

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a major public health issue that affects millions of individuals and families in the United States. From 2017 to 2020, HRSA Bureaus and Offices will implement The [HRSA Strategy to Address Intimate Partner Violence](#) that advances our mission to improve health and achieve health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative programs.

SAMHSA STR-TA Texas Grand Rounds: "Buprenorphine, Methadone, or Naltrexone: History, Rationale, and Effectiveness in Opioid Use Disorder" by Dr. Van King

February 6, 12:00 p.m. • [Register](#)

This meeting covers training for "Buprenorphine, Methadone or Naltrexone: History, Rationale, and Effectiveness in Opioid Use Disorder" Presented by Dr. Van King and is hosted by the SAMHSA State Targeted Response Technical Assistance Consortium. [View Flyer Here.](#)

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.

[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 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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